



1. (10 points) Find the determinant of the matrix $A \in M_{4 \times 4}(R)$ define below. (HINT: Note that $\det(A) = 0$ when any 2 of the scalars x_i are equal.)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 & x_3^2 & x_4^2 \\ x_1^3 & x_2^3 & x_3^3 & x_4^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. (10 points) Let $B = I_n + \alpha uu^t$ where $\alpha \in R$, the $n \times 1$ vector $u \in R^n$ and $u^t u = 1$ (u is a unit norm vector). Find $\det(B)$. (HINT: Find all eigenvectors of B .)

3. (5 points) Let $T: M_{n \times n}(R) \rightarrow M_{n \times n}(R)$, $T(A) = A^t$. Assume that $n \geq 2$. Find all eigenvalues of T .

4. (10 points) Let $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(R)$. Show that every nonzero eigenvalue of the matrix AB is also an eigenvalue of the matrix BA .

5. (10 points) Let U be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space V . If $\|U(x)\| = \|x\|$ for all x in V . Is it true that U is one-to-one? Justify your answer.

6. (5 points) Consider the set of linear equations $Ax = 0$, where A is an $n \times n$ matrix with component $A_{ij} \in Z_2$ for $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, where Z_2 is the binary field. Suppose that the rank of A is k . Find the number of x in the solution set of $Ax = 0$.

7. (10 points) Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a finite-dimensional inner product space. Prove that $(W_1 + W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp \cap W_2^\perp$, where $W_1 + W_2 = \{y_1 + y_2 : y_1 \in W_1, y_2 \in W_2\}$.

8. (10 points) Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$. Prove that $\dim(\text{span}(\{I_n, A, A^2, \dots\})) \leq n$.

9. (5 points) Find the minimal solution to the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 4x_4 &= -3 \\ -x_1 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

10. (10 points) Let A be an $n \times n$ complex matrix with complex elements whose characteristic polynomial is given by

$$f(t) = a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 t + a_0$$

Prove that the characteristic polynomial of A^* is given by

$$g(t) = \bar{a}_n t^n + \bar{a}_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + \bar{a}_1 t + \bar{a}_0$$

11. (10 points) Let $T: P_2(R) \rightarrow P_2(R)$ be defined as

$$T(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) = (9a_0 + 2a_1) + (2a_0 + 6a_1)x + 5a_2 x^2$$

(a). (6 points) Find the eigenvalues of T and the eigenspace corresponding to each eigenvalue.

(b). (4 points) Is T diagonalizable? Explain your answer.

12. (10 points) Let A be an $n \times n$ diagonalizable matrix. Prove that $\text{rank}(A) = n - m$, where m is the sum of the multiplicities of the nonzero eigenvalues of A .