

MCS2 Linear Algebra: Mid Semester Quiz

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1 Questions: Each carries 5 marks

1. Let M be the set of all complex 2×2 matrices with determinant equal to 0. Find out whether M is a subspace of $C^{2 \times 2}$ (the set of all 2×2 complex matrices).
2. Show that the set W of all polynomials of the form $a + bx - bx^2 + ax^3$ ($a, b \in R$) is a subspace of P_3 (set of all real polynomials upto degree 3).
3. Let $T : M_{2 \times 2} \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}$ ($M_{2 \times 2}$ be the set of all 2×2 matrices) be the linear transformation defined by $T(A) = A^T$. Find the Kernel and Range of the linear transformation T .
4. Find the Kernel and Range of the differential operator (linear transformation) $D : P_3 \rightarrow P_2$ (P_i set of all real polynomials upto degree i) defined by $D(p(x)) = \frac{d(p(x))}{dx}$.
5. Let u, v and w be distinct vectors of a vector space V . Show that if $[u, v, w]$ is a basis for V then $[u + v + w, v + w, w]$ is also a basis for V .
6. Show that a basis of a subspace W is (a) a maximal independent subset of W (b) a minimal spanning set of W .
7. Find out whether the following transformations are linear or not, (a) $T : R \rightarrow R$ defined by $T(x) = x + 1$ (b) $T : R \rightarrow R$ defined by $T(x) = 2^x$.
8. Find out whether the following transformations are linear or not, (a) $T : M_{m \times n} \rightarrow R$ defined by $T(A) = \text{tr}(A)$ (b) $T : M_{m \times n} \rightarrow R$ defined by $T(A) = \text{rank}(A)$.
9. Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation and let $B = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ be a spanning set for V . Then $T(B) = [T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_n)]$ spans the range of T .
10. Let S be a subspace of R^n . Then show that any two basis for S has same number of vectors.