

## Q.2. Solution

**Ans: 2 (i). (a).** Given the subset  $S = \{2x^2 + 2x + 16, x^2 + 3, 4x^2 + x + 16\}$  of  $P_2$ .

Step-I: First, We convert the matrices in  $S$  into vectors in  $R^3$ :

$$2x^2 + 2x + 16 \rightarrow [2, 2, 16]$$

$$x^2 + 3 \rightarrow [1, 0, 3]$$

$$4x^2 + x + 16 \rightarrow [4, 1, 16]$$

Now, we use the Simplified Span Method on these vectors.

Step-II: Construct a matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 16 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$

[Marks 2]

Step-III Find the  $C = RREF(A)$

Applying  $R_1 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{2}$  then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1$  and  $R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 4R_1$  then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & -3 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \leftarrow (-1)R_2$  and  $R_3 \leftarrow (-1)R_3$  then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 3R_2$  then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 5R_3$  then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - R_2$  then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 8R_3$  then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = C = I_3$$

[Marks 3]

Step-IV: We convert the non-zero rows of  $C$  to polynomial form:

$$[1, 0, 0] \rightarrow x^2$$

$$[0, 1, 0] \rightarrow x$$

$$[0, 0, 1] \rightarrow 1$$

[Marks 1]

Hence,  $\text{span}(S)$  is the set of linear combinations of these 3 polynomials, that is  $\text{span}(S) = \{ax^2 + bx + c \mid a, b, c \in R\}$ .

[Marks 1]

Since every vector in  $P_2$  can be obtained in the  $\text{span}(S)$ . Hence  $S$  spans  $P_2$ .

[Marks 1]

### Remarks:

- Please make a note that no marks are awarded if you have written  $\text{span}(S) = [abc]: a, b, c \in R$  as this is subset of  $R^3$ .
- No marks are awarded if you answered  $S$  spans  $P_2$  without any justification.
- No marks are given if you have written basis of  $\text{span}(S) = \{[1, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1]\}$ .

(b). The set of non-zero rows of the row reduce matrix is a basis of  $\text{span}(S)$ .  $B = \{x^2, x, 1\}$  and  $\dim(\text{span}(S)) = 3$ . [Marks 1+1]

(ii). Ans: (a). Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  consider the linear combination

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0 \quad [\text{Marks 1}]$$

Now multiplying  $A$  on the both sides

$$A(\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k) = A \cdot 0$$

$$\alpha_1 A v_1 + \alpha_2 A v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k A v_k = 0 \quad (1) \quad [\text{Marks 1}]$$

It is given that this set  $\{A v_1, A v_2, \dots, A v_k\}$  is linearly independent. Hence, equation (1) implies

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0 \quad [\text{Marks 1}]$$

Hence the set  $S$  is linearly independent. [Marks 1]

### Remarks:

If the proof starts with  $T$  is linearly independent and

$$\alpha_1 A v_1 + \alpha_2 A v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k A v_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0 \quad [\text{No Marks}]$$

Ans (b). The converse to the statement is: If  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is a linearly independent subset of  $R^m$ , then  $T = \{A v_1, \dots, A v_k\}$  is a linearly independent subset of  $R^n$ . Now consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $S = \{[1,0], [1,2]\}$ . [Marks 2+1]

Then  $T = \{[1,1], [3,3]\}$ . [Marks 1]

Note that  $S$  is linearly independent, but the vectors in  $T$  are linearly dependent. [Marks 1]

(iii) Ans: By using definition of vector space, the additive identity

$$0 = 0 \odot [x, y] = [0 \cdot x + 4(0) - 4, 0 \cdot y - 5(0) + 5] = [-4, 5]. \quad [\text{Marks 3}]$$

Similarly, the additive inverse of

$$[x, y] = (-1) \odot [x, y] = [(-1)x + 4(-1) - 4, (-1)y - 5(-1) + 5] = [-x - 8, -y + 10]. \quad [\text{Marks 3}]$$