

Indian Statistical Institute  
 M.Tech. in Computer Science (2024-25)  
 Mid Semester Examination 2024

Paper: Linear Algebra

Time : 2 Hrs.

 Date: **14/09/2024**  
 Full Marks : 30

Note: Symbols used have their usual meaning. *The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**Answer any FIVE from the following questions.**

 $5 \times 6 = 30$ 

1. Let  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  be the fields of complex, real and rational numbers respectively. Determine whether the followings are vector spaces.

- (a)  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (b)  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Find the dimension and a basis for each that is a vector space.

 $[2 + 4]$ 

2. (a) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where all four blocks are  $n \times n$  matrices. If  $A_{11}$  and  $A_{22}$  are nonsingular, show that  $A$  must also be nonsingular and that  $A^{-1}$  must be of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & X \\ 0 & A_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also, determine  $X$ .

- (b) Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$ . Prove or disprove the followings:
- i. If  $\mathbf{w} \in \text{Span}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  then  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  are linearly dependent.
  - ii. If  $\mathbf{w} \in V$  and  $\mathbf{w} \notin \text{Span}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  then  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  are linearly independent.

 $[3 + 3]$ 

3. (a) If  $A$  is a square matrix such that the linear equation system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has nonzero solutions, is it possible that  $A^t\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution for some column vector  $\mathbf{b}$ ? Justify your answer.  
 (b) Let  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$  and  $W_3$  be the subspaces of a vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbf{F}$ . Does  $W_1 \cap (W_2 + W_3) = (W_1 \cap W_2) + (W_1 \cap W_3)$  necessarily true? Justify your answer.  
 (c) Prove or disprove: If  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  is a basis of a vector space  $V$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  such that  $v_1, v_2 \in U$  and  $v_3 \notin U$  and  $v_4 \notin U$ , then  $v_1, v_2$  is a basis of  $U$ .

 $[2 + 2 + 2]$

4. (a) Find  $A^{100}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (b) Prove or disprove: if the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n$ , then  $A$  is similar to the diagonal matrix  $\text{diag}(\lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n, \lambda_1)$ .

- [4 + 2]
5. (a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n$ -square matrices. Show that the characteristic polynomial of the following matrix  $M$  is an even function; that is,

$$\text{if } |\lambda I - M| = 0, \text{ then } |-\lambda I - M| = 0,$$

where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Let  $T$  be a linear transformation on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Show that  $\dim(\text{Im}(T^2)) = \dim(\text{Im}(T))$  if and only if

$$V = \text{Im}(T) \oplus \text{Ker}(T).$$

- [3 + 3]
6. (a) Suppose  $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  is such that  $\deg(Dp) = \deg(p) - 1$  for every nonconstant polynomial  $p \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that  $D$  is surjective.
- (b) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space and  $R, S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $RST = I$ . Show that  $S$  is invertible and that  $S^{-1} = TR$ .

[3 + 3]

Indian Statistical Institute  
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Paper: Linear Algebra

Date: 21/11/2024

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 50

Note: Symbols used have their usual meaning. *The figures in the margin indicate full marks.***Answer any FIVE from the following questions.** $5 \times 10 = 50$ 

1. (a) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$  and  $\dim V = n$ . If  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s, \alpha_{s+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$  such that  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Ker}(T)$ , show that
  - i.  $\{T\alpha_{s+1}, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Im}(T)$ .
  - ii.  $V = \text{Ker}(T) \oplus \text{Span}\{\alpha_{s+1}, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ .
  - iii. Is  $\text{Ker}(T) + \text{Im}(T)$  necessarily a direct sum when  $V = W$ ? Justify your answer.

[2 + 2 + 2]

- (b) A function  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$  is even if  $f(-x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $f$  is odd if  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be the collections of even and odd continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ , respectively. Show that  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $C(\mathbb{R})$ . Show further that  $C(\mathbb{R}) = W_1 \oplus W_2$ .

[4]

2. (a) Let  $A \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  be an idempotent linear transformation on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ , that is,  $A^2 = A$ . Prove or disprove the followings:
  - i.  $I - A$  is idempotent.
  - ii.  $\text{Ker } A = \{x - Ax | x \in V\} = \text{Im}(I - A)$
  - iii. If  $V = U \oplus W$ , then there exists a unique linear transformation  $B$  such that  $B^2 = B$ ,  $\text{Im}(B) = U$ ,  $\text{Ker}(B) = W$ .

[1 + 2 + 3]

- (b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be linear transformations on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  over the complex field  $\mathbf{C}$  satisfying  $AB = BA$ . Show that
  - i.  $A$  and  $B$  have at least one common eigenvector (not necessarily belonging to the same eigenvalue).
  - ii. The matrix representations of  $A$  and  $B$  are both upper-triangular under some basis.

[2 + 2]

3. (a) Let  $L$  be a linear transformation on a vector space  $V$ ,  $\dim V = n$ . If  $L^{n-1}x \neq 0$ , but  $L^n x = 0$ , for some  $x \in V$ , show that

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$x, Lx, \dots, L^{n-1}x$

are linearly independent, and thus form a basis of  $V$ . What are the eigenvalues of  $L$ ? Find the matrix representation of  $L$  under the basis. [5]

- (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with singular value decomposition  $U\Sigma V^T$  and let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A^T \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Show that if  $\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_i \\ \mathbf{u}_i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_i = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{v}_i \\ \mathbf{u}_i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then the  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 's and  $\mathbf{y}_i$ 's are eigenvectors of  $B$ . How do the eigenvalues of  $B$  relate to the singular values of  $A$ ? [5]

4. (a) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix having distinct eigenvalues. If  $B$  is a matrix satisfying  $AB = BA^{-1}$ , show that  $B^2$  is diagonalizable. [3]

- (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of multiplicity  $n$ . Show that  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $A = \lambda I$ . [3]

- (c) Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix with Schur decomposition  $UTU^\dagger$ . Show that if the diagonal entries of  $T$  are all distinct, then there is an upper triangular matrix  $R$  such that  ~~$X = UR$~~   $\cancel{X} = UR$  [4]

5. (a) Let  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  and  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$  be the two sets of vectors of an inner product space  $V$  of dimension  $n$ . Does there always exist a linear transformation that maps each  $\alpha_i$  to  $\beta_i$ ? Show that if

$$\langle \alpha_i | \alpha_j \rangle = \langle \beta_i | \beta_j \rangle \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

then there exists an orthogonal linear transformation  $T$  (i.e.,  $\langle u | v \rangle = \langle Tu | Tv \rangle$ ) such that

$$T\alpha_i = \beta_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

[4]

- (b) Let  $X$  be a  $n \times m$  matrix and  $XX^\dagger = I$ . Does  $X$  necessarily unitary? If not, find the condition when it is unitary. [3]

- (c) Let  $H$  be a Hermitian matrix, and let  $U = e^{iH} = \sum_k \frac{(iH)^k}{k!}$ . Prove that  $U$  is unitary. [3]

6. (a) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and let  $\|\cdot\|_M$  be a matrix norm that is compatible with some vector norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $|\lambda| \leq \|A\|_M$ . [3]

- (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with distinct real eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Let  $\lambda$  be a scalar that is not an eigenvalue of  $A$  and let  $B = (A - \lambda I)^{-1}$ . Show that

i. the scalars  $\mu_j = 1/(\lambda_j - \lambda)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are the eigenvalues of  $B$ .

ii. if  $\mathbf{x}_j$  is an eigenvector of  $B$  belonging to  $\mu_j$ , then  $\mathbf{x}_j$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda_j$ .

iii. if the power method is applied to  $B$ , then the sequence of vectors will converge to an eigenvector of  $A$  belonging to the eigenvalue that is closest to  $\lambda$ .

[2 + 2 + 3]