



RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRILANKA

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

B.Sc. (General) Degree

First Year-Semester I Examination-April/May 2015

MAP 1301 – LINEAR ALGEBRA

Proper Candidates (with Mid – Semester Marks):
Answer **Three** questions **including Qu.No.1.**

Time Allowed: **Two Hours**

Other Candidates (without Mid-Semester Marks):
Answer **Five** questions **including Qu.No.1.**

Time Allowed: **Three Hours**

1.

i. Let A be the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & t \\ 1 & 4 & t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a. Compute the determinant of A . (write the answer in terms of t). [20 marks]
b. For what values of t is A invertible? [20 marks]

ii. Consider the following basis for \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$E = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- a. Find the coordinates for the vector $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$, in terms of the basis E . [25 marks]
b. Let $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the following linear transformation:
 $L(x, y) = (2x - y, 3x - 2y)$
Find the matrix representing L with respect to the basis E . [25 marks]
c. Prove that for any three linearly independent vectors u, v and w , the vectors $u-v$, $u-w$, $w+u$ will also be a linearly independent of vectors. [25 marks]
d. Let V and W be the subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 spanned by $(1,1)$ and $(1,2)$, respectively. Find vectors $v \in V$ and $w \in W$ so $v + w = (2, -1)$. [25 marks]

2. Let A be the matrix given below:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -9 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 27 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a) Find the reduced row echelon matrix associated with A . [20 marks]
b) Put A into its normal form, N . [20 marks]
c) What is the column rank of A ? [20 marks]
d) Find matrices P and Q such that $N=PAQ$. [20 marks]

3.

- a. Consider the system of linear equations $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$, where λ and μ are constants:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & \lambda \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute the **determinant** of A . Determine for which values of λ and μ this system has:

- i. a unique solution [15 marks]
- ii. no solutions [15 marks]
- iii. infinitely many solutions. [15 marks]

- b. Consider the system of equations

$$x + y - z = a$$

$$x - y + 2z = b$$

- i. Find the general solution of the **homogeneous** equation. [15 marks]
- ii. Find a particular solution of the **inhomogeneous** equation when $a = 3$ and $b = 6$. [20 marks]

4.

- a. Suppose a matrix A has eigenvalues 2 and 3. What is the characteristic polynomial of A^{-1} ? [10 marks]
- b. Suppose $A^2 = I$. What are the possible characteristic polynomials of A ? [10 marks]
- c. Suppose A has eigenvalues 2 and 3. What are the eigenvalues of A^T ? [20 marks]

d. The matrix, $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- i. Given that $\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are eigenvectors of M , find the eigenvalues corresponding to \underline{u} and \underline{v} . [20 marks]

- ii. Given also that the third eigenvalue of M is 1, find a corresponding eigenvector.

[20 marks]

5.

- a. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, and define $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $T(\underline{x}) = A\underline{x}$. Find the $T(\underline{u})$ where $\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$. [20 marks]

- b. Let $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and let A be the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & -4 & 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$. Is \underline{b} in the range of the linear transformation $\underline{x} \mapsto A\underline{x}$? [20 marks]

- c. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation that maps $\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ into $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and maps $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ into $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Use the fact that T is **linear** to find the images under T of $2\underline{u}$, $3\underline{v}$ and $2\underline{u} + 3\underline{v}$. [20 marks]

- d. Given $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $T(\underline{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $T(\underline{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ and $T(\underline{e}_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$, where $\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2$ and \underline{e}_3 are the columns of the 3×3 identity matrix. Assuming that T is a linear transformation, find the *standard matrix* A of T . [20 marks]

6.

- i. Let $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$. Is the vector $\underline{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\text{Span}\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2\}$? [30 marks]

- ii. Find a basis for the null space and the column space of the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[25 marks]

- iii. Find the rank of B and Verify that $\text{rank}(B) + \text{nullity}(B) = \dim(B)$.

[25 marks]