

**Answer all the questions. Calculators are not allowed.**

Notations:  $P_n(\mathbb{R})$  denotes the set of all real polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ ,  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  denotes the set of all  $n \times n$  real matrices, and  $\text{span}(S)$  denotes the spanning set of  $S$ .

- (1) Is the set  $S = \{x-1, x^2+x-1, x^2-x+1\}$  a basis for  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$ ? If not, find a basis for  $\text{span}(S)$  and also the dimension of  $\text{span}(S)$ . [4]

- (2) Let  $v_1 = (1, 2, -1, 3)$ ,  $v_2 = (2, 4, 1, -2)$ ,  $v_3 = (3, 6, 3, -7)$ ,  $v_4 = (1, 2, -4, 11)$  and  $v_5 = (2, 4, -5, 14)$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and  $T = \{v_4, v_5\}$ , verify that  $\text{span}(S) = \text{span}(T)$ . [4]

- (3) Discuss the consistency of the following system

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 2 \\2x + 2y + 4z &= 8 \\x + y + 2z &= 4.\end{aligned}$$

If the system is consistent, write the solution set.

[3]

- (4) Let  $T: P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(f(x)) = \begin{pmatrix} f'(0) & 2f(1) \\ 0 & f''(3) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$  and  $f''(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}f(x)$ . Find the bases of  $\text{Ker}T$  and  $\text{Im}T$ . Hence find the rank and nullity of  $T$ . Write the matrix of  $T$  with respect to standard bases of  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ . [5]

- (5) Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order 10 with all entries are 1. Find the algebraic and geometric multiplicities of each eigenvalue of  $A$ . [4]

- (6) Given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Using Cayley-Hamilton theorem, find

$$A^8 - 5A^7 + 7A^6 - 3A^5 + A^4 - 5A^3 + 8A^2 - 2A + I. \quad [4]$$

- (7) What are the eigenvalues of a real skew-symmetric matrix? Discuss in details. (Assume that eigenvalues belong to the set of all complex numbers). [4]

- (8) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix. If there exist real  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix  $P$  and  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ , prove that  $A$  is symmetric.

Find all the eigenvalues of the matrix  $B^2 + 5B - I$ , where  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . [4]

Example 31. Is the set

$$S = \{x-1, x^2+x-1, x^2-x+1\}$$

a basis for  $P_2$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ ? If not, find a basis for  $[S]$  and hence  $\dim [S]$ .

Solution: Let  $a, b, c$  be scalars such that

$$a(x-1) + b(x^2+x-1) + c(x^2-x+1) = 0, \text{ a zero polynomial in } P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} -a-b+c &= 0, \\ a+b-c &= 0, \\ b+c &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

On solving we obtain,

$$a = 2c,$$

$$b = -c,$$

and  $c$  is arbitrary.

This shows that the linear system has infinitely many solutions and thus a nontrivial solution. Hence  $S$  is LD. One can take  $c = 1$ , so that  $a = 2, b = -1$ . Hence

$$2(x-1) = 1.(x^2+x-1) - 1.(x^2-x+1)$$

Now consider the set

$$B = \{x^2+x-1, x^2-x+1\}.$$

Then clearly  $B$  spans  $[S]$ , (why?)

and it is standard to check that  $B$  is LI.

Thus  $B$  is a basis for  $[S]$  and  $\dim [S] = 2$ .

Q.2. There are two ways to show that

$\text{Span}(S) = \text{Span}(T)$ . Show that each  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  is linear combination of  $v_4$  &  $v_5$ . But this method is not very convenient. Let us discuss an alternative method.

Let  $A$  be the matrix whose rows are  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $B$  be the matrix whose rows  $v_4$  &  $v_5$ .

That is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 3R_1}]{} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & -16 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 11 \\ 2 & 4 & -5 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 + 2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Clearly, non-zero rows of the matrices in row canonical form (echelon form) are identical. Therefore  $\text{rowsp}(A) = \text{rowsp}(B)$  and so  $S = T$ .  
Hence  $\text{Span}(S) = \text{Span}(T)$ . (1)

(3)

$$(A|b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} R_2$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$$

The system is inconsistent

$$\therefore x + y = 0 \Rightarrow x = -y$$

$$z = 2$$

$$0 = 0$$



$\therefore$  The solution set is  $\{ (x, -x, 2) : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \}$  (1m).



$$4. \text{Ker}(T) = \{f(x) : T(f(x)) = 0\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(0) = 0, f(1) = 0, f''(3) = 0$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

$$f'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 2a_2 + 6a_3x$$

$$\therefore f'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 0;$$

$$f''(3) = 0 \Rightarrow 2a_2 + 18a_3 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } a_2 + 9a_3 = 0$$

$$f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow a_0 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

Taking  $a_3 = k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $a_2 = -9k$ ,  $a_0 = 8k$

$$\therefore f(x) = k(8 - 9x^2 + x^3)$$

$$\therefore \text{Ker}(T) = L\{(8 - 9x^2 + x^3)\}.$$

$$\text{Im}(T) = L\{T(1), T(x), T(x^2), T(x^3)\}$$

$$= L\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 18 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

$$= L\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ran}(T) = 3. \quad \text{Nullity}(T) = 1.$$

$$T(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

$$T(x^3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 18 \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

$$\therefore T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5) Given that  $A$  is a square matrix of order 10 with all entries are 1. Therefore,

$A$  is symmetric. By spectral theorem  $A$  is diagonalizable.

Hence algebraic multiplicity and geometric

multiplicity of each eigenvalues of  $A$  are equal. (1m)

Since  $\det A = 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Further,

$$N(A) = \{x : Ax = 0\}$$

$$= \{x : Rx = 0\},$$

where  $R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (1m)  
10x10

$\therefore$  Nullity of  $A = 9$ .

$\therefore$  Geometric multiplicity of  $0 = A.M$  of  $0 = 9$ , (1m)

Since  $\text{tr } A = 10$ , another eigenvalue must be 10 of multiplicity 1. (1m)

$\therefore G.M$  of  $\lambda = 10 = A.M$  of  $\lambda = 10 = 1$

Ques  
Given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Using Cayley-Hamilton theorem, find

$$A^8 - 5A^7 + 7A^6 - 3A^5 + A^4 - 5A^3 + 8A^2 - 2A + I,$$

Soln: Characteristic polynomial of A is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  (0.5m)

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 7\lambda - 3 = 0$$

Now by Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have

$$\Rightarrow A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I = 0 \quad \text{--- (1) --- (0.5m)}$$

$$\text{Now } A^8 - 5A^7 + 7A^6 - 3A^5 + A^4 - 5A^3 + 8A^2 - 2A + I$$
$$= A^5(A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I) + A^4 - 5A^3 + 8A^2 - 2A + I$$

$$= A^5(0) + A^4 - 5A^3 + 7A^2 + A^2 - 3A + A + I$$

$$= 0 + A(A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I) + A^2 + A + I$$

$$= 0 + A(0) + A^2 + A + I$$

$$= A^2 + A + I \quad \text{--- (2m)}$$

$$\text{Now } A^2 = A \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

further

$$A^2 + A + I = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Ans}$$

--- (1m)



Q.7. Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $X \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be a corresponding eigenvector. This gives,

$$AX = \lambda X \quad \text{--- Eq. (1)}$$

( $X$  :  $n \times 1$  column vector)

We have

$$(AX)^T \bar{X} = X^T A^T \bar{X} = -X^T A \bar{X} = -X^T \lambda \bar{X} \quad \text{--- Eq. (2)}$$

( $\because A^T = -A$  and  $\lambda$  is real)

From Eq. (1) & Eq. (2),

$$(\lambda X)^T \bar{X} = -X^T \lambda \bar{X} \Rightarrow \lambda X^T \bar{X} = -\lambda X^T \bar{X}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + \bar{\lambda}) X^T \bar{X} = 0.$$

$\because X \neq 0$ , we have  $X^T \bar{X} \neq 0$ . This gives

$$\lambda + \bar{\lambda} = 0, \text{ i.e., } \bar{\lambda} = -\lambda.$$

Thus,  $\lambda$  is either zero or purely imaginary.

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⑧. Given that

$$A = P^T A D, \quad P \text{ is } \text{real orthogonal}, \\ D \text{ is diagonal},$$

$$\Rightarrow A = P D P^{-1}$$

Now,

$$A^t = (P D P^{-1})^t$$

$$= (P^{-1})^t P^t$$

$$= (P^t)^t D^t P^t$$

$$= (P^t)^t D P^t \quad (\because D = D^t)$$

$$= P D P^t$$

$$= P D P^{-1} \quad (\because P \text{ is orthogonal})$$

$$= A$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of  $B$  are  $0, 3, 15$  — (1m)

By spectral mapping thm, eigenvalues of  $B^2 + 5B - I$

are  $-1, 23, 299$  — (1m)