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Mid-term Exam / Math-244 (Linear Algebra) / Semester 441

**Max. Marks: 30****Max. Time: 2 hrs****Question 1:** [Marks: 3+4+3]:

a) Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that RREF of the matrix  $X$  is same as the RREF of  $Y$ .

b) Let the real matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$  be non-invertible. Show that  $a = b$  or  $b = c$  or  $b = c$ .

c) Let  $A$  be a matrix with  $|A| = 1$  and  $\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A$ .

**Question 2:** [Marks: 3+4+3]:

a) Explain! Why the following system of linear equations has no non-trivial solution?

$$x - y + z = 0$$

$$x + y + z = 0$$

$$4x + 2y + z = 0.$$

b) Find the values of  $\lambda$  for which the following system of equations has a unique solution:

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + \quad \quad x_3 = -1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + \quad \quad x_3 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + (\lambda^2 - 6)x_3 = \lambda - 3.$$

c) Solve the following system of linear equations by using the Cramer's rule:

$$4x + 2y + z = 3$$

$$x + y + z = 2$$

$$x - y + z = 1.$$

**Question 3:** [Marks: 3+3+4]

a) Show that  $F := \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : A^T = A\}$  is a subspace of the vector space  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

b) Show that the matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly independent in  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$

c) Let  $W$  be subspace generated by  $\{(1, 0, 1, 1), (1, -1, 2, 0), (5, 1, 4, 0)\}$  in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find a basis and dimension of  $W$ .

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