

**Q1:** If  $A$  is a matrix such that  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find:

- (i) the size of  $A$ . (1 mark)  
 (ii) an eigenvalue of  $A$ . (1 mark)

**Q2:** If  $A, B \in M_{22}$ ,  $\det(B)=2$  and  $\det(A)=3$ , then find  $\det(2A^T B^{-1})$ . (2 marks)

**Q3:** Let  $V$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  **spanned** by the set  $S=\{v_1=(1,1,1,0), v_2=(-2,0,0,2), v_3=(-1,3,3,4), v_4=(-5,-1,-1,5)\}$ .

- (i) Find a **subset** of  $S$  that forms a basis of  $V$ . (3 marks)  
 (ii) **Find**  $\dim(V)$ . (1 mark)  
 (iii) show that  $(-6,0,0,7) \in V$ . (3 marks)

**Q4:** Let  $W=\{(a,0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Show that  $W$  is a **subspace** of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (3 marks)

**Q5:** Let  $B=\{(1,0), (1,1)\}$  and  $B'=\{u,v\}$  be two bases of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . If the transition matrix from  $B'$  to  $B$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $u$ . (2 marks).

**Q6:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are real numbers.

- (i) Show that  $A$  is diagonalizable. (3 marks)  
 (ii) If  $P$  is the matrix that diagonalizes  $A$ , then find the product  $P^{-1}AP$ . (1 mark)  
 (iii) If  $x=[0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ , then find the value of  $a$ . (2 marks)

**Q7:** Let  $\mathbb{R}^3$  be the Euclidean inner product space. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to transform the following basis  $\{u_1=(0,1,-1), u_2=(0,4,2), u_3=(1,0,0)\}$  into an **orthonormal basis**. (5 marks)

**Q8:** Let  $M_{22}$  be the vector space of square matrices of order 2, and let  $T: M_{22} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by  $T \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = a$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that:

- (i)  $T$  is a linear transformation. (2 marks)  
 (ii) Find a basis for  $\ker(T)$ . (3 marks)  
 (iii) Find  $[T]_{B',B}$  where  $B$  and  $B'$  are the standard bases of  $M_{22}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ , respectively. (2 marks)  
 (iv) Find  $\text{rank}(T)$ . (1 mark)

**Q9:** (i) If  $B=\{u,v,w\}$  is a basis of a vector space  $V$ , then find the coordinate vector  $(v)_B$ . (1 mark)

(ii) If  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal vectors in an inner product space such that  $\|u\|=8$  and  $\|v\|=6$ , then find  $\|u+v\|$ . (1 mark)

(iii) If  $B$  is a  $5 \times 7$  matrix with  $\text{nullity}(B)=3$ , then find  $\text{rank}(B^T)$ . (1 mark)

(iv) Show that if  $A$  is a diagonalizable matrix of order  $n$  such that  $AP=PA$ , where  $P$  is the matrix that diagonalizes  $A$ , then  $A$  is a diagonal matrix. (1 mark)

(v) Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices of the same size. Show that if  $B$  is similar to  $A$ , then  $B^{-1}$  is similar to  $A^{-1}$ . (1 mark)

**Q1:** If A is a matrix such that  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find:

(i) the size of A. (1 mark)

(ii) an eigenvalue of A. (1 mark)

**Answer:** (i) Suppose A is of size  $m \times n$ . Since  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is of size  $2 \times 1$  and the product  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is defined, so  $n=2$ . But the product  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is of size  $m \times 1$  and is equal to  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  which is of size  $2 \times 1$ . So,  $m=2$ . Hence, A is of size  $2 \times 2$ .

(ii) Since  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , so 2 is an eigenvalue of A.

**Q2:** If  $A, B \in M_{22}$ ,  $\det(B)=2$  and  $\det(A)=3$ , then find  $\det(2A^T B^{-1})$ . (2 marks)

**Answer:**  $\det(2A^T B^{-1}) = 2^2 \det(A^T) \det(B^{-1}) = 4 \det(A) (\det(B))^{-1} = 4(3)(1/2) = 6$ .

**Q3:** Let V be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  **spanned** by the set  $S = \{v_1 = (1, 1, 1, 0), v_2 = (-2, 0, 0, 2), v_3 = (-1, 3, 3, 4), v_4 = (-5, -1, -1, 5)\}$ .

(i) Find a **subset** of S that forms a basis of V. (3 marks)

(ii) **Find**  $\dim(V)$ . (1 mark)

(iii) show that  $u = (-6, 0, 0, 7) \in V$ . (3 marks)

**Answer:** (i) Putting the vectors as columns in the following matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{12} \\ (-1)R_{13}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{23} \\ (-1)R_{24}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{\substack{\frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ R_{34}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So,  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$  is a basis of V.

(ii)  $\dim(V) = |S| = 3$ .

(iii) Suppose  $u = av_1 + bv_2 + cv_4$ , where a, b and c are scalars. So,

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -5 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-1)R_{12} \\ (-1)R_{13}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -5 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{1R_{21} \\ (-1)R_{23} \\ (-1)R_{24}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{\substack{\frac{1}{2}R_2 \\ R_{34}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{(-2)R_{32} \\ (-3)R_{31}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \Rightarrow a = b = c = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So,  $u \in V$ .

**Q4:** Let  $W = \{(a, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Show that W is a **subspace** of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (3 marks)

**Answer:** 1- If  $a=0$ , then  $(0, 0) \in W$ . So  $W \neq \emptyset$ .

2- Take  $u = (a_1, 0), v = (a_2, 0) \in W$ . Now,  $u + v = (a_1 + a_2, 0)$ . So  $u + v \in W$ .

3- Take  $u = (a, 0) \in W$  &  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now,  $ku = (ka, k0) = (ka, 0)$ . So  $ku \in W$ .

1, 2 and 3 imply that W is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Q5:** Let  $B = \{(1, 0), (1, 1)\}$  and  $B' = \{u, v\}$  be two bases of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . If the transition matrix from B' to B is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then find } u. \text{ (2 marks).}$$

**Answer:**

$$P_{B' \rightarrow B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [ [u]_B \mid [v]_B ]$$

$$\Rightarrow [u]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = (1)(1,0) + (2)(1,1) = (1,0) + (2,2) = (3,2)$$

**Q6:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are real numbers.

(i) Show that  $A$  is diagonalizable. (3 marks)

(ii) If  $P$  is the matrix that diagonalizes  $A$ , then find the product  $P^{-1}AP$ . (1 mark)

(iii) If  $x = [0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ , then find the value of  $a$ . (2 marks)

**Answer:** (i)  $A$  is an upper triangular. So, the eigenvalues are 1, -1 and 0. Since they are distinct,  $A$  is diagonalizable.

(ii)  $P^{-1}AP = D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (the arrangement of the entries in the main diagonal is not

important).

(iii)  $\lambda x = Ax$ . So,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So,  $a = 0$ .

**Q7:** Let  $\mathbb{R}^3$  be the Euclidean inner product space. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to transform the following basis  $\{u_1=(0,1,-1), u_2=(0,4,2), u_3=(1,0,0)\}$  into an **orthonormal basis**. (5 marks)

**Answer:**

$$u_1 = (0,1,-1), u_2 = (0,4,2), u_3 = (1,0,0),$$

$$v_1 = u_1 = (0,1,-1)$$

$$v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1$$

$$= (0,4,2) - \frac{\langle (0,4,2), (0,1,-1) \rangle}{\|(0,1,-1)\|^2} (0,1,-1) = (0,4,2) - \frac{2}{2} (0,1,-1)$$

$$= (0,4,2) - (0,1,-1) = (0,3,3)$$

$$v_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1$$

$$= (1,0,0) - \frac{\langle (1,0,0), (0,1,-1) \rangle}{\|(0,1,-1)\|^2} (0,1,-1) - \frac{\langle (1,0,0), (0,3,3) \rangle}{\|(0,3,3)\|^2} (0,3,3)$$

$$= (1,0,0) - \frac{0}{2} (0,1,-1) - \frac{0}{18} (0,3,3) = (1,0,0)$$

$$w_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0,1,-1)$$

$$w_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} (0,3,3) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} (0,3,3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0,1,1)$$

$$w_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = (1,0,0)$$

**Q8:** Let  $M_{22}$  be the vector space of square matrices of order 2, and let  $T: M_{22} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by  $T \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that:

(i)  $T$  is a linear transformation. (2 marks)

(ii) Find a basis for  $\ker(T)$ . (3 marks)

(iii) Find  $[T]_{B',B}$  where  $B$  and  $B'$  are the standard bases of  $M_{22}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ , respectively. (2 marks)

(iv) Find  $\text{rank}(T)$ . (1 mark)

**Answer:** For all  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{bmatrix} \in M_{22}, k \in \mathbb{R}$ :

(i) 1-  $T(A+B) = T \begin{bmatrix} a+a' & b+b' \\ c+c' & d+d' \end{bmatrix} = a+a' = T(A)+T(B)$

2-  $T(kA) = T \begin{bmatrix} ka & kb \\ kc & kd \end{bmatrix} = ka = kT(A)$

So  $T$  is linear.

(ii)  $\ker(T) = \{A \in M_{22} \mid T(A) = 0\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_{22} \mid a=0 \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_{22} \mid b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$   
 $= \left\{ b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

So, the set  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $\ker(T)$ . Observe that

$$b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

implies that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence  $b=c=d=0$ . So,  $S$  is linearly independent also. Thus,  $S$  is a basis of  $\ker(T)$ .

(iii)  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 1, T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0, T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$  and  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$ .

Now,

$\left[ T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]_B = 1, \left[ T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]_B = 0, \left[ T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]_B = 0, \left[ T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right]_B = 0$ . Therefore,  
 $[T]_{B',B} = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$ .

(iv) Since  $\dim(\ker(T))=3$ , so  $\text{nullity}(T)=3$  and hence  $\text{rank}(T)=\dim(M_{22})-\text{nullity}(T)=4-3=1$ .

**Q9: (i)** If  $B=\{u,v,w\}$  is a basis of a vector space  $V$ , then find the coordinate vector  $(v)_B$ . (1 mark)

**Answer:** As  $v=0u+1v+0w$  and writing a vector as a linear combination of the vectors in  $B$  is unique, so  $(v)_B=(0,1,0)$

(ii) If  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal vectors in an inner product space such that  $\|u\|=8$  and  $\|v\|=6$ , then find  $\|u+v\|$ . (1 mark)

**Answer:** As  $u$  and  $v$  are orthogonal, so  $\|u+v\|^2=\|u\|^2+\|v\|^2=64+36=100$ . So  $\|u+v\|=10$ .

(iii) If  $B$  is a  $5 \times 7$  matrix with  $\text{nullity}(B)=3$ , then find  $\text{rank}(B^T)$ . (1 mark)

**Answer:**  $\text{rank}(B^T)=\text{rank}(B)=7-\text{nullity}(B)=7-3=4$

(iv) Show that if  $A$  is a diagonalizable matrix of order  $n$  such that  $AP=PA$ , where  $P$  is the matrix that diagonalizes  $A$ , then  $A$  is a diagonal matrix. (1 mark)

**Answer:** Since  $A$  is diagonalizable, we have that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix. But we have that  $AP=PA$ . So,  $P^{-1}AP=P^{-1}(AP)=P^{-1}(PA)=(P^{-1}P)A=IA=A$ . So,  $A$  is diagonal.

(v) Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible matrices of the same size. Show that if  $B$  is similar to  $A$ , then  $B^{-1}$  is similar to  $A^{-1}$ . (1 mark)

**Answer:** Since  $B$  is similar to  $A$ , so  $B=P^{-1}AP$ . Taking the inverse of the both sides, we have

$$B^{-1} = P^{-1}A^{-1}(P^{-1})^{-1} = P^{-1}A^{-1}P$$

So,  $B^{-1}$  is similar to  $A^{-1}$ .