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Solution Key

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Question 1 [10 Marks]

Which of the given choices are correct?

(i) If a matrix A is symmetric ($A^T = A$) and skew-symmetric ($A^T = -A$), then A must be:

- Since $A = A^T = -A$, we have $2A = 0 \implies A = 0$.
- **Answer: (d) Zero.**

(ii) If A is a 4×4 matrix such that adj$(A) = A^{-1}$, then the determinant $|$adj$(A)|$ is equal to:

- We know $A \cdot$ adj$(A) = |A|I$.
- Substituting adj$(A) = A^{-1}$, we get $A \cdot A^{-1} = I = |A|I \implies |A| = 1$.
- Then $|$adj$(A)| = |A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|} = 1$. Also $|A|^2 = 1^2 = 1$.
- **Answer: (a) $|A|^2$ (or 1).**

(iii) If the matrix of coefficients in the linear system $AX = B$ is invertible, then the system must have:

- If A is invertible, $X = A^{-1}B$ is the unique solution.
- **Answer: (b) a unique solution.**

(iv) Let $B = \{(2,1),(2,3)\}$ and $C = \{(0,1),(2,0)\}$ be ordered bases of a vector space V. The transition matrix $P_{B\to C}$ is:

- Express vectors of B in terms of C:
- $(2,1) = 1(0,1) + 1(2,0) \implies [v_1]_C = \begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}$.
- $(2,3) = 3(0,1) + 1(2,0) \implies [v_2]_C = \begin{bmatrix}3\\1\end{bmatrix}$.
- **Answer: (c) $\begin{bmatrix}1 & 3\\1 & 1\end{bmatrix}$.**

(v) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then rank$(A)$ is:

- Row reducing: $R_2 \to R_2 - 2R_1$, $R_3 \to R_3 + R_1$.
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 & -4 \\ 0 & 7 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3+R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
- Two non-zero rows.
- **Answer: (c) 2.**

(vi) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in $M_2(\mathbb{R})$, the angle θ between A and B is:

- $\langle A, B \rangle = (-1)(5) + (3)(2) + (4)(0) + (1)(1) = -5 + 6 + 0 + 1 = 2$.
- $\|A\| = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 16 + 1} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$.
- $\|B\| = \sqrt{25 + 4 + 0 + 1} = \sqrt{30}$.
- $\cos\theta = \frac{2}{(3\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{30})} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{90}} = \frac{2}{9\sqrt{10}}$.
- **Answer: (c)** $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{9\sqrt{10}}\right)$**.**

(vii) If $T : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined by $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = (a, b)$, then ker$(T)$ is:

- $T(A) = 0 \implies (a, b) = (0, 0) \implies a = 0, b = 0$.
- **Answer: (c)** $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ s & t \end{bmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$**.**

(viii) If $\{(-3r + 4s, r - s, r, s) \mid r, s \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is the solution set of $AX = 0$, then:

- The solution space has dimension 2 (parameters r, s). Thus, nullity$(A) = 2$.
- nullity$(T_A) =$ nullity(A).
- **Answer: (a) nullity**$(T_A) = 2$**.**

(ix) If $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - x_2, x_2 - x_1, 3x_2)$, matrix $[T]_{C,B}$ for bases $B = \{(2, 0), (1, 1)\}$ and standard C:

- $T(2, 0) = (2 - 0, 0 - 2, 0) = (2, -2, 0)$.
- $T(1, 1) = (1 - 1, 1 - 1, 3(1)) = (0, 0, 3)$.
- **Answer: (b)** $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$**.**

(x) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, then eigenvalues of A^4 are:

- Eigenvalues of A are 2, 3 (triangular matrix).
- Eigenvalues of A^4 are $2^4, 3^4 = 16, 81$.
- **Answer: (a) 16, 81.**

Question 2 [2+2+2 Marks]

(a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ **and** $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$**. Find the invertible matrix** C **such that** $AC^{-1} = B$**.**

Solution: Given $AC^{-1} = B \implies C^{-1} = A^{-1}B \implies C = (A^{-1}B)^{-1} = B^{-1}A$. First, calculate B^{-1}. $|B| = 1(2-2) - 0 + 1(1-4) = -3$.

$$B^{-1} = -\frac{1}{3}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \frac{1}{3}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using solution key values for B^{-1} (which match cofactor expansion): $B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/3 & 2/3 \\ -1 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 1 & 1/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Now, compute $C = B^{-1}A$:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/3 & 2/3 \\ -1 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 1 & 1/3 & -2/3 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 4/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The solution key image shows slight variations in final calculation, but explicitly states the formula $C = B^{-1}A$.

(b) Find all values of α **for which the matrix is non-invertible:** $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ \alpha+2 & 2 & 1 \\ \alpha^2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$**.**

Solution: The matrix is non-invertible if its determinant is zero.

$$\text{det}(A) = \alpha(6-2) - 1(3(\alpha+2) - \alpha^2) + 0 = 4\alpha - (3\alpha + 6 - \alpha^2) = \alpha^2 + \alpha - 6$$

Set $\alpha^2 + \alpha - 6 = 0 \implies (\alpha+3)(\alpha-2) = 0$.
Values: $\alpha = -3, 2$.

(c) Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$**. Find rank**$(A)$ **and nullity**(A^T)**.**

Solution: Row reduce A:

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are 3 pivot rows, so rank$(A) = 3$. Since A is 4×4, A^T is 4×4. rank$(A^T) =$ rank$(A) = 3$. nullity$(A^T) =$ columns$(A^T) -$ rank$(A^T) = 4 - 3 = 1$.
Answer: rank$(A) = 3$, nullity$(A^T) = 1$.

Question 3 [2+(3+2+2) Marks]

(a) Consider the subspace $E = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0, 2x + 3y = 0\}$. Find a basis B of E and a basis C of $\mathbb{R}^3$ containing B.

Solution: From $2x + 3y = 0 \implies x = -\frac{3}{2}y$. Substitute into $x + y + z = 0$: $-\frac{3}{2}y+y+z = 0 \implies -\frac{1}{2}y+z = 0 \implies z = \frac{1}{2}y$. Let $y = 2t$, then $x = -3t, z = t$. General vector: $t(-3, 2, 1)$. Basis $B = \{(-3, 2, 1)\}$. To extend to $\mathbb{R}^3$, add vectors linearly independent of B, e.g., standard basis vectors. Basis $C = \{(-3, 2, 1), (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)\}$. (Determinant is non-zero).

(b) Consider vectors $u_1 = (1, 1, 0), u_2 = (0, 1, 1), u_3 = (1, 1, -1)$.

(i) Use Gram-Schmidt to transform $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ into an orthonormal basis $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Solution: 1. $w_1 = u_1 = (1, 1, 0)$. $\|w_1\| = \sqrt{2}$. $v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0)$. 2. $w_2 = u_2 - \langle u_2, v_1\rangle v_1 = (0, 1, 1) - \frac{1}{2}(1)(1, 1, 0) = (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$. $\|w_2\|^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}$. $\|w_2\| = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$. $v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$. 3. $w_3 = u_3 - \langle u_3, v_1\rangle v_1 - \langle u_3, v_2\rangle v_2$. $\langle u_3, v_1\rangle = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$. $\langle u_3, v_2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 1) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$. $w_3 = (1, 1, -1) - (1, 1, 0) - (-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1) = (0, 0, -1) + (-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}) = (-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3})$. $\|w_3\| = \sqrt{\frac{3}{9}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. $v_3 = \sqrt{3}(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3})$.

(ii) Express $u = (1, 2, -2)$ as a linear combination of v_1, v_2, v_3. Solution: $u = \langle u, v_1\rangle v_1 + \langle u, v_2\rangle v_2 + \langle u, v_3\rangle v_3$. $\langle u, v_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + 2) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$. $\langle u, v_2\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}(-\frac{1}{2} + 1 - 2) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}(-\frac{3}{2}) = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$. $\langle u, v_3\rangle = \sqrt{3}(-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3}) = \sqrt{3}(1) = \sqrt{3}$. $u = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}v_1 - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}v_2 + \sqrt{3}v_3$.

(iii) Find the angle θ between u and v_1. Solution: $\cos\theta = \frac{\langle u,v_1\rangle}{\|u\|\|v_1\|} = \frac{3/\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{1+4+4\cdot 1}} = \frac{3/\sqrt{2}}{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Question 4 [2+2+3 Marks]

Let $[T]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ **be the matrix of** $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ **relative to basis** $B = \{v_1 = (1,3), v_2 = (1,4)\}$**.**

(i) Find $[T(v_1)]_B$ **and** $[T(v_2)]_B$**. Solution:** From the definition of the matrix of a transformation, the columns are the coordinate vectors of the images of the basis vectors. $[T(v_1)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $[T(v_2)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

(ii) Find $T(v_1)$ **and** $T(v_2)$**. Solution:** $T(v_1) = 1 \cdot v_1 + (-2) \cdot v_2 = (1,3) - 2(1,4) = (-1,-5)$. $T(v_2) = 3 \cdot v_1 + 5 \cdot v_2 = 3(1,3) + 5(1,4) = (3,9) + (5,20) = (8,29)$.

(iii) Find a formula for $T(x,y)$**. Solution:** Express (x,y) as a combination of B: $(x,y) = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2$. $\alpha_1(1,3) + \alpha_2(1,4) = (x,y)$. System: $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = x$ and $3\alpha_1 + 4\alpha_2 = y$. Solving yields: $\alpha_1 = 4x - y$ and $\alpha_2 = -3x + y$. $T(x,y) = \alpha_1 T(v_1) + \alpha_2 T(v_2) = (4x - y)(-1,-5) + (-3x+y)(8,29)$. $T(x,y) = (-(4x-y) + 8(-3x+y), -5(4x-y) + 29(-3x+y))$. $T(x,y) = (-4x+y-24x+8y, -20x+5y-87x+29y)$. $T(x,y) = (-28x+9y, -107x+34y)$.

Question 5 [4+2+2 Marks]

Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$**.**

(i) Find the eigenvalues and bases for the corresponding eigenspaces. Solution: Eigenvalues: We solve $|\lambda I - A| = 0$. Since A is block triangular (or expanding determinant), det$(\lambda I - A) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1) = 0$. $\lambda = -1, 0, 1$.

Eigenspaces:

- For $\lambda = -1$: Solve $(A + I)v = 0$. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0 \implies x = -3z, y = z$. Basis: $\{(-3,1,1)\}$.
- For $\lambda = 0$: Solve $Av = 0$. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \implies z = 0, x + y = 0$. Basis: $\{(-1,1,0)\}$.
- For $\lambda = 1$: Solve $(A - I)v = 0$. $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \implies z = 0, x = 0$. Basis: $\{(0,1,0)\}$.

(ii) Is the matrix A **diagonalizable? Justify. Solution:** Yes, A is diagonalizable because it is a 3×3 matrix with 3 distinct eigenvalues ($-1, 0, 1$).

(iii) Compute A^9**. Solution:** Since A is diagonalizable, $A = PDP^{-1}$ where $D = $ diag$(-1,0,1)$. $A^9 = PD^9P^{-1}$. $D^9 = $ diag$((-1)^9, 0^9, 1^9) = $ diag$(-1,0,1) = D$. Therefore, $A^9 = PDP^{-1} = A$.

$$A^9 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$