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Department of Mathematics
Math-244 (Linear Algebra); Mid-term Exam; Semester 2 (1442)
Max. Marks: 30 **Time: 2 hours**

Note: Attempt all the five questions!

Question 1: [Marks: 3+3]

a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. Then:

- i) Find the **reduced row echelon form** of the **matrix A**.
- ii) Use the reduced row echelon form to show that the **matrix A** is **not invertible**.

b) Let $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$. Find the value of λ such that $X^8 - 4\lambda I = O$.

Question 2: [Marks: 3+3]

a) Let $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the **matrix Y** such that $(2X + Y)^{-1} = \text{adj}(X)$.

b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & bc & a \\ 1 & ca & b \\ 1 & ab & c \end{bmatrix}$. Show that $\det(B) = -\det(A)$.

Question 3: [Marks: 3+3].

- a) Find the value/s of α such that the following **linear system**

$$x + y + \frac{\alpha}{3}z = 1$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$x + \alpha y + z = 2$$

has: (i) **no solution** (ii) **unique solution** (iii) **infinitely many solutions**.

- b) Solve the following **homogeneous linear system**. Why this system cannot be solved by Cramer's Rule?

$$x - 2y + 3z = 0$$

$$3x + y - 2z = 0$$

$$2x - 4y + 6z = 0.$$

Question 4: [Marks: 3+3]

- a) Show that $\{1 - x, 1 - x^2, 1 + x + x^2\}$ is a **basis** of the **vector space** P_2 of all polynomials in real variable x with **degree** ≤ 2 .
- b) Let $S = \{(1, 0, 1, 1), (1, -1, 2, 1), (1, -2, 3, 1)\}$ generates the **vector subspace** F of the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^4 . Find a **basis** of F contained in S and show that $(0, -2, 7, 6) \notin F$.

Question 5: [Marks: 3+3]

- a) Let $B = \{(2, 1), (1, 0)\}$ and $C = \{(1, -2), (0, 1)\}$ be **bases** of the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^2 and $v = (1, 2)$. Find the **coordinate vector** $[v]_B$ and the **transition matrix** ${}_C P_B$. Then use the transition matrix to find $[v]_C$.

b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Find:

(i) a **basis** of $col(A)$

(ii) **rank** (A)

(iii) **nullity** (A) .

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