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Department of Mathematics

Math-244 (Linear Algebra); Mid-term Exam; Semester 2 (1442)

Max. Marks: 30

Time: 2 hours

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**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  $\lambda$  such that  $X^8 - 4\lambda I = 0$ .

**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  $(2X + Y)^{-1} = adj(X)$ .

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  $\alpha$  such that the following linear system

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + \frac{\alpha}{3}z &= 1 \\ x + y + z &= 1 \\ x + \alpha y + z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

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?

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + 3z &= 0 \\ 3x + y - 2z &= 0 \\ 2x - 4y + 6z &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

**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  $\leq 2$** .
- 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**  $cP_B$ . 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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