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MATHEMATICS

MAT1C02 : Linear Algebra

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART -A

Answer **four** questions from this Part. **Each** question carries **4** marks :

1. Let T be a linear operator on \mathbb{R}^3 defined by $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1, x_1 - x_2, 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3)$, is T invertible ? If so find T^{-1} .
2. Let $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1, 2)$ and $\alpha_2 = (2, 3, 1, 1)$ and let W be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by α_1 and α_2 , which linear functional of the form $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + c_3x_3 + c_4x_4$ are in the annihilator of W ?
3. Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space V . Prove that $(W_1 + W_2)^0 = W_1^0 \cap W_2^0$.
4. Let V be an n -dimensional vector space and let T be a linear operator on V . Suppose that there exist some positive integer k so that $T^k = 0$. Prove that $T^n = 0$.
5. Let T be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space over the field of complex numbers prove that T is diagonalizable iff T is annihilated by some polynomial over \mathbb{C} which has distinct roots.
6. Prove that every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis.

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PART – B

Answer 4 questions from this part without omitting any Unit. Each question carries 16 marks.

Unit – 1

7. a) Let V be the space of all polynomial functions from \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{R} of the form $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + c_3x_3$. If D is the differentiation operator on V find the matrix of D in the ordered basis $B = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$ for V where $f_k(x) = x^{k-1}$, $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$.
- b) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$, $B' = \{\alpha'_1, \alpha'_2, \dots, \alpha'_n\}$ be ordered bases for V . Suppose T is a linear operator on V . If $P = [P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n]$ is the $n \times n$ matrix with columns $P_j = [\alpha'_j]_B$ then prove that $[T]_{B'} = P^{-1}[T]_B P$. Alternatively if U is the invertible operator on V defined by $U\alpha_j = \alpha'_j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then prove that $[T]_{B'} = [U]_B^{-1}[T]_B[U]_B$.
8. a) If f is a non zero linear functional on the vector space V then prove that the null space of f is a hyperspace in V . Conversely, every hyperspace in V is the null space of a (not unique) non zero linear functional on V .
- b) Let V and W be vector spaces over the field F and let T be a linear transformation from V into W , then prove that there exist a unique linear transformation T^t from W^* into V^* such that $(T^t g)(\alpha) = g(T\alpha)$ for every g in W^* and α in V .
9. a) If W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space then prove that $W_1 = W_2$ iff $W_1^0 = W_2^0$.
- b) If W is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 which is spanned by the vectors $\alpha_1 = (2, -2, 3, 4, -1)$, $\alpha_2 = (-1, 1, 2, 5, 2)$, $\alpha_3 = (0, 0, -1, -2, 3)$ and $\alpha_4 = (1, -1, 2, 3, 0)$ then find the annihilator of W .

Unit – 2

10. a) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let T be a linear operator on V . Then prove that T is triangulable iff the minimal polynomial for T is a product of linear polynomials over F .
- b) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let T be a linear operator on V . Then prove that T is diagonalizable iff the minimal polynomial for T has the form $P = (x - c_1)(x - c_2)\dots(x - c_k)$.



11. a) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F . Let \mathcal{F} be a commuting family of triangulable linear operators on V . Then prove that there exist an ordered basis for V such that every operator in \mathcal{F} is represented by a triangular matrix in that basis.
- b) Let \mathcal{F} be a commuting family of diagonalizable linear operators on a finite dimensional vectorspace V . Then prove that there exist an ordered basis for V such that every operator in \mathcal{F} is represented in that basis by a diagonal matrix.
12. Let T be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vectorspace V . If f is the characteristic polynomial for T , then prove that $f(T) = 0$.

Unit – 3

13. a) Let T be a linear operator on the finite dimensional vector space V over the field F . Suppose that the minimal polynomial for T decomposes over F in to a product of linear polynomials. Then prove that there is a diagonalizable operator D on V and a Nil potent operator N on V such that
- i) $T = D + N$
 - ii) $DN = ND$ and D and N are uniquely determined by i) and ii) and each of them is a polynomial in T .
- b) State and prove generalized Cayley-Hamilton Theorem .
14. a) Apply Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors, $\beta_1 = (1, 0, 1)$, $\beta_2 = (1, 0, -1)$, $\beta_3 = (0, 3, 4)$ to obtain an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 with the standard inner product.
- b) Let W be the subspace of the inner product space V and let β in V prove that if α is a best approximation to β by vectors in W then $\beta - \alpha$ is orthogonal to every vector in W .
15. a) Prove that an orthogonal set of non zero vectors in an inner product space is linearly independent.
- b) Let V be an inner product space and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ be linearly independent vectors in V . Prove that there exist orthogonal vectors $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ in V such that for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ the set $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is a basis for the subspace spanned by $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k\}$.
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