

**M.Sc. (MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE)
M.Sc. (MACS)**

Term-End Examination

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MMT-002 : LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time : $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours

Maximum Marks : 25

(Weightage : 70%)

Note : Question no. 5 is compulsory. Answer any three questions from questions no. 1 to 4. Use of calculators is not allowed.

1. Consider the matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) Check whether the matrix is positive definite or not.
- (ii) Write the Jordan canonical form of B.
- (iii) Find a positive semi-definite matrix A such that $A^2 = B$.

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2. (a) Determine a quadratic polynomial that best fits the points :

$$(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 5), (3, 8).$$

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- (b) Prove that if A and B are similar matrices, then their traces are the same.

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3. (a) Construct a QR-decomposition for

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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- (b) Let T be the linear transformation from \mathbf{R}^3 to

$$\mathbf{R}^3 \text{ given by the matrix } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Find the}$$

generalised eigenspaces $E_T(2)$ and $E_T^2(2)$.

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4. (a) Let $\mathbf{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$ be the real vector space of polynomials of degree ≤ 2 . Let

$$T : \mathbf{P}_2(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_2(\mathbf{R}) : T(a + bx + cx^2) =$$

$$(a - c) + (a + c)x + bx^2. \text{ Find } [T]_B, \text{ where}$$

$B = \{x^2 + x + 1, x^2 + x, x^2\}$ is a basis of

$\mathbf{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$.

Further, if B' is another basis of $\mathbf{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$,

how are $[T]_B$ and $[T]_{B'}$ related ?

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- (b) Consider the predator-prey system given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.35 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix}$$

where x_k and y_k are the populations of the predators and the prey, respectively, at time k . What is the long-term behaviour of the population vector $\begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix}$?

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5. Which of the following statements are *True*, and which are *False* ? Justify your answers. $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Two $n \times n$ matrices with the same minimal polynomials have the same Jordan canonical form.
- (b) If the rank of an $n \times n$ matrix is $n - 1$, then at least one of the eigenvalues of A is zero.
- (c) A diagonalisable matrix is also unitarily diagonalisable.
- (d) If the determinant of a matrix is positive, then the matrix is positive definite.
- (e) $\forall A \in \{X \in \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbf{R}) \mid X \text{ is positive definite and } x_{ii} = 1 \forall i = 1, \dots, n\}$, $\det(A)$ is bounded above.