



**EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA**  
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**EXTMT 203 - EIGENSPACE AND QUADRATIC FORMS**  
**(PROPER & REPEAT)**

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Answer all Questions

Time: Two hours

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1. (a) Define the term eigenvalue and eigenvector of a linear transformation.

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) i. Prove that eigenvectors that corresponding to distinct eigenvalues of a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow V$  are linearly independent.
- ii. Show that 0 is an eigenvalue of  $T$  if and only if  $T$  is singular.
- iii. Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of an invertible operator  $T$ . Show that  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^{-1}$ .
- (c) Orthogonally diagonalize the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Define the term minimum polynomial of a square matrix.

(a) State the Cayley - Hamilton theorem.

Find the minimum polynomial of the square matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Prove that for any square matrix  $A$ , the minimum polynomial exists and is unique.

(c) Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices. Show that the minimum polynomial  $m(t)$  of  $M$  is the least common multiple of the minimum polynomials  $g(t)$  and  $h(t)$  of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

3. (a) Find an orthogonal transformation which reduces the following quadratic form to a diagonal form

$$5x_1^2 + 6x_2^2 + 7x_3^2 - 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3 = 1.$$

(b) Simultaneously diagonalize the following pair of quadratic forms

$$\phi_1 = x_1^2 - x_2^2 - 2x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3,$$

$$\phi_2 = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3.$$

4. (a) What is meant by an inner product on a vector space.

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Let the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = xy^T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

Show that  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is an inner product space.

(b) State and prove Cauchy Schwarz Inequality.

(c) State the Gram Schmidt Process.

Find the orthonormal set for span of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , where

$$M = \{(1, 0, -1, 0)^T, (0, 1, 2, 1)^T, (2, 1, -1, 0)^T\}.$$