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MT 203 - EIGEN SPACE AND QUADRATIC FORMS

(PROPER/REPEAT)

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Answer all Questions

Time: Two hours

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1. Define the terms *eigenvalue* and *eigenvector* of a linear transformation.

[10 marks]

(a) (i) Prove that eigen vectors that corresponding to distinct eigen values of a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow V$  are linearly independent, where  $V$  is a vector space.

[30 marks]

(ii) If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  real matrix and  $\lambda$  is an eigen value of the real symmetric matrix  $(I_n + A^T A)$  then show that  $\lambda \geq 1$ , where  $I_n$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

[20 marks]

(b) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find a non-singular matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.

[40 marks]

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

[10 marks] 4.

(a) Prove the followings:

(i) The characteristic polynomial of an  $n$ -square matrix  $A$  always divides the  $n^{\text{th}}$  power of its minimum polynomial. [30 marks]

(ii) The characteristic polynomial and the minimum polynomial of an  $n$ -square matrix  $A$  have the same irreducible factors. [20 marks]

(b) State the *Cayley Hamilton* theorem.

Find the minimum polynomial of the square matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

[40 marks]

3. (a) Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be two distinct roots of the equation  $|A - \lambda B| = 0$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are real symmetric matrices and let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  be two vectors satisfying

$$(A - \lambda_i B)u_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$

Prove that  $u_1^T B u_2 = 0$ .

[30 marks]

(b) Simultaneously diagonalize the following quadratic forms

$$\phi_1 = 3x_1^2 + 6x_2^2 + 6x_3^2 + 8x_1x_2 + 8x_1x_3 + 10x_2x_3,$$

$$\phi_2 = 2x_1^2 + 11x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 + 12x_1x_2 + 4x_1x_3 + 14x_2x_3.$$

[70 marks]

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

[10 marks]

(a) Verify that the function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  defined by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

is an inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

[25 marks]

(b) State and prove the *Cauchy Schwarz* inequality.

[25 marks]

(c) State the *Gram Schmidt process*.

Find an orthonormal basis of the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  spanned by  $v_1 = (1, i, 0)$

and  $v_2 = (1, 2, 1 - i)$ .

[40 marks]

