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EXTMT 201 - VECTOR SPACES AND MATRICES

PROPER AND REPEAT

Answer all questions

Time: Three hours

1. (a) Define what is meant by

- (i) a vector space;
- (ii) a subspace of a vector space.

Let $V = \{P(x) = a_0x^2 + a_1x + a_2 : a_0, a_1, a_2, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ be a set of all polynomials of degree ≤ 2 . Prove that V is a vector space over \mathbb{R} with the following operations:

$$(P + Q)(x) = P(x) + Q(x);$$

$$(\alpha P)(x) = \alpha P(x), \text{ for all } P(x), Q(x) \in V \text{ and for all } \alpha, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Is it true that the set of all polynomials of degree 2 forms a vector space?

Justify your answer.

(b) Let W_1 and W_2 be two subspaces of a vector space V over a field F and let A_1 and A_2 be non-empty subsets of V . Prove with the usual notations that

$$(i) W_1 + W_2 = \langle W_1 \cup W_2 \rangle ;$$

$$(ii) \text{ if } \langle A_1 \rangle = W_1 \text{ and } \langle A_2 \rangle = W_2 \text{ then } \langle A_1 \cup A_2 \rangle = W_1 + W_2.$$

Q2. (a) Define the following:

- i. A linearly independent set of vectors;
- ii. A basis for a vector space;
- iii. Direct sum of two subspaces of a vector space.

(b) Let W_1, W_2 be two subspaces of a vector space V over the field F . Prove that V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 if and only if each vector $u \in V$ has unique representation $u = w_1 + w_2$, for some $w_1 \in W_1$ and $w_2 \in W_2$.

Let W_1 and W_2 be two subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 defined by

$$W_1 = \{(a, b, c) : a = b = c, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\} \text{ and } W_2 = \{(0, x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Show that $\mathbb{R}^3 = W_1 \oplus W_2$.

(c) i. Show that $S = \{1, x, x^2\}$ is a basis of the set of all polynomials of degree ≤ 2 .

ii. State Steinitz replacement theorem for a vector space.

Use this theorem to prove, for n -dimensional vector space V if $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} = V$, then $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for V .

Q3. (a) Define

(i) Range space $R(T)$;

(ii) Null space $N(T)$

of a linear transformation T from a vector space V into another vector space W .

Find $R(T)$, $N(T)$ of the linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, defined by

$$T(a+bx+cx^2) = (a-b, b-c), \text{ where } V = \{a_0x^2 + a_1x + a_2 : a_0, a_1, a_2, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Verify the equation $\dim V = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T))$ for this linear transformation.

(b) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x+2y, x+y+z, z), \text{ and let } B_1 = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$$



and $B_2 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)\}$ be bases for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Find

- (i) The matrix representation of T with respect to the basis B_1 ;
- (ii) The matrix representation of T with respect to the basis B_2 by using the transition matrix.

1. (a) Define the following terms:

- (i) Rank of a matrix;
- (ii) Echelon form of a matrix;
- (iii) Row reduced echelon form of a matrix.

(b) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Prove that

- (i) row rank of A is equal to column rank of A ;
- (ii) if B is an $m \times n$ matrix obtained by performing an elementary row operation on A , then $r(A) = r(B)$.

(c) Find the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 8 & -7 & -2 & -11 \\ 2 & 1 & -9 & -10 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) Find the row reduced echelon form of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 8 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 12 & 16 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q5. (a) Define the term non-singular matrix.

Let P, Q and R be square matrices of the same order, where P and R are non-singular. Let O be the zero matrix of the same order. Prove that

the inverse of the block matrix $\begin{pmatrix} P & O \\ \dots & \dots \\ Q & R \end{pmatrix}$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} P^{-1} & O \\ \dots & \dots \\ -R^{-1}QP^{-1} & R^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence find the inverse of the matrix

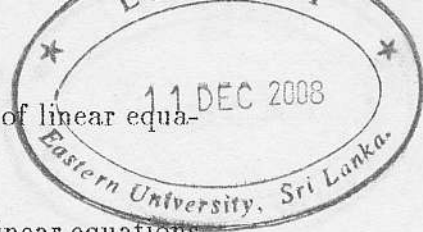
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, then use the mathematical induction to prove

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1+2n & -4n \\ n & 1-2n \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(c) Show that $\det A = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$ for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$$



- (a) State the necessary and sufficient condition for a system of linear equations to be consistent.

Reduce the augmented matrix of the following system of linear equations

$$\lambda x + y + z = 1$$

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to its row reduced echelon form and hence determine the values of λ such that the system has

- (i) a unique solution;
 - (ii) no solution;
 - (iii) more than one solution.
- (b) i. What is Cramer's rule?
- ii. Use Cramer's rule to solve the following system of linear equations.

$$2x_1 - 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 7$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 = 3$$

$$3x_1 - 4x_2 - 6x_3 = 5.$$