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MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS, MODELLING AND SIMULATION, FINANCIAL
RISK MANAGEMENT)

MSMAF01C02/MSMAT01C02 : Linear Algebra

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **4** marks.

1. Find the null space and nullity of the identity transformation on \mathbb{R}^2 .
2. Let T be a linear operator on \mathbb{R}^2 defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$. Find the matrix of T with respect to the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^2 .
3. Define similar matrices. Prove that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
4. Find a 3×3 matrix for which the minimal polynomial is x^2 .
5. Let T be a linear operator on \mathbb{R}^3 with matrix representation $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Prove that T has no cyclic vector.
6. Define orthogonal set. Let X be an inner product space. Prove that an orthonormal subset of nonzero vectors of X is linearly independent. **(5×4=20)**

PART – B

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **7** marks.

7. Let V and W be vector spaces over the field F and let T be a linear transformation from V into W . Suppose that V is finite dimensional. Prove that $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V$.
8. Prove that two finite dimensional vector spaces are isomorphic if and only if they have the same dimension.

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9. Let T be a linear operator on a finite dimensional space V and let c be a scalar. Prove that the following statements are equivalent :

- i) c is a characteristic value of T .
- ii) The operator $(T - cI)$ is singular.

iii) $\det (T - cI) = 0$.

10. Find the minimal polynomial for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

11. Define inner product. Verify that the standard inner product on F^n is an inner product. (3×7=21)

PART - C

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **13** marks.

12. Let V and W be finite dimensional vector spaces over F such that $\dim V = \dim W$. If T is a linear transformation from V into W , prove that the following conditions are equivalent.

- i) T is invertible.
- ii) T is nonsingular.
- iii) T is onto
- iv) If $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is a basis for V , then $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$ is a basis for W .
- v) There is some basis $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ for V , such that $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$ is a basis for W .

13. Let W be the subspace of R^5 spanned by $\alpha_1 = (2, -2, 3, 4, -1)$, $\alpha_2 = (0, 0, -1, -2, 3)$, $\alpha_3 = (-1, 1, 2, 5, 2)$, $\alpha_4 = (1, -1, 2, 3, 0)$. Find a basis of the annihilator of W .

14. a) Let g, f_1, \dots, f_r be linear functionals on a vector space V with respective null spaces N, N_1, \dots, N_r . Prove that g is a linear combination of f_1, \dots, f_r if and only if N contains the intersection $N_1 \cap \dots \cap N_r$.



b) Let A be the real 3×3 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find characteristic values

and corresponding characteristic vectors of A.

15. a) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space. Let W_1, \dots, W_k be subspace of V and let $W = W_1 + \dots + W_k$. Prove that the following statements are equivalent :

- i) W_1, \dots, W_k are independent.
- ii) For each $j, 2 \leq j \leq k$, we have $W_j \cap (W_1 + \dots + W_{j-1}) = \{0\}$.
- iii) If \mathcal{B}_i is an ordered basis for $W_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$, then the sequence $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_k)$ is an ordered basis for W.

b) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and let W_1 be any subspace of V. Prove that there is a subspace W_2 of V such that $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$.

16. State Gram Schmidt orthogonalization process and apply this process to the vectors $\beta_1 = (1, 0, 1), \beta_2 = (1, 0, -1)$ and $\beta_3 = (0, 3, 4)$ to obtain an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 with the standard inner product. **(3×13=39)**

