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FINAL EXAMINATION -2019/2020  
PURE MATHEMATICS  
PEU4302/PEE4302/PUU2142 – Linear Algebra  
DURATION: Two (02) Hours



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Answer FOUR questions only.

1. (a) Prove that a square matrix is invertible if and only if it is non-singular.

(b) Find the inverse of the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) (i) Find the values of  $x$  so that the rank of  $A \leq 2$ , where  $A$  is the matrix given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x-8 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3x-8 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3x-8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(ii) What is the rank of  $A$  for the above  $x$  values. Justify your answer.

2. (a) Find non-singular matrices  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $PAQ$  is normal, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 & -10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, find the rank of  $A$ .

(b) Show that the following matrix  $B$  satisfies the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c & -b \\ -c & 0 & a \\ b & -a & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Check whether  $B$  is invertible. Justify your answer.

(c) Use elementary transformations to reduce the following matrix  $C$  to the triangular form and hence find the rank of  $C$ .

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. (a) Solve the following system of homogeneous equations:

$$4x + 2y + z + 3w = 0$$

$$6x + 3y + 4z + 7w = 0$$

$$2x + y + w = 0.$$

(b) For what values of  $\eta$  the following system of equations will have

- (i) a unique solution,
- (ii) no solution,
- (iii) infinitely many solutions.

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$x + 2y + 4z = \eta$$

$$x + 4y + 10z = \eta^2$$

Solve the given system completely in each of the above case.

4. (a) Find the row reduced echelon form of the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Show that 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 \\ y & y^2 & y^3 \\ z & z^2 & z^3 \end{vmatrix} = xyz(x-y)(y-z)(z-x).$$

(c) Solve the following system of linear equations by LU-decomposition:

$$2x + 5y - z + t = 13$$

$$x - 2y + z + 2t = 5$$

$$3x + 3y - 2z - t = 8$$

$$-x - y + 2z - 2t = -11.$$

5. (a) Show that any square matrix  $A$  can be written as the sum of a symmetric matrix  $B$  and skew-symmetric matrix  $C$ .

(b) Transform the following quadratic form to a canonical form by an orthogonal transformation:

$$x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_3 + 6x_3x_1.$$

(c) Determine the nature, index and the signature of the above quadratic form.

6. (a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two square matrices of same order. If  $A$  and  $B$  are Hermitian, show that  $AB - BA$  is Skew-Hermitian.

(b) If  $N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1+2i \\ -1+2i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , show that  $(I - N)(I + N)^{-1}$  is a unitary matrix, where  $I$  is the identity matrix.

(c) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

