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 PUU 2142/PUE4142-Linear Algebra
 Pure Mathematics

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Time: 09.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Answer FOUR questions only.

1. (i) Show that $(A^{-1}BA)^2 = A^{-1}B^2A$. Generalize to $(A^{-1}BA)^n$.

(ii) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{pmatrix}$. Show that $|A| = (a+3b)(a-b)^3$.

- (iii) Find the inverse of the matrix B where

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (iv) Find non-singular matrices P and Q such that PAQ is of the normal form,

where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Hence find the rank of A .

2. (i) Define the consistent and inconsistent systems.

(ii) If there are n homogeneous linear equations in n unknowns, then prove that the system has only the trivial solution if the co-efficient matrix is non-singular.

(iii) Find the rank of the matrix A where

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

(iv) Solve the following systems of simultaneous linear equations;

(a) $x + y + z = 1$

$x - y + z = 3$

$x + z = k$

(b) $t + x + y + z = 1$

$t - x - y + z = 0$

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

3. (i) State the Cramer's Rule.

(ii) Use the Cramer's Rule (if applicable) to find the solutions of the following system of linear equations.

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

$3x - y + 2z + 4w = 19$

$2x + 3y - 4z + 3w = 6$

$5x + y + z - w = 3$

(iii) Use the Cayley Hamilton Theorem to compute A^{-1} , A^{-2} , A^3 and A^4 if

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

4. (i) Let A be a matrix having eigen values λ_i , where $i=1, 2, 3, \dots$. Prove that the matrix kA has eigen values $k\lambda_i$, where k is a constant.

(ii) Diagonalize each of the following matrices and find the relevant modal matrices.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(iii) Find A^4 for each of the above matrices.

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

(ii) Find the orthogonal transformation which transforms the quadratic form

$$3x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_1x_3 - 2x_1x_2 \text{ to its canonical form.}$$

6. Solve each of the following systems by LU-decomposition.

$$(i) \begin{aligned} 2x - 3y + z &= 1 \\ x + y - z &= 0 \\ x - 2y + z &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \begin{aligned} 2x + y + 5z + t &= 5 \\ x + y - 3z - 4t &= -1 \\ 3x + 6y - 2z + t &= 8 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z - 3t &= 2 \end{aligned}$$