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**MT 201 - VECTOR SPACES AND MATRICES**

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Answer all questions

Time: 3 hours

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1. (a) Explain what is meant by a vector space.
- (b) Let  $V = \{f/f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . For any  $f, g \in V$  and for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  define an addition  $\oplus$  and a scalar multiplication  $\odot$  as follows:

$$(f \oplus g)(x) = f(x).g(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$(\alpha \odot f)(x) = \{f(x)\}^\alpha \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Prove that  $(V, \oplus, \odot)$  is a vector space over the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (c) An attempt is made to turn the set  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  of pairs of integers into a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  by defining:

$$(u, v) + (u', v') = (u + u', v + v')$$

$$\alpha(u, v) = ([\alpha]u, [\alpha]v)$$

where  $[\alpha]$  is the integer part of  $\alpha$  and  $u, u', v, v' \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Is this a vector space?

Justify your answer.

2. (a) Define the followings:

- i. a linear independent set of vectors;
- ii. a basis for a vector space;
- iii. direct sum of two subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of a vector space  $V$ .

(b) Let  $S, W$  be two subspaces of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Prove that;  $V$  is a direct sum of  $S$  and  $W$  **iff** each vector  $v \in V$  has a unique representation  $v = s + w$  for some  $s \in S, w \in W$ .

Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$U = \{(a, b, c) / a = b = c, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\} \text{ and } W = \{(0, p, q) / p, q \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Show that;  $\mathbb{R}^3 = U \oplus W$ .

(c) i. Let  $S$  be any non-empty linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ . What is meant by saying that " $S$  spans  $V$ ".

Prove that; for any  $v \in V$  the set  $S \cup \{v\}$  is linearly independent **iff**  $v \notin \langle S \rangle$ .

ii. Prove that; any linearly independent subset of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  can be extended to a basis of  $V$ .

3. (a) State and prove the Dimension theorem for two subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space.

(b) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that; the quotient space  $V/W$  is also finite dimensional and  $\dim(V/W) = \dim V - \dim W$ .

(c) If  $W_1 = \langle \{(1, 0, 2), (1, 2, 2)\} \rangle$  and  $W_2 = \langle \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\} \rangle$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find

i.  $\dim(W_1 + W_2)$ ;

ii.  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$ ;

and verify that

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2).$$

4. (a) Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from a vector space  $V$  into another vector space  $W$ . Define

- i. range space  $R(T)$  and
- ii. null space  $N(T)$ .

(b) Find  $R(T), N(T)$  of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y - z, y + z, x + y - 2z)$ ,  $\forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Verify the equation

$$\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T))$$

(c) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(x, y) = (x + 2y, 2x - y, -x).$$

- i. Find the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- ii. Let  $B_1 = \{(0, 1), (1, 1)\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $B_2 = \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ .

5. Define the term "non-singular" matrix.

Let  $J$  be the  $n \times n$  real matrix with every entry equal to 1, so that  $J^2 = nJ$ , and let  $A = \alpha I_n + \beta J$ , where  $\alpha, \beta$  are real numbers.

(a) Show that  $\det A = \alpha^{n-1}(\alpha + n\beta)$ .

(b) If  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\alpha \neq -n\beta$ , prove that  $A$  is non-singular by finding an inverse for it of the form  $\frac{1}{\alpha}(I_n + \gamma J)$ .

Determine the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 7 & 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 & 7 & 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 7 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

Find the condition which must be satisfied by  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$  in order that the equations

$$x_1 - x_3 + 3x_4 + x_5 = y_1$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 - 2x_4 - x_5 = y_2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 4x_5 = y_3$$

$$x_2 + x_3 + 5x_4 + 6x_5 = y_4$$

shall have a solution  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$ . Find all the solutions for

$$y_1 = -3, y_2 = 5, y_3 = 6, y_4 = -2.$$

- (b) State and prove Cramer's rule for  $3 \times 3$  matrix and use it to solve;

$$2x - 5y + 2z = 7$$

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

$$3x - 4y - 6z = 5.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 5 & -4 & -6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$