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(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)  
B.Sc. HONOURS IN MATHEMATICS  
GMAH5B22T - LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION A: Answer all the questions. Each carries 1 mark.

1. Which of the following is not a solution of the linear system

$$2x - 4y - z = 1$$

$$x - 3y + z = 1$$

$$3x - 5y - 3z = 1$$

- A) (3, 1, 1)      B) (17, 7, 5)      C) (3, -1, 1)      D)  $(\frac{13}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, 2)$

2. Which of the following linear system has infinitely many solutions.

A)  $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 3 \\ 4x - 6y = 5 \end{cases}$       B)  $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 3 \\ 4x - 6y = 6 \end{cases}$       C)  $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 3 \\ x - 2y = 3 \end{cases}$       D)  $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 0 \\ 4x - 6y = 1 \end{cases}$

3. Which of the following is a linearly independent subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- A)  $\{(-1, -2), (-3, -6)\}$       B)  $\{(2, 0), (0, 2)\}$   
C)  $\{(2, 1), (4, 2)\}$       D)  $\{(-1, 1), (-3, 3)\}$

4. Let  $A = \{(0, 2), (1, 0)\}$  and  $B = \{(0, 1), (2, 0)\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then which of the following is true?

- A) Both  $A$  and  $B$  are linearly independent.      B) Both  $A$  and  $B$  are linearly dependent.  
C)  $A$  is linearly independent and  $B$  is linearly dependent.      D)  $A$  is linearly dependent and  $B$  is linearly independent.

5. Which of the following is the maximum possible rank of a  $3 \times 4$  matrix.

- A) 3                      B) 4                      C) 7                      D) 12

6. The augmented matrix for the linear system

$$2x - y + z = -1$$

$$x + y + z = 7$$

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

is .....

7. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $\det A = \dots\dots$

8. The coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{v} = (1, -2, 3, 4)$  relative to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is .....

9. If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix then the rank of  $A$  is at most .....

10. The eigenvalues of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are .....

( 10 x 1 = 10 marks )

**SECTION B: Answer any 8 questions. Each carries 2 marks.**

11. Solve

$$x + 3y = 4$$

$$2x + y = 3$$

$$3x + 4y = 7$$

12. Determine whether  $(5, 8, 7)$  is a solution of the linear system

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

$$3x - y + z = 1$$

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

13. Use Gauss Jordan elimination to solve:

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y &= 4 \\2x - y &= 1\end{aligned}$$

14. Give an example of a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

15. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = -5$ , then find  $\begin{vmatrix} d & e & f \\ g & h & i \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix}$ .

16. Write a linear combination of the vectors  $(1, 0, 3)$  and  $(2, 0, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

17. Show that the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$  form a linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

18. Find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

19. Define rank of a matrix.

20. Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

( 8 x 2 = 16 marks )

**SECTION C: Answer any 6 questions. Each carries 4 marks.**

21. Reduce the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

to reduced row echelon form.

22. Find all the values of  $k$  for which the augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & k \\ -6 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

corresponds to a consistent linear system.

23. Find the standard matrix corresponding to the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (8x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2)$ . (PTO)

24. Calculate the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
25. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (0, 1, 1), \mathbf{u}_2 = (2, 1, 1), \mathbf{u}_3 = (2, 2, 0)$ . Prove that the set  $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is a linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
26. Show that the column space of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
27. Find the rank of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .
28. Prove that a square matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ .

( 6 x 4 = 24 marks )

**SECTION D: Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 15 marks.**

29. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (3, 1 - 4), \mathbf{v}_2 = (2, 5, 6), \mathbf{v}_3 = (1, 4, 8)$  and  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ . Prove that  $S$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the coordinate vector of  $\mathbf{v} = (6, 10, 10)$  relative to the basis  $S$ .
30. Use Cramer's Rule to solve

$$\begin{aligned} x - 4y + z &= 6 \\ 4x - y + 2z &= -1 \\ 2x + 2y - 3z &= -20 \end{aligned}$$

31. Find the characteristic polynomial, eigenvalues, and bases for eigenspaces of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

( 2 x 15 = 30 marks )