

Linear Algebra

Previous year Questions from 2025 to 1992

2025

1. Can the set $\{(0, 0, 0, 3), (1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 1, -1, 0)\}$ be extended to form a basis of the vector space R^4 ? Justify your answer. [10 Marks]
2. Find the range, rank, kernel and nullity of the linear transformation $T : R^4 \rightarrow R^3$ given by $T(x, y, z, w) = (x - w, y + z, z - w)$. [10 Marks]
3. Let $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^2$ be a linear transformation such that $T(1, 1, -1) = (1, 0)$, $T(4, 1, 1) = (0, 1)$ and $T(1, -1, 2) = (1, 1)$. Find T . [15 Marks]
4. Reduce the following matrix to echelon form :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -7 & 10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

[15 Marks]

5. Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

[12 Marks]

6. Let P_n denote the vector space of all polynomials of degree $\leq n$ over R . Verify that $\dim(P_4/P_2) = \dim P_4 - \dim P_2$. [8 Marks]

2024

7. Let H be a subspace of R^4 spanned by the vectors $v_1 = (1, -2, 5, -3)$, $v_2 = (2, 3, 1, -4)$, $v_3 = (3, 8, -3, -5)$. Then find a basis and dimension of H , and extend the basis of H to a basis of R^4 . [10 Marks]
8. Let $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ be a linear operator and $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ be a basis of R^3 over R . Suppose that $Tv_1 = (1, 1, 0)$, $Tv_2 = (1, 0, -1)$, $Tv_3 = (2, 1, -1)$. Find a basis for the range space and null space of T . [10 Marks]
9. Consider the linear operator T on R^3 over R defined by $T(x, y, z) = (2x, 4x - y, 2x + 3y - z)$. Is T invertible? If yes, justify your answer and find T^{-1} . [15 Marks]
10. Let $V = M_{2 \times 2}(R)$ denote a vector space over the field of real numbers. Find the matrix of the linear mapping $\phi : V \rightarrow V$ given by $\phi(v) = Av$ with respect to the standard basis of $M_{2 \times 2}(R)$, where

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

Hence find rank ϕ . Is ϕ invertible? Justify your answer.

[15 Marks]

11. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

be a 3×3 matrix. Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of A . Hence find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of A^{-15} , where $A^{-15} = (A^{-1})^{15}$.

[20 Marks]

2023

12. Let $V_1 = (2, -1, 3, 2)$, $V_2 = (-1, 1, 1, -3)$ and $V_3 = (1, 1, 9, -5)$ be three vectors of the space R^4 . Does $(3, -1, 0, -1) \in \text{span}\{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$? Justify your answer. [10 Marks]

13. Find the rank and nullity of the linear transformation $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ given by $T(x, y, z) = (x + z, x + y + 2z, 2x + y + 3z)$. [10 Marks]

14. If the matrix of a linear transformation $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ relative to the basis $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$ is

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

then find the matrix of T relative to the basis $\{(1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)\}$. [15 Marks]

15. Let

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

(i) Verify the Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix A . (ii) Show that $A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I$ for $n \geq 3$, where I is the identity matrix of order 3. Hence find A^{40} . [10 + 10 Marks]

16. Find the rank of the matrix

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

by reducing it to row-reduced echelon form. [15 Marks]

2022

17. Prove that any set of n linearly independent vectors in a vector space V of dimension n constitutes a basis for V . [10 Marks]

18. Let $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^3$ be a linear transformation such that $T(1, 0) = (1, 2, 3)$ and $T(1, 1) = (-3, 2, 8)$. Find $T(2, 4)$. [10 Marks]

19. Find all solutions to the following system of equations by row-reduced method :

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 2, \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 &= 5, \\ -x_1 - 3x_2 + 8x_3 &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

[15 Marks]

20. Let the set

$$P = \{(x, y, z)^T : x - y - z = 0 \text{ and } 2x - y + z = 0\}$$

be the collection of vectors of a vector space R^3 . Then (i) prove that P is a subspace of R^3 , (ii) find a basis and dimension of P . [10 + 10 Marks]

21. Find a linear map $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ which rotates each vector of R^2 by an angle θ . Also, prove that for $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, T has no eigenvalue in R . [15 Marks]

2021

22. If

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

then show that $A^2 = A^{-1}$ without finding A^{-1} .

[10 Marks]

23. Find the matrix associated with the linear operator on $V_3(R)$ defined by $T(a, b, c) = (a + b, a - b, 2c)$ with respect to the ordered basis $B = \{(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$.

[10 Marks]

24. Show that $S = \{(x, 2y, 3z) : x, y, z \text{ are real numbers}\}$ is a subspace of R^3 . Find two bases of S . Also find the dimension of S .

[15 Marks]

25. Prove that the eigenvectors corresponding to two distinct eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix are orthogonal.

[8 Marks]

26. For two square matrices A and B of order 2, show that $\text{trace}(AB) = \text{trace}(BA)$. Hence show that $AB - BA \neq I_2$, where I_2 is the identity matrix of order 2.

[7 Marks]

27. Reduce the following matrix to a row-reduced echelon form and hence also find its rank :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & 10 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

[10 Marks]

28. Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

over the complex-number field.

[10 Marks]

2020

29. Consider the set V of all $n \times n$ real magic squares. Show that V is a vector space over R . Give examples of two distinct 2×2 magic squares.

[10 Marks]

30. Let $T : M_2(R)$ be the vector space of all 2×2 real matrices. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Suppose $T : M_2(R) \rightarrow M_2(R)$ is a linear transformation defined by $T(A) = BA$.

Find the rank and nullity of T . Find a matrix A which maps to the null matrix.

[10 Marks]

31. Define an $n \times n$ matrix as $A = I - 2u.u^T$, where u is a unit column vector

(i) Examine if A is symmetric.

(ii) Examine if A is orthogonal.

(iii) Show that $\text{trace}(A) = n - 2$.

(iv) Find $A_{3 \times 3}$ when $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

[20 Marks]

32. Let F be a subfield of complex numbers and T a function from $F^3 \rightarrow F^3$ defined by $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3, 2x_1 - x_2, -3x_1 + x_2 - x_3)$. What are the conditions on a, b, c such that (a, b, c) be in the null space of T ? find the nullity of T . [15 Marks]

33. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- (i) Find AB
(ii) Find $\det(A)$ and $\det(B)$
(iii) Solve the following system of linear equations:
 $x + 2z = 3 \quad 2x - y + 3z = 3 \quad 4x + y + 8z = 14$

[15 Marks]

2019

34. Let $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ be a linear map such that $T(2, 1) = (5, 7)$ and $T(1, 2) = (3, 3)$ If A is the matrix corresponding to T with respect to the standard bases e_1, e_2 , then find rank [10 Marks]

35. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ then show that $AB = 6I_3$. Use this result to solve the following

system of equations. $2x + y + z = 5, x - y = 0, 2x + y - z = 1$ [10 Marks]

36. Let A and B be two orthogonal matrices of same order and $\det A + \det B = 0$ Show that $A + B$ is a singular matrix. [15 Marks]

37. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -8 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- (i) Find the rank of matrix A

(ii) Find the dimension of the subspace $V = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in R^4 \mid A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \right\}$ [15+5=20 Marks]

38. State the Cayley-Hamilton theorem. Use this theorem to find A^{100} where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ [15 Marks]

2018

39. Let A be a 3×2 matrix and B a 2×3 matrix. Show that $C = A.B$ is a singular matrix. [10 Marks]
- 40.
41. Express basis vectors $e_1 = (1, 0)$ and $e_2 = (0, 1)$ as linear combinations of $\alpha_1 = (2, -1)$ and $\alpha_2 = (1, 3)$. [10 Marks]
42. Show that if A and B are similar $n \times n$ matrices, then they have the same Eigen values. [12 Marks]
43. For the system of linear equations $x + 3y - 2z = -1$, $5y + 3z = -8$, $x - 2y - 5z = 7$ determine which of the following statements are true and which are false:
- (i) The system has no solution.
- (ii) The system has a unique solution.
- (iii) The system has infinitely many solutions. [13 Marks]

2017

44. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a non-singular matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal matrix. [10 Marks]
45. Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial. [10 Marks]
46. Suppose U and W are distinct four dimensional subspaces of a vector space V , where $\dim V = 6$. Find the possible dimensions of subspace $U \cap W$ [10 Marks]
47. Consider the matrix mapping $A: R^4 \rightarrow R^3$, where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 8 & 13 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a basis and dimension of the image of A and those of the kernel A . [15 Marks]
48. Prove that distinct non-zero eigenvectors of a matrix are linearly independent. [10 Marks]
49. Consider the following system of equation in x, y, z $x + 2y + 2z = 1$, $x + ay + 3z = 3$, $x + 11y + az = b$
- (i) For which values of a does the system have a unique?
- (ii) For which of values (a, b) does the system have more than one solution? [15 Marks]

2016

50. (i) Using elementary row operations, find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ [6 Marks]
- (ii) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ then find $A^{14} + 3A - 2I$. [4 Marks]

51. (i) Using elementary row operation find the condition that the linear equations have a solution
- $$\begin{aligned}x - 2y + z &= a \\ 2x + 7y - 3z &= b \\ 3x + 5y - 2z &= c\end{aligned}$$
- [7 Marks]**
- (ii) If $W_1 = \{(x, y, z) | x + y - z = 0\}$, $W_2 = \{(x, y, z) | 3x + y - 2z = 0\}$, $W_3 = \{(x, y, z) | x - 7y + 3z = 0\}$ then find $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2 \cap W_3)$ and $\dim(W_1 + W_2)$ **[3 Marks]**
52. (i) If $M_2(R)$ is space of real matrices of order 2×2 and $P_2(x)$ is the space of real polynomials of degree at most 2, then find the matrix representation of $T : M_2(R) \rightarrow P_2(x)$ such that
- $$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = a + b + c + (a - d)x + (b + c)x^2,$$
- with respect to the standard bases of $M_2(R)$ and $P_2(x)$ further find null space of T **[10 Marks]**
- (ii) If $T : P_2(x) \rightarrow P_3(x)$ is such that $T(f(x)) = f(x) + 5 \int_0^x f(t) dt$, then choosing $\{1, 1+x, 1-x^2\}$ and $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ as bases of $P_2(x)$ and $P_3(x)$ respectively find the matrix of T. **[6 marks]**
53. (i) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then find the Eigen values and Eigenvectors of A. **[6 Marks]**
- (ii) Prove that Eigen values of a Hermitian matrix are all real. **[8 Marks]**
54. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is the matrix representation of a linear transformation $T : P_2(x) \rightarrow P_2(x)$ with respect to the bases $\{1-x, x(1-x), x(1+x)\}$ and $\{1, 1+x, 1+x^2\}$ then find T. **[18 Marks]**

2015

55. The vectors $V_1 = (1, 1, 2, 4)$, $V_2 = (2, -1, -5, 2)$, $V_3 = (1, -1, -4, 0)$ and $V_4 = (2, 1, 1, 6)$ are linearly independent. Is it true? Justify your answer. **[10 Marks]**
56. Reduce the following matrix to row echelon form and hence find its rank:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 & 7 \\ 8 & 1 & 14 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

[10 Marks]

57. If matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ then find A^{30} [12 Marks]

58. Find the Eigen values and Eigen vectors of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ [12 Marks]

59. Let $V = R^3$ and $T \in A(V)$, for all $a_i \in A(V)$, be defined by $T(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (2a_1 + 5a_2 + a_3, -3a_1 + a_2 - a_3, a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3)$. What is the matrix T relative to the basis $V_1 = (1, 0, 1), V_2 = (-1, 2, 1), V_3 = (3, -1, 1)$? [12 Marks]

60. Find the dimension of the subspace of R^4 , spanned by the set $\{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0, 1), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$. Hence find its basis. [12 Marks]

2014.

61. Find one vector in R^3 which generates the intersection of V and W , where V is the xy -plane and W , is the space generated by the vectors $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(1, -1, 1)$ [10 Marks]

62. Using elementary row or column operations, find the rank of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ [10 Marks]

63. Let V and W be the following subspaces of R^4 : $V = \{(a, b, c, d) : b - 2c + d = 0\}$ and $W = \{(a, b, c, d) : a = d, b = 2c\}$. Find a basis and the dimension of (i) V (ii) W (iii) $V \cap W$ [15 Marks]

64. Investigate the values of λ and μ so that the equations $x + y + z = 6$, $x + 2y + 3z = 10$, $x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu$ have (i) no solution (ii) unique solution, (iii) an infinite number of solutions. [10 Marks]

65. Verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and hence find its inverse. Also, find the matrix represented by $A^5 - 4A^4 - 7A^3 + 11A^2 - A - 10I$ [10 Marks]

66. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the Eigen values of A and the corresponding Eigen vectors. [8 Marks]

67. Prove that Eigen values of a unitary matrix have absolute value 1. [7 Marks]

2013

68. Find the inverse of the matrix: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ by using elementary row operations. Hence solve the system of linear equations $x + 3y + z = 10$ $2x - y + 7z = 12$ $3x + 2y - z = 4$ [10 Marks]
69. Let A be a square matrix and A^* be its adjoint, show that the Eigen values of matrices AA^* and A^*A are real. Further show that $\text{trace}(AA^*) = \text{trace}(A^*A)$ [10 Marks]
70. Let P_n denote the vector space of all real polynomials of degree at most n and $T: P_2 \rightarrow P_3$ be linear transformation given by $T(f(x)) = \int_0^x p(t) dt$, $p(x) \in P_2$. Find the matrix of T with respect to the bases $\{1, x, x^2\}$ and $\{1, x, 1+x^2, 1+x^3\}$ of P_2 and P_3 respectively. Also find the null space of T [10 Marks]
71. Let V be an n -dimensional vector space and $T: V \rightarrow V$ be an invertible linear operator. If $\beta = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ is a basis of V , show that $\beta' = \{TX_1, TX_2, \dots, TX_n\}$ is also a basis of V [8 Marks]
72. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix}$ where $\omega (\neq 1)$ is a cube root of unity. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ denote the Eigen values of A^2 , show that $|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_2| + |\lambda_3| \leq 9$ [8 Marks]
73. Find the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 12 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & 12 & 17 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & 17 & 23 \\ 8 & 12 & 17 & 23 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$ [8 Marks]
74. Let A be a Hermitian matrix having all distinct Eigen values $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$. If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are corresponding Eigen vectors then show that the $n \times n$ matrix C whose k^{th} column consists of the vector X_n is non-singular. [8 Marks]
75. Show that the vectors $X_1 = (1, 1+i, i)$, $X_2 = (i, -i, 1-i)$ and $X_3 = (0, 1-2i, 2-i)$ in C^3 are linearly independent over the field of real numbers but are linearly dependent over the field of complex numbers. [8 Marks]

2012

76. Prove or disprove the following statement: If $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^5 and V is a two-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 , then V has a basis made of two members of B . [12 Marks]
77. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by $T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (\alpha + 2\beta - 3\gamma, 2\alpha + 5\beta - 4\gamma, \alpha + 4\beta + \gamma)$. Find a basis and the dimension of the image of T and the kernel of T [12 Marks]
78. Let V be the vector space of all 2×2 matrices over the field of real numbers. Let W be the set consisting of all matrices with zero determinant. Is W a subspace of V ? Justify your answer? [8 Marks]
79. Find the dimension and a basis for the space W of all solutions of the following homogeneous system using matrix notation: $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_4 + 4x_5 = 0$ $2x_1 + 4x_2 + 8x_3 + x_4 + 9x_5 = 0$ $3x_1 + 6x_2 + 13x_3 + 4x_4 + 14x_5 = 0$ [12 Marks]

80. (i) Consider the linear mapping $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $f(x, y) = (3x + 4y, 2x - 5y)$. Find the matrix A relative to the basis $(1, 0), (0, 1)$ and the matrix B relative to the basis $(1, 2), (2, 3)$ [12 Marks]
- (ii) If λ is a characteristic root of a non-singular matrix A , then prove that $\frac{|A|}{\lambda}$ is a characteristic root of $\text{Adj } A$ [8 Marks]
81. Let $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i & 2+i \\ -i & 2 & 1-i \\ 2-i & 1+i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ be a Hermitian matrix. Find a non-singular matrix P such that $D = P^T H \bar{P}$ is diagonal. [20 Marks]

2011.

82. Let A be a non-singular $n \times n$, square matrix. Show that $A \cdot (\text{adj} A) = |A| \cdot I_n$. Hence show that $|\text{adj}(\text{adj} A)| = |A|^{(n-1)^2}$ [10 Marks]
83. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$, $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ Solve the system of equations given by $AX = B$ Using the above, also solve the system of equations $A^T X = B$ where A^T denotes the transpose of matrix A . [10 Marks]
84. Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be the Eigen values of a $n \times n$ square matrix A with corresponding Eigen vectors X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n . If B is a matrix similar to A show that the Eigen values of B is same as that of A . Also find the relation between the Eigen vectors of B and Eigen vectors of A . [10 Marks]
85. Show that the subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by two sets of vectors $\{(1, 1, -1), (1, 0, 1)\}$ and $\{(1, 2, -3), (5, 2, 1)\}$ are identical. Also find the dimension of this subspace. (10Marks)
86. Find the nullity and a basis of the null space of the linear transformation $A: \mathbb{R}^{(4)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(4)}$ given by the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. [10 Marks]
87. Show that the vectors $(1, 1, 1), (2, 1, 2)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$ are linearly independent in $\mathbb{R}^{(3)}$. Let $\mathbb{R}^{(3)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(3)}$ be a linear transformation defined by $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + 3z, x + 2y + 5z, 2x + 4y + 6z)$ Show that the images of above vectors under are linearly dependent. Given the reason for the same.
- (ii) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and C be a non-singular matrix of order 3×3 . Find the Eigen values of the matrix B^3 where $B = C^{-1} A C$. [10 Marks]

2010

88. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_3$ are the Eigen values of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 26 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 21 & 4 \\ 44 & 2 & 28 \end{bmatrix}$ show that $\sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2} \leq \sqrt{1949}$ [12 Marks]
89. What is the null space of the differentiation transformation $\frac{d}{dx}: P_n \rightarrow P_n$ where P_n is the space of all polynomials of degree $\leq n$ over the real numbers? What is the null space of the second derivative as a transformation of? What is the null space of the k th derivative P_n ? [12 Marks]
90. Let $M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ Find the unique linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ so that M is the matrix of T with respect to the basis $\beta = \{v_1 = (1, 0, 0), v_2 = (1, 1, 0), v_3 = (1, 1, 1)\}$ of \mathbb{R}^3 and $\beta' = \{w_1 = (1, 0), w_2 = (1, 1)\}$ of \mathbb{R}^2 . Also find $T(x, y, z)$. [20 Marks]
91. Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices over reals. Show that BA is invertible if $I - AB$ is invertible. Deduce that AB and BA have the same Eigen values. [20 Marks]
92. (i) In the space \mathbb{R}^n determine whether or not the $\{e_1 - e_2, e_2 - e_3, \dots, e_{n-1} - e_n, e_n - e_1\}$ set is linearly independent.
(ii) Let T be a linear transformation from a vector V space over reals into V such that $T - T^2 = I$. Show that T is invertible. [20 Marks]

2009

93. Find a Hermitian and skew-Hermitian matrix each whose sum is the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2i & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2+3i & 2 \\ -i+1 & 4 & 5i \end{bmatrix}$ [12 Marks]
94. Prove that the set V of the vectors (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) in which \mathbb{R}^4 satisfy the equation $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$ and $2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0$, is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 . What is dimension of this subspace? Find one of its bases. [12 Marks]
95. Let $\beta = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$ and $\beta' = \{(2, 1), (1, 2, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\}$ be the two ordered bases of \mathbb{R}^3 . Then find a matrix representing the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ which transforms β into β' . Use this matrix representation to find $T(x)$, where $x = (2, 3, 1)$. [20 Marks]
96. Find a 2×2 real matrix A which is both orthogonal and skew-symmetric. Can there exist a 3×3 real matrix which is both orthogonal and skew-symmetric? Justify your answer. [20 Marks]
97. Let $L: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear transformation defined by $L = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$
 $= (x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1)$. Then find the rank and nullity of L. Also, determine null space and range space of L. [20 Marks]
98. Prove that the set V of all 3×3 real symmetric matrices form a linear subspace of the space of all 3×3 real matrices. What is the dimension of this subspace? Find at least one basis for V. [20 Marks]

2008

99. Show that the matrix A is invertible if and only if the $\text{adj}(A)$ is invertible. Hence find $|\text{adj}(A)|$ [12 Marks]
100. Let S be a non-empty set and let V denote the set of all functions from S into R . Show that V is vector space with respect to the vector addition $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ and scalar multiplication $(cf)(x) = cf(x)$ [12 Marks]
101. Show that $B = \{(1,0,0), (1,1,0), (1,1,1)\}$ is a basis of R^3 . Let $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ be a linear transformation such that $T(1,0,0) = (1,0,0)$, $T(1,1,0) = (1,1,1)$ and $T(1,1,1) = (1,1,0)$. Find $T(x, y, z)$ [15 Marks]
102. Let A be a non-singular matrix. Show that if $I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^n = 0$ then $A^{-1} = A^n$. [15 Marks]
103. Find the dimension of the subspace of R^4 spanned by the set $\{(1,0,0,0), (0,1,0,0), (1,2,0,1), (0,0,0,1)\}$. Hence find a basis for the subspace. [15 Marks]

2007

104. Let S be the vector space of all polynomials, $p(x)$ with real coefficients, of degree less than or equal to two considered over the real field R such that $p(0)$ and $p(1) = 0$. Determine a basis for S and hence its dimension. [12 Marks]
105. Let T be the linear transformation from R^3 to R^4 define by $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2x_1 + x_2 + x_3, x_1, x_2, x_1 + x_3, 3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3)$ for each $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in R^3$. Determine a basis for the Null space of T . What is the dimension of the Range space of T ? [12 Marks]
106. Let W be the set of all 3×3 symmetric matrices over R . Does it form a subspace of the vector space of the 3×3 matrices over R ? In case it does, construct a basis for this space and determine its dimension. [15 Marks]
107. Consider the vector space $X := \{p(x)\}$ is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to 3 with real coefficients. Over the real field R define the map $D: X \rightarrow X$ by $(Dp)(x) := P_1 + 2P_2x + 3P_3x^2$ where $p(x) := P_0 + P_1x + P_2x^2 + P_3x^3$ is D a linear transformation on X ? If it is then construct the matrix representation for D with respect to the order basis $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ for X . [15 Marks]
108. Reduce the quadratic form $q(x, y, z) := x^2 + 2y^2 - 4xz - 4yz + 7z^2$ to canonical form. Is it positive definite? [15 Marks]

2006

109. Let V be the vector space of all 2×2 matrices over the field F . Prove that V has dimension 4 by exhibiting a basis for V . [12 Marks]
110. State Cayley-Hamilton theorem and using it, find the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. [12 Marks]
111. If $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ is defined by $T(x, y) = (2x - 3y, x + y)$ compute the matrix of T relative to the basis $\beta\{(1,2), (2,3)\}$ [15 Marks]

112. Using elementary row operations, find the rank of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. [15 Marks]
113. Investigate for what values of μ the equations
 $x + y + z = 6$
 $x + 2y + 3z = 10$
 $x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu$
 Have-
 (i) no solution;
 (ii) a unique solution;
 (iii) infinitely many solutions [15 Marks]
114. Find the quadratic form $q(x, y)$ corresponding to the symmetric matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ Is this quadratic form positive definite? Justify your answer. [15 Marks]

2005

115. Find the values of k for which the vectors $(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 3, -2, k), (2, 2k - 2, -k - 2, 3k - 1)$ and $(3, k + 2, -3, 2k + 1)$ are linearly independent in R^4 . [12 Marks]
116. Let V be the vector space of polynomials in x of degree $\leq n$ over R . Prove that the set $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$ is a basis for the set of all polynomials in x . [12 Marks]
117. Let T be a linear transformation on R^3 whose matrix relative to the standard basis of R^3 is $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ Find the matrix of T relative to the basis $\beta = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$. [15 Marks]
118. Find the inverse of the matrix given below using elementary row operations only:
 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ [15 Marks]
119. If S is a skew-Hermitian matrix, then show that $I + S$ is a unitary matrix. Also show that $A = (I + S)(I - S)^{-1}$ every unitary matrix can be expressed in the above form provided -1 is not an Eigen value of A . [15 Marks]
120. Reduce the quadratic form $6x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 4x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 + 4x_3x_1$ to the sum of squares. Also find the corresponding linear transformation, index and signature. [15 Marks]
121. Let S be space generated by the vectors $\{(0, 2, 6), (3, 1, 6), (4, -2, -2)\}$ what is the dimension of the space S ? Find a basis for S . [12 Marks]

2004

122. Show that $f : R^3 \rightarrow IR$ is a linear transformation, where $f(x, y, z) = 3x + y - z$ what is the dimension of the Kernel? Find a basis for the Kernel.
123. Show that the linear transformation from IR^3 to IR^4 which is represented by the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is one-to-one. Find a basis for its image. [12 Marks]
124. Verify whether the following system of equation is consistent
 $x + 3z = 5$
 $-2x + 5y - z = 0$
 $-x + 4y + z = 4$ [15 Marks]
125. Find the characteristic polynomial of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ Hence find A^{-1} and A^6 (15Marks)
126. Define a positive definite quadratic form. Reduce the quadratic form to canonical form. Is this quadratic form positive definite? [15 Marks]

2003

127. Let S be any non-empty subset of a vector space V over the field F . Show that the set $\{a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in S, n \in N\}$ is the subspace generated by S . [12 Marks]
128. If $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ then find the matrix represented by $2A^{10} - 10A^9 + 14A^8 - 6A^7 - 3A^6 + 15A^5 - 21A^4 + 9A^3 + A - 1$. [12 Marks]
129. Prove that the Eigen vectors corresponding to distinct Eigen values of a square matrix are linearly independent. [15 Marks]
130. If H is a Hermitian matrix, then show that $A = (H + iI)^{-1}(H - iI)$ is a unitary matrix. Also, so that every unitary matrix can be expressed in this form, provided 1 is not an Eigen value of A . [15 Marks]
131. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ then find a diagonal matrix D and a matrix B such that $A = BDB'$ where B' denotes the transpose of B . [15 Marks]
132. Reduce the quadratic form given below to canonical form and find its rank and signature $x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 + u^2 - 12yz + 6zx - 4xy - 2xu - 6zu$. [15 Marks]

2002

133. Show that the mapping $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ where $T(a, b, c) = (a - b, b - c, a + c)$ is linear and non-singular [12 Marks]
134. A square matrix A is non-singular if and only if the constant term in its characteristic polynomial is different from zero. [12 Marks]
135. Let $R^5 \rightarrow R^5$ be a linear mapping given by $T(a, b, c, d, e) = (b - d, +e, b, 2d + e, b + e)$ Obtain based for its null space and range space. [15 Marks]

136. Let A be a real 3×3 symmetric matrix with Eigen values 0, 0 and 5. If the corresponding Eigen-vectors are $(2, 0, 1)$, $(2, 1, 1)$ and $(1, 0, -2)$ then find the matrix A.

[15 Marks]

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_3 + 4x_4 = -1$$

137. Solve the following system of linear equations $-x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 - 5x_4 - 2x_5 = 0$

[15 Marks]

$$2x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 + 3x_4 - 4x_5 = 17,$$

138. Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to find the inverse of the following matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

[15 Marks]

2001

139. Show that the vectors $(1, 0, -1)$, $(0, -3, 2)$ and $(1, 2, 1)$ form a basis for the vector space $R^3(R)$

[12 Marks]

140. If λ is a characteristic root of a non-singular matrix A then prove that $\frac{|A|}{\lambda}$ is a characteristic root of

$Adj.A$

[12 Marks]

141. If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ show that for every integer $n \geq 3$, $A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I$. Hence determine A^{50} .

[15 Marks]

142. When is a square matrix A said to be congruent to a square matrix B? Prove that every matrix congruent to skew-symmetric matrix is skew symmetric.

[15 Marks]

143. Determine an orthogonal matrix P such that is a diagonal matrix, where $= \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -8 & -1 \\ -4 & -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$

[15 Marks]

144. Show that the real quadratic form $\phi = n(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2) - (x_1x_2 + \dots + x_n)^2$ in n variables is positive semi-definite.

[15 Marks]

2000

145. Let V be a vector space over R and $T = \{(x, y) | x, y, \in v\}$. Let. Define addition in component wise and scalar multiplication by complex number $\alpha + i\beta$ by $(\alpha + i\beta)(x, y) = (\alpha x + \beta y, \beta y + \alpha y) \forall \alpha, \beta \in R$

Show that T is a vector space over C.

[12 Marks]

146. Show that if λ is a characteristic root of a non-singular matrix A then λ^{-1} is a characteristic root of A^{-1}

[15 Marks]

147. Prove that a real symmetric matrix A is positive definite if and only if $A = BB'$ if for some non-singular

matrix. B Show also that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 7 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$ is positive definite and find the matrix B such that $A = BB'$

Here stands for the transpose of.

[15 Marks]

148. Prove that a system $AX = B$ if non-homogeneous equations in unknowns have a unique solution provided the coefficient matrix is non-singular.

[15 Marks]

149. Prove that two similar matrices have the same characteristic roots. Is its converse true? Justify your claim. [15 Marks]
150. Reduce the equation $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz + 2zx + x - y - 2z + 6 = 0$ into canonical form and determine the nature of the quadratic. [15 Marks]

1999

151. Let V be the vector space of functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} (the real numbers). Show that f, g, h in V are linearly independent where $f(t) = e^{2t}, g(t) = t^2$ and $h(t) = t$. [20 Marks]
152. If the matrix of a linear transformation T on $V_2(\mathbb{R})$ with respect to the basis, then what is the matrix of T with respect to the ordered basis $B = \{(1,0), (0,1)\}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then what is the matrix of T with respect to the ordered basis. [20 Marks]
153. Diagonalize the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ [20 Marks]
154. Test for congruency of the matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Prove that $A^{2n} = B^{2m}I$ when n and m are positive integers. [20 Marks]
155. If A is a skew symmetric matrix of order n Prove that $(I - A)(I + A)^{-1}$ is orthogonal. [20 Marks]
156. Test for the positive definiteness of the quadratic form $2x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 - 2zx$. [20 Marks]

1998

157. Given two linearly independent vectors $(1,0,1,0)$ and $(0,-1,1,1)$ of \mathbb{R}^4 find a basis of which included these two vectors [20 Marks]
158. If V is a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} and if f and g are two linear transformations from V to V such that $Vf(v) = 0$ implies $g(v) = 0$ then prove that $g = \lambda f$ for some λ in \mathbb{R} . [20 Marks]
159. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_2, x_3 - cx_1bx_2 - ax_3)$ where a, b, c are fixed real numbers. Show that T is a linear transformation of \mathbb{R}^3 and that $A^3 + aA^2 + baA + cI = 0$ where A is the matrix of T with respect to standard basis of \mathbb{R}^3 [20 Marks]
160. If A and B are two matrices of order 2×2 such that A is skew Hermitian and $AB = B$ then show that $B = 0$ [20 Marks]
161. If T is a complex matrix of order 2×2 such that $\text{tr}T = \text{tr}T^2 = 0$ then show that $T^2 = 0$ [20 Marks]
162. Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition for a $n \times n$ real matrix to be similar to a diagonal matrix A is that the set of characteristic vectors of A includes a set of linearly independent vectors. [20 Marks]
163. Let A be a matrix. Then show that the sum of the rank and nullity of A is n . [20 Marks]
164. Find all real 2×2 matrices A whose characteristic roots are real and which satisfy $AA' = I$ [20 Marks]

165. Reduce to diagonal matrix by rational congruent transformation the symmetric matrix

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

[20 Marks]

1997

166. Let V be the vector space of polynomials over R . Find a basis and dimension of the subspace W of V spanned by the polynomials

$$v_1 = t^3 - 2t^2 + 4t + 1, v_2 = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 9t - 1, v_3 = t^3 + 6t - 5, v_4 = 2t^3 - 5t^2 + 7t + 5$$
 [20 Marks]

167. Verify that the transformation defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2, x_2)$ is a linear transformation from R^2 into R^3 . Find its range, null space and nullity. [20 Marks]

168. Let V be the vector space of 2×2 matrices over R . Determine whether the matrices $A, B, C \in V$ are dependent where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ [20 Marks]

169. Let a square matrix A of order n be such that each of its diagonal elements is μ and each of its off-diagonal elements is 1. If $B = \lambda A$ is orthogonal, determine the values of λ and μ [20 Marks]

170. Show that $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable over R and find a matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is

diagonal. Hence determine A^{25} [20 Marks]

171. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be a square matrix of order n such that $|a_{ij}| \leq M \forall i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Let λ be an Eigen-value of A . Show that $|\lambda| \leq nM$ [20 Marks]

172. Define a positive definite matrix. Show that a positive definite matrix is always non-singular. Prove that its converse does not hold. [20 Marks]

173. Find the characteristics roots and their corresponding vectors for the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

[20 Marks]

174. Find an invertible matrix P which reduces $Q(x, y, z) = 2xy + 2yz + 2zx$ to its canonical form.

[20 Marks]

1996

175. R^4 , let W_1 be the space generated by $(1, 1, 0, -1), (2, 6, 0)$ and $(-2, -3, -3, 1)$ and let W_2 be the space generated by $(-1, -2, -2, 2), (4, 6, 4, -6)$ and $(1, 3, 4, -3)$. Find a basis for the space $W_1 + W_2$ [20 Marks]

176. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and $v \in V, v \neq 0$. Show that there exist a linear functional f on V such that $f(v) \neq 0$ [20 Marks]

177. Let $V = R^3$ and v_1, v_2, v_3 be a basis of R^3 . Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation such that. By writing the matrix of T with respect to another basis, show that the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is similar to $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ [20 Marks]
178. Let $V = R^3$ and $T : V \rightarrow V$ be linear map defined by $T(x, y, z) = (x + z, -2x + y, -x + 2y + z)$. What is the matrix of T with respect to the basis $(1, 0, 1), (-1, 1, 1)$ and $(0, 1, 1)$? Using this matrix, write down the matrix of T with respect to the basis $(0, 1, 2), (-1, 1, 1)$ and $(0, 1, 1)$ [20 Marks]
179. Let V and W be finite dimensional vector spaces such that $\dim V \geq \dim W$. Show that there is always a linear map from V onto W [20 Marks]
180. Solve $x + y - 2z = 1$
 $2x - 7z = 3$ by using Cramer's rule
 $x + y - z = 5$ [20 Marks]
181. Find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ by computing its characteristic polynomial. [20 Marks]
182. Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices such that $AB = BA$. Show that A and B have a common characteristic vector. [20 Marks]
183. Reduce to canonical form the orthogonal matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$ [20 Marks]

1995

184. Let T be the linear operator in R^3 defined by $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1 + x_3, -2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3)$. What is the matrix of T in the standard ordered basis of R^3 ? What is a basis of range space of T and a basis of null space of T ? [20 Marks]
185. Let A be a square matrix of order n . Prove that $AX = b$ has solution if and only if $b \in R^n$ is orthogonal to all solutions Y of the system $A^T Y = 0$ [20 Marks]
186. Define a similar matrix. Prove that the characteristic equation of two similar matrices is the same. Let 1, 2, and 3 be the Eigen-values of a matrix. Write down such a matrix. Is such a matrix unique? [20 Marks]
187. Show that $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable and hence determine A^5 . [20 Marks]
188. Let A and B be matrices of order n . Prove that if $(I - AB)$ is invertible, then $(I - BA)$ is also invertible and $(I - BA)^{-1} = I + B(I - AB)^{-1}A$. Show that AB and BA have precisely the same characteristic values. [20 Marks]

189. If a and b complex numbers such that H is a Hermitian matrix, show that the Eigen values of lie on a straight line in the complex plane. [20 Marks]
190. Let A be a symmetric matrix. Show that A is positive definite if and only if its Eigen values are all positive. [20 Marks]
191. Let A and B be square matrices of order n . Show that $AB-BA$ can never be equal to unit matrix. [20 Marks]
192. Let A and for every. Show that A is a non-singular matrix. Hence or otherwise prove that the Eigen-values of A lie in the discs in the complex plane. [20 Marks]

1994

193. Show that $f_1(t) = 1, f_2(t) = t - 2, f_3(t) = (t - 2)^2$ form a basis of P_3 , the space of polynomials with degree ≤ 2 . Express $3t^2 - 5t + 4$ as a linear combination of f_1, f_2, f_3 . [20 Marks]
194. If $T : V_4(R) \rightarrow V_3(R)$ is a linear transformation defined by $T(a, b, c, d) = (a - b + c + d, a + 2c - d, a + b + 3c - 3d)$. For $a, b, c, d \in R$, then verify that Rank T + Nullity $T = \dim V_4(R)$ [20 Marks]
195. If T is an operator on R_3 whose basis is $B = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (-1, 1, 0)\}$ such that $[T : B] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ find the matrix T with respect to a basis $B_1 = \{(0, 1, -1), (1, -1, 1), (-1, 1, 0)\}$ [20 Marks]
196. If $A = [a_{ij}]$ is an $n \times n$ matrix such that $a_{ii} = n, a_{ij} = r$ if $i \neq j$, show that $[A - (n - r)I][A - (n - r + nr)I] = 0$. Hence find the inverse of the $n \times n$ matrix $B = [b_{ij}]$ where $b_{ii} = 1, b_{ij} = \rho$ when $i \neq j$ and $\rho \neq 1, \rho \neq \frac{1}{1-n}$ [20 Marks]
197. Prove that the Eigen vectors corresponding to distinct Eigen values of a square matrix are linearly independent. [20 Marks]
198. Determine the Eigen values and Eigen vectors of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ [20 Marks]
199. Show that a matrix congruent to a skew-symmetric matrix is skew-symmetric. Use the result to prove that the determinant of skew-symmetric matrix of even order is the square of a rational function of its elements. [20 Marks]
200. Find the rank of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & c & -b & a' \\ -c & 0 & a & b' \\ b & -a & 0 & c' \\ -a' & -b' & -c' & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ where $aa' + bb' + cc' = 0$ a, b, c are all positive integers [20 Marks]
201. Reduce the following symmetric matrix to a diagonal form and interpret the result in terms of quadratic forms: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ [20 Marks]

1993

202. Show that the set $S = \{(1,0,0), (1,1,0), (1,1,1), (0,1,0)\}$ spans the vector space $R^3(R)$ but it is not a basis set. [20 Marks]
203. Define rank and nullity of a linear transformation T . If V be a finite dimensional vector space and T a linear operator on V such that $\text{rank } T^2 = \text{rank } T$, then prove that the null space of $T =$ the null space of T^2 and the intersection of the range space and null space to T is the zero subspace of V . [20 Marks]
204. If the matrix of a linear operator T on R^2 relative to the standard basis $\{(1,0), (0,1)\}$ is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, what is the matrix of T relative to the basis $B = \{(1,1), (1,-1)\}$? [20 Marks]
205. If A be an orthogonal matrix with the property that -1 is not an Eigen value, then show that A is expressible as $(I - S)(S + S)^{-1}$ for some suitable skew-symmetric matrix S . [20 Marks]
206. Determine the following form as definite, semi-definite or indefinite:
 $2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 4x_2x_3 - 4x_3x_1 + 2x_1x_2$ [20 Marks]
207. Prove that the inverse of $\begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}$ is $\begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & O \\ C^{-1}BA^{-1} & C^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ where A, C are non-singular matrices and hence find the inverse of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ [20 Marks]
208. Show that any two Eigen vectors corresponding to two distinct Eigen values of Hermitian matrix and Unitary matrix are orthogonal [20 Marks]
209. A matrix B of order $n \times n$ is of the form λA where λ is a scalar and A has unit elements everywhere except in the diagonal which has elements μ . Find λ and μ so that B may be orthogonal. [20 Marks]
210. Find the rank of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 & -4 \\ 5 & 3 & 3 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$ by reducing it to canonical form. [20 Marks]

1992

211. Let V and U be vector spaces over the field K and let V be of finite dimension. Let $T : V \rightarrow U$ be a linear Map. $\dim V = \dim R(T) + \dim N(T)$ [20 Marks]
212. Let $S = \{(x,y,z) / x+y+z=0\}$, x,y,z being real. Prove that S is a subspace of R^3 . Find a basis of S [20 Marks]
213. Verify which of the following are linear transformations?
 (i) $T : R \rightarrow R^2$ defined by $T(x) = (2x, -x)$
 (ii) $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^3$ defined by $T(x,y) = (xy, y, x)$
 (iii) $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^3$ defined by $T(x,y) = (x+y, y, x)$
 (iv) $T : R \rightarrow R^2$ defined by $T(x) = (1, -1)$ [20 Marks]
214. Let $T : M_{2,1} \rightarrow M_{2,3}$ be a linear transformation defined by (with usual notations)
 $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$, $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ Find $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ [20 Marks]
215. For what values of η do the following equations

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$x + 2y + 4z = \eta \quad \text{Have solutions? Solve them completely in each case.}$$

[20 Marks]

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

216. Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition of a real quadratic form $X'AX$ to be positive definite is that the leading principal minors of A are all positive. **[20 Marks]**
217. State Cayley-Hamilton theorem and use it to calculate the inverse of the matrix $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ **[20 Marks]**
218. Transform the following to the diagonal forms and give the transformation employed:
 $x^2 + 2y, 8x^2 - 4xy + 5y^2$ **[20 Marks]**
219. Prove that the characteristic roots of a Hermitian matrix are all real and a characteristic root of a skew-Hermitian is either zero or a pure imaginary number. **[20 Marks]**