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- Q1** a) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find all the eigenvalues of  $A$  and their corresponding eigenvectors.
- b) Show that if  $B$  is a matrix with three distinct eigenvalues  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $u, v, w$ , then  $u, v, w$  are linearly independent. Hence, deduce that the eigenvectors found in i) are a linearly independent.
- c) Find a nonsingular matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonalizable.
- d) Using the result in ii), find  $A^5$ .
- e) Determine whether or not  $A$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(30 marks)

**Q2** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

State which of the following expression do not define a matrix and evaluate the others:

$$AB, \quad BC, \quad AC, \quad (AB)^T, \quad B^T C, \quad B^T A^T, \quad 2A+B$$

(10 marks)

**Q3** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(10 marks)

- Q4**
- a) Given that  $|A| = -2$  find  $|A^{-1}|$  and  $|A^{100}|$ .
- b) Given that  $|A| = 2$ , and  $|B| = 5$ , find  $|AB^T|$ .
- c) Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . Form the relation  $AA^* = |A|I_n$  show that if  $A$  is invertible, then  $|A^*| = |A|^{n-1}$ . Here,  $A^*$  is  $\text{adj}(A)$ .
- d) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m & n & p & q \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } |A| = 2.$$

Find the following determinants:

$$(i) A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda a & \lambda b & \lambda c & \lambda d \\ \lambda e & \lambda f & \lambda g & \lambda h \\ \lambda i & \lambda j & \lambda k & \lambda l \\ \lambda m & \lambda n & \lambda p & \lambda q \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ i & j & k & l \\ e & f & g & h \\ m & n & p & q \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(iii) A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ i & j & k & l \\ m+2a-5i & n+2b-5j & p+2c-5k & q+2d-5l \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(iv) A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & a & c & d \\ e & f & b & g & h \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ i & j & c & k & l \\ m & n & d & p & q \end{bmatrix}$$

(15 marks)

- Q5**
- a) Define “Row Echelon Matrix” and “Reduced Row Echelon Matrix”.
- b) Give an example of a  $4 \times 5$  reduce row echelon matrix with a zero row and leading entries in columns 1,3 and 5.
- c) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Reduce  $A$  to an r.e. matrix by elementary row operation and find the rank of  $A$ .
- d) Find all possible values of  $\text{rank}(B)$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & a \\ -2 & 4a & 2 \\ a & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(25 marks)

- Q6**
- a) Give the definition of idempotent matrix. Thus, if  $B = \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is idempotent, find  $\beta$ .
- b) For what values of  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma, \delta, \varepsilon$  and  $\theta$  is the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -2 & \beta \\ \delta & \theta & \varepsilon \\ 5 & 3 & \sigma \end{bmatrix}$$

i) symmetric

ii) skew-symmetric

(10 marks)