



**LINEAR ALGEBRA**

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**PART – B**

- Let A, B be  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $BA+B^2=I-BA^2$ , where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Which of the following is always true?  
1. A is nonsingular  
2. B is nonsingular  
3. A+B is nonsingular  
4. AB is nonsingular
- Which of the following matrices has the same row space as the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 8 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ?  
1.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
2.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
3.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
4.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- The determinant of the  $n \times n$  permutation matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & \\ 1 & & & & \end{bmatrix}$  is equal to  
1.  $(-1)^n$   
2.  $(-1)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$   
3. -1  
4. 1
- The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+x & 1+x+x^2 \\ 1 & 1+y & 1+y+y^2 \\ 1 & 1+z & 1+z+z^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to  
1.  $(z-y)(z-x)(y-x)$   
2.  $(x-y)(x-z)(y-z)$   
3.  $(x-y)^2(y-z)^2(z-x)^2$   
4.  $(x^2-y^2)(y^2-z^2)(z^2-x^2)$
- Which of the following matrices is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

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

- Let P be a  $2 \times 2$  complex matrix such that  $P^*P$  is the identity matrix, where  $P^*$  is the conjugate transpose of P. Then the eigenvalues of P are  
1. real  
2. complex conjugates of each other  
3. reciprocals of each other  
4. of modulus 1

**PART – C**

- Let A be a real  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix, that is,  $A^tA=AA^t=I_n$ , the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?  
1.  $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
2. All eigenvalues of A are either +1 or -1.  
3. The rows of A form an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
4. A is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- Which of the following matrices have Jordan canonical form equal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
1.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
2.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
3.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
4.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- Let A be a  $3 \times 4$  and b be a  $3 \times 1$  matrix with integer entries. Suppose that the system  $Ax=b$  has a complex solution. Then  
1.  $Ax=b$  has an integer solution  
2.  $Ax=b$  has a rational solution  
3. The set of real solutions to  $Ax=0$  has a basis consisting of rational solutions.  
4. If  $b \neq 0$ , then A has positive rank.



10. Let  $f$  be a non-zero symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Suppose that there exists linear transformations  $T_i: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  such that for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $f(\alpha, \beta) = T_1(\alpha) T_2(\beta)$ . Then
- rank  $f=1$
  - $\dim \{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^3 : f(\alpha, \beta) = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^3\} = 2$
  - $f$  is positive semi-definite or negative semi-definite.
  - $\{\alpha : f(\alpha, \alpha) = 0\}$  is a linear subspace of dimension 2

11. The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 \\ 9 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies

- $A$  is invertible and the inverse has all integer entries.
- $\det(A)$  is odd.
- $\det(A)$  is divisible by 13.
- $\det(A)$  has at least two prime divisors.

12. Let  $A$  be  $5 \times 5$  matrix and let  $B$  be obtained by changing one element of  $A$ . Let  $r$  and  $s$  be the ranks of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- $s \leq r+1$
  - $r-1 \leq s$
  - $s = r-1$
  - $s \neq r$

13. Let  $M_n(K)$  denote the space of all  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in a field  $K$ . Fix a non-singular matrix  $A = (A_{ij}) \in M_n(K)$ , and consider the linear map  $T: M_n(K) \rightarrow M_n(K)$  given by  $T(X) = AX$ . Then

- $\text{trace}(T) = n \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}$
- $\text{trace}(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}$
- rank of  $T$  is  $n^2$
- $T$  is non-singular

14. For arbitrary subspaces  $U, V$  and  $W$  of a finite dimensional vector space, which of the following hold
- $U \cap (V+W) \subset U \cap V + U \cap W$
  - $U \cap (V+W) \supset U \cap V + U \cap W$
  - $(U \cap V) + W \subset (U+W) \cap (V+W)$
  - $(U \cap V) + W \supset (U+W) \cap (V+W)$

15. Let  $A$  be  $4 \times 7$  real matrix and  $B$  be a  $7 \times 4$  real matrix such that  $AB = I_4$ , where  $I_4$  is

the  $4 \times 4$  identity matrix. Which of the following is/are always true?

- rank  $(A)=4$
- rank  $(B)=7$
- nullity  $(B)=0$
- $BA = I_7$ , where  $I_7$  is the  $7 \times 7$  identity matrix

16. Let  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  denote the vector space of all real polynomials. Let  $D: \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]$  denote the map  $Df = \frac{df}{dx}, \forall f$ . Then,

- $D$  is one-one
- $D$  is onto
- There exists  $E: \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]$  so that  $D(E(f)) = f, \forall f$ .
- There exists  $E: \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]$  so that  $E(D(f)) = f, \forall f$ .

17. Which of the following are eigenvalues of the

matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ?$

- +1
- 1
- +i
- i

18. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ -y & x \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Then we must have

- For any  $n \geq 1$ ,  $A^n = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$  where  $x = \cos(\theta/n), y = \sin(\theta/n)$
- $\text{tr}(A) \neq 0$
- $A^t = A^{-1}$
- $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$

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**PART - B**

19. Let  $V$  be the space of twice differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $f'' - 2f' + f = 0$ .



Define  $T: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(f) = (f'(0), f(0))$ .

Then T is

1. one-to-one and onto
2. one-to-one but not onto
3. onto but not one-to-one
4. neither one-to-one nor onto

20. The row space of a  $20 \times 50$  matrix A has dimension 13. What is the dimension of the space of solutions of  $Ax = 0$ ?

1. 7
2. 13
3. 33
4. 37

21. Let A, B be  $n \times n$  matrices. Which of the following equals  $\text{trace}(A^2B^2)$ ?

1.  $(\text{trace}(AB))^2$
2.  $\text{trace}(AB^2A)$
3.  $\text{trace}((AB)^2)$
4.  $\text{trace}(BABA)$

22. Given a  $4 \times 4$  real matrix A, let  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be the linear transformation defined by  $Tv = Av$ , where we think of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  as the set of real  $4 \times 1$  matrices. For which choices of A given below, do  $\text{Image}(T)$  and  $\text{Image}(T^2)$  have respective dimensions 2 and 1?  
(\* denotes a non zero entry)

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

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

$$3. A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

23. Let T be a  $4 \times 4$  real matrix such that  $T^4 = 0$ . Let  $k_i = \dim \text{Ker} T^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Which of the following is NOT a possibility for the sequence  $k_1 \leq k_2 \leq k_3 \leq k_4$ ?

1.  $3 \leq 4 \leq 4 \leq 4$ .
2.  $1 \leq 3 \leq 4 \leq 4$ .
3.  $2 \leq 4 \leq 4 \leq 4$ .
4.  $2 \leq 3 \leq 4 \leq 4$ .

24. Which of the following is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

$$(a) f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ x+y \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) g \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} xy \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) h \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z-x \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Only f.
2. Only g.
3. Only h.
4. all the transformations f, g and h.

### PART - C

25. Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix of rank n with real entries. Choose the correct statement.

1.  $Ax = b$  has a solution for any b.
2.  $Ax = 0$  does not have a solution.
3. If  $Ax = b$  has a solution, then it is unique.
4.  $y'A = 0$  for some nonzero y, where  $y'$  denotes the transpose of the vector y.

26. Let  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $F(x, y) = \langle Ax, y \rangle$  where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the standard

inner product of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and A is a  $n \times n$  real matrix. Here D denotes the total derivative. Which of the following statements are correct?

1.  $(DF(x, y))(u, v) = \langle Au, y \rangle + \langle Ax, v \rangle$
2.  $(DF(x, y))(0, 0) = 0$ .
3.  $DF(x, y)$  may not exist for some  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$
4.  $DF(x, y)$  does not exist at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ .

27. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a continuous function such that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)| dx < \infty$ . Let A be a real  $n \times n$

invertible matrix and for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $\langle x, y \rangle$  denote the standard inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(Ax) e^{i\langle y, x \rangle} dx =$

$$1. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{i\langle (A^{-1})^T y, x \rangle} \frac{dx}{|\det A|}$$

$$2. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{i\langle A^T y, x \rangle} \frac{dx}{|\det A|}$$

$$3. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{i\langle (A^T)^{-1} y, x \rangle} dx$$



$$4. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{i(A^{-1}y \cdot x)} \frac{dx}{|\det A|}$$

28. Let S be the set of 3x3 real matrices A with

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then the set S contains}$$

1. a nilpotent matrix.
2. a matrix of rank one.
3. a matrix of rank two.
4. a non-zero skew-symmetric matrix.

29. An nxn complex matrix A satisfies  $A^k = I_n$ , the nxn identity matrix, where k is a positive integer  $> 1$ . Suppose 1 is not an eigenvalue of A. Then which of the following statements are necessarily true?

1. A is diagonalizable.
2.  $A + A^2 + \dots + A^{k-1} = O$ , the nxn zero matrix
3.  $\text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(A^2) + \dots + \text{tr}(A^{k-1}) = -n$
4.  $A^{-1} + A^{-2} + \dots + A^{-(k-1)} = -I_n$

30. Let  $S: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be given by  $S(v) = \alpha v$  for a fixed  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \neq 0$ .

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation such that  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a set of linearly independent eigen vectors of T. Then

1. The matrix of T with respect to B is diagonal.
2. The matrix of (T - S) with respect to B is diagonal.
3. The matrix of T with respect to B is not necessarily diagonal, but is upper triangular.
4. The matrix of T with respect to B is diagonal but the matrix of (T-S) with respect to B is not diagonal.

31. Let  $p_n(x) = x^n$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $\wp = \text{span}\{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots\}$ . Then

1.  $\wp$  is the vector space of all real valued continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
2.  $\wp$  is a subspace of all real valued continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
3.  $\{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots\}$  is a linearly independent set in vector space of all continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
4. Trigonometric functions belong to  $\wp$ .

32. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & a & d \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$  be a 3x3 matrix where

a,b,c,d are integers. Then, we must have:

1. If  $a \neq 0$ , there is a polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  such that  $p(A)$  is the inverse of A.

2. For each polynomial  $q \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ , the matrix

$$q(A) = \begin{bmatrix} q(a) & q(b) & q(c) \\ 0 & q(a) & q(d) \\ 0 & 0 & q(a) \end{bmatrix}$$

3. If  $A^n = O$  for some positive integer n, then  $A^3 = O$ .

4. A commutes with every matrix of the

$$\text{form } \begin{bmatrix} a' & 0 & c' \\ 0 & a' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a' \end{bmatrix}.$$

33. Which of the following are subspaces of vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

1.  $\{(x,y,z) : x + y = 0\}$
2.  $\{(x,y,z) : x - y = 0\}$
3.  $\{(x,y,z) : x + y = 1\}$
4.  $\{(x,y,z) : x - y = 1\}$

34. Consider non-zero vector spaces  $V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4$  and linear transformations  $T_1: V_1 \rightarrow V_2, T_2: V_2 \rightarrow V_3, T_3: V_3 \rightarrow V_4$  such that  $\text{Ker}(T_1) = \{0\}, \text{Range}(T_1) = \text{Ker}(T_2), \text{Range}(T_2) = \text{Ker}(T_3), \text{Range}(T_3) = V_4$ . Then

1.  $\sum_{i=1}^4 (-1)^i \dim V_i = 0$
2.  $\sum_{i=2}^4 (-1)^i \dim V_i > 0$
3.  $\sum_{i=1}^4 (-1)^i \dim V_i < 0$
4.  $\sum_{i=1}^4 (-1)^i \dim V_i \neq 0$

35. Let A be an invertible 4x4 real matrix. Which of the following are NOT true?

1.  $\text{Rank } A = 4$ .
2. For every vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^4, Ax = b$  has exactly one solution.
3.  $\dim(\text{nullspace } A) \geq 1$ .
4. 0 is an eigenvalue of A.

36. Let  $\underline{u}$  be a real nx1 vector satisfying  $\underline{u}'\underline{u}=1$ , where  $\underline{u}'$  is the transpose of  $\underline{u}$ . Define  $A = I - 2\underline{u}\underline{u}'$  where I is the n<sup>th</sup> order identity matrix. Which of the following statements are true?

1. A is singular
2.  $A^2 = A$
3.  $\text{Trace}(A) = n-2$
4.  $A^2 = I$



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**PART – B**

37. Let  $S$  denote the set of all the prime numbers  $p$  with the property that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 91 & 31 & 0 \\ 29 & 31 & 0 \\ 79 & 23 & 59 \end{bmatrix}$  has an inverse in the field

$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . Then

1.  $S = \{31\}$
  2.  $S = \{31, 59\}$
  3.  $S = \{7, 13, 59\}$
  4.  $S$  is infinite
38. For a positive integer  $n$ , let  $P_n$  denote the vector space of polynomials in one variable  $x$  with real coefficients and with degree  $\leq n$ . Consider the map  $T: P_2 \rightarrow P_4$  defined by  $T(p(x)) = p(x^2)$ . Then
1.  $T$  is a linear transformation and  $\dim \text{range}(T) = 5$ .
  2.  $T$  is a linear transformation and  $\dim \text{range}(T) = 3$ .
  3.  $T$  is a linear transformation and  $\dim \text{range}(T) = 2$ .
  4.  $T$  is not a linear transformation.
39. Let  $A$  be a real  $3 \times 4$  matrix of rank 2. Then the rank of  $A^t A$ , where  $A^t$  denotes the transpose of  $A$ , is:
1. exactly 2
  2. exactly 3
  3. exactly 4
  4. at most 2 but not necessarily 2

40. Consider the quadratic form  $Q(v) = v^t A v$ ,

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, v = (x, y, z, w)$$

Then

1.  $Q$  has rank 3.
  2.  $xy + z^2 = Q(Pv)$  for some invertible  $4 \times 4$  real matrix  $P$
  3.  $xy + y^2 + z^2 = Q(Pv)$  for some invertible  $4 \times 4$  real matrix  $P$
  4.  $x^2 + y^2 - zw = Q(Pv)$  for some invertible  $4 \times 4$  real matrix  $P$ .
41. If  $A$  is a  $5 \times 5$  real matrix with trace 15 and if 2 and 3 are eigenvalues of  $A$ , each with algebraic multiplicity 2, then the determinant of  $A$  is equal to
1. 0
  2. 24
  3. 120
  4. 180

42. Let  $A \neq I_n$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $A^2 = A$ , where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of order  $n$ . Which of the following statements is false?
1.  $(I_n - A)^2 = I_n - A$ .
  2.  $\text{Trace}(A) = \text{Rank}(A)$ .
  3.  $\text{Rank}(A) + \text{Rank}(I_n - A) = n$ .
  4. The eigenvalues of  $A$  are each equal to 1.

**PART – C**

43. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then,
1.  $AB$  and  $BA$  always have the same set of eigenvalues.
  2. If  $AB$  and  $BA$  have the same set of eigenvalues then  $AB = BA$ .
  3. If  $A^{-1}$  exists then  $AB$  and  $BA$  are similar.
  4. The rank of  $AB$  is always the same as the rank of  $BA$ .

44. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  real matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $b \neq 0$ .
1. The set of all real solutions of  $Ax = b$  is a vector space.
  2. If  $u$  and  $v$  are two solutions of  $Ax = b$ , then  $\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v$  is also a solution of  $Ax = b$ , for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  3. For any two solutions  $u$  and  $v$  of  $Ax = b$ , the linear combination  $\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v$  is also a solution of  $Ax = b$  only when  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ .
  4. If rank of  $A$  is  $n$ , then  $Ax = b$  has at most one solution.

45. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$  such that every nonzero vector of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . Then.
1. All eigenvalues of  $A$  are equal.
  2. All eigenvalues of  $A$  are distinct.
  3.  $A = \lambda I$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
  4. If  $\chi_A$  and  $m_A$  denote the characteristic polynomial and the minimal polynomial respectively, then  $\chi_A = m_A$ .

46. Consider the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then}$$

1.  $A$  and  $B$  are similar over the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ .



2. A is diagonalizable over the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
3. B is the Jordan canonical form of A.
4. The minimal polynomial and the characteristic polynomial of A are the same

47. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation such that  $\text{rank}(T^2) = \text{rank}(T)$ . Then,
1.  $\text{Kernel}(T^2) = \text{Kernel}(T)$ .
  2.  $\text{Range}(T^2) = \text{Range}(T)$ .
  3.  $\text{Kernel}(T) \cap \text{Range}(T) = \{0\}$ .
  4.  $\text{Kernel}(T^2) \cap \text{Range}(T^2) = \{0\}$ .

48. Let V be the vector space of polynomials over  $\mathbb{R}$  of degree less than or equal to n. For  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$  in V, define a linear transformation  $T:V \rightarrow V$  by  $(Tp)(x) = a_n + a_{n-1}x + \dots + a_0x^n$ . Then
1. T is one to one.
  2. T is onto.
  3. T is invertible.
  4.  $\det T = \pm 1$ .

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49. Given a  $n \times n$  matrix B define  $e^B$  by  $e^B = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{B^j}{j!}$

Let p be the characteristic polynomial of B. Then the matrix  $e^{p(B)}$  is

1.  $I_{n \times n}$
  2.  $0_{n \times n}$
  3.  $eI_{n \times n}$
  4.  $\pi I_{n \times n}$
50. Let A be a  $n \times m$  matrix and b be a  $n \times 1$  vector (with real entries). Suppose the equation  $Ax=b$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  admits a unique solution. Then we can conclude that
1.  $m \geq n$
  2.  $n \geq m$
  3.  $n = m$
  4.  $n > m$
51. Let V be the vector space of all real polynomials of degree  $\leq 10$ . Let  $Tp(x) = p'(x)$  for  $p \in V$  be a linear transformation from V to V. Consider the basis  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{10}\}$  of V. Let A be the matrix of T with respect to this basis. Then
1.  $\text{Trace } A = 1$
  2.  $\det A = 0$
  3. there is no  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A^m = 0$
  4. A has a non zero eigenvalue

52. Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3), y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be linearly independent. Let  $\delta_1 = x_2y_3 - y_2x_3$ ,  $\delta_2 = x_1y_3 - y_1x_3$ ,  $\delta_3 = x_1y_2 - y_1x_2$ . If V is the span of x,y then
1.  $V = \{(u, v, w) : \delta_1u - \delta_2v + \delta_3w = 0\}$
  2.  $V = \{(u, v, w) : -\delta_1u + \delta_2v + \delta_3w = 0\}$
  3.  $V = \{(u, v, w) : \delta_1u + \delta_2v - \delta_3w = 0\}$
  4.  $V = \{(u, v, w) : \delta_1u + \delta_2v + \delta_3w = 0\}$

53. Let A be a  $n \times n$  real symmetric non-singular matrix. Suppose there exists  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $x^T Ax < 0$ . Then we can conclude that
1.  $\det(A) < 0$
  2.  $B = -A$  is positive definite
  3.  $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^n; y^T A^{-1}y < 0$
  4.  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n; y^T A^{-1}y < 0$

54. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be

defined by  $f(v, w) = w^T Av$ .

Pick the correct statement from below:

1. There exists an eigenvector v of A such that Av is perpendicular to v
2. The set  $\{v \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid f(v, v) = 0\}$  is a nonzero subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$
3. If  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^2$  are non zero vectors such that  $f(v, v) = 0 = f(w, w)$ , then v is a scalar multiple of w.
4. For every  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , there exists a non zero  $w \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(v, w) = 0$ .

**PART – C**

55. Let V be the vector space of all complex polynomials p with  $\deg p \leq n$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be the map  $(Tp)(x) = p'(1)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ . Which of the following are correct?
1.  $\dim \text{Ker } T = n$ .
  2.  $\dim \text{range } T = 1$ .
  3.  $\dim \text{Ker } T = 1$ .
  4.  $\dim \text{range } T = n+1$ .
56. Let A be an  $n \times n$  real matrix. Pick the correct answer(s) from the following
1. A has at least one real eigenvalue.
  2. For all nonzero vectors  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(Aw)^T(Av) > 0$ .
  3. Every eigenvalue of  $A^T A$  is a non negative real number.
  4.  $I + A^T A$  is invertible.



57. Let  $T$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with the property  $T^n = 0$ . Which of the following is/are true?

1.  $T$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues
2.  $T$  has one eigenvalue of multiplicity  $n$
3.  $0$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ .
4.  $T$  is similar to a diagonal matrix.

58. Let  $V = \{f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to } n\}$ . Let  $f_j(x) = x^j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n$  and let  $A$  be the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  matrix given by  $a_{ij} = \int_0^1 f_i(x)f_j(x)dx$ .

Then which of the following is/are true?

1.  $\dim V = n$ .
2.  $\dim V > n$ .
3.  $A$  is nonnegative definite, i.e., for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\langle Av, v \rangle \geq 0$ .
4.  $\det A > 0$ .

59. Consider the real vector space  $V$  of polynomials of degree less than or equal to  $d$ . For  $p \in V$  define  $\|p\|_k = \max\{|p(0)|, |p'(0)|, \dots, |p^{(k)}(0)|\}$ , where  $p^{(i)}(0)$  is the  $i$ th derivative of  $p$  evaluated at  $0$ . Then  $\|p\|_k$  defines a norm on  $V$  if and only if

1.  $k \geq d - 1$
2.  $k < d$
3.  $k \geq d$
4.  $k < d - 1$

60. Let  $A, B$  be  $n \times n$  real matrices such that  $\det A > 0$  and  $\det B < 0$ . For  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Consider  $C(t) = tA + (1-t)B$ . Then

1.  $C(t)$  is invertible for each  $t \in [0,1]$ .
2. There is a  $t_0 \in (0,1)$  such that  $C(t_0)$  is not invertible.
3.  $C(t)$  is not invertible for each  $t \in [0,1]$ .
4.  $C(t)$  is invertible for only finitely many  $t \in [0,1]$ .

61. Let  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  be two bases of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $P$  be  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries such that  $Pa_i = b_i$   $i=1,2,\dots,n$ . Suppose that every eigenvalue of  $P$  is either  $-1$  or  $1$ . Let  $Q = I + 2P$ .

Then which of the following statements are true?

1.  $\{a_i + 2b_i \mid i=1,2,\dots,n\}$  is also a basis of  $V$ .
2.  $Q$  is invertible.
3. Every eigenvalue of  $Q$  is either  $3$  or  $-1$ .
4.  $\det Q > 0$  if  $\det P > 0$ .

62. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with real entries. Define  $\langle x, y \rangle_A = \langle Ax, Ay \rangle$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Then  $\langle x, y \rangle_A$  defines an inner-product if and only if

1.  $\ker A = \{0\}$ .
2.  $\text{rank } A = n$ .
3. All eigenvalues of  $A$  are positive.
4. All eigenvalues of  $A$  are non-negative.

63. Suppose  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  are unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{such that } \|v\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle v_i, v \rangle|^2 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Then decide the correct statements in the following

1.  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are mutually orthogonal
2.  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$
3.  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are not mutually orthogonal
4. At most  $n - 1$  of the elements in the set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  can be orthogonal.

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### PART - B

64. The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is

1. positive definite.
2. non-negative definite but not positive definite.
3. negative definite
4. neither negative definite nor positive definite

65. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

$$B_1 = \{(1,0,0,0), (1,1,0,0), (1,1,1,0), (1,1,1,1)\}$$

$$B_2 = \{(1,0,0,0), (1,2,0,0), (1,2,3,0), (1,2,3,4)\}$$

$$B_3 = \{(1,2,0,0), (0,0,1,1), (2,1,0,0), (-5,5,0,0)\}$$

1.  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  but not  $B_3$
2.  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$
3.  $B_1$  and  $B_3$  but not  $B_2$
4. Only  $B_1$

66. Let  $D_1 = \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ p & q & r \end{pmatrix}$  and

$$D_2 = \det \begin{pmatrix} -x & a & -p \\ y & -b & q \\ z & -c & r \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then}$$

1.  $D_1 = D_2$
2.  $D_1 = 2D_2$
3.  $D_1 = -D_2$
4.  $2D_1 = D_2$



67. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ ,

where  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{31}$ . Then  $A^{2015}$  equals

1. A
2. I
3.  $\begin{pmatrix} \cos 13\theta & \sin 13\theta \\ -\sin 13\theta & \cos 13\theta \end{pmatrix}$
4.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

68. Let J denote the matrix of order  $n \times n$  with all entries 1 and let B be a  $(3n) \times (3n)$  matrix

$$\text{given by } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & J \\ 0 & J & 0 \\ J & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the rank of B is

1.  $2n$
2.  $3n - 1$
3. 2
4. 3

69. Which of the following sets of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

$$S_1 = \{f \mid \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 0\}$$

$$S_2 = \left\{g \mid \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) = 1\right\}$$

$$S_3 = \left\{h \mid \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} h(x) \text{ exists}\right\}$$

1. Only  $S_1$
2. Only  $S_2$
3.  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  but not  $S_2$
4. All the three are vector spaces

70. Let A be an  $n \times m$  matrix with each entry equal to +1, -1 or 0 such that every column has exactly one +1 and exactly one -1. We can conclude that

1. Rank  $A \leq n - 1$
2. Rank  $A = m$
3.  $n \leq m$
4.  $n - 1 \leq m$

71. What is the number of non-singular  $3 \times 3$  matrices over  $F_2$ , the finite field with two elements?

1. 168
2. 384
3.  $2^3$
4.  $3^2$

### PART - C

72. Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $a_{ij}$  is an integer for all i, j. Let  $AB = I$  with  $B = [b_{ij}]$  (where I is the identity matrix). For a square

matrix C, det C denotes its determinant. Which of the following statements is true?

1. If  $\det A = 1$  then  $\det B = 1$ .
2. A sufficient condition for each  $b_{ij}$  to be an integer is that  $\det A$  is an integer.
3. B is always an integer matrix.
4. A necessary condition for each  $b_{ij}$  to be an integer is  $\det A \in \{-1, +1\}$ .

73. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $\alpha_n$  and  $\beta_n$  denote

the two eigenvalues of  $A^n$  such that  $|\alpha_n| \geq |\beta_n|$ . Then

1.  $\alpha_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
2.  $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
3.  $\beta_n$  is positive if n is even.
4.  $\beta_n$  is negative if n is odd.

74. Let  $M_n$  denote the vector space of all  $n \times n$  real matrices. Among the following subsets of  $M_n$ , decide which are linear subspaces.

1.  $V_1 = \{A \in M_n : A \text{ is nonsingular}\}$
2.  $V_2 = \{A \in M_n : \det(A) = 0\}$
3.  $V_3 = \{A \in M_n : \text{trace}(A) = 0\}$
4.  $V_4 = \{BA : A \in M_n\}$ , where B is some fixed matrix in  $M_n$ .

75. If P and Q are invertible matrices such that  $PQ = -QP$ , then we can conclude that

1.  $\text{Tr}(P) = \text{Tr}(Q) = 0$
2.  $\text{Tr}(P) = \text{Tr}(Q) = 1$
3.  $\text{Tr}(P) = -\text{Tr}(Q)$
4.  $\text{Tr}(P) \neq \text{Tr}(Q)$

76. Let n be an odd number  $\geq 7$ . Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $a_{i,i+1} = 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $a_{n,1} = 1$ . Let  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all the other pairs (i, j). Then we can conclude that

1. A has 1 as an eigenvalue.
2. A has -1 as an eigenvalue.
3. A has at least one eigenvalue with multiplicity  $\geq 2$ .
4. A has no real eigenvalues.

77. Let  $W_1, W_2, W_3$  be three distinct subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$  such that each  $W_i$  has dimension 9. Let  $W = W_1 \cap W_2 \cap W_3$ . Then we can conclude that

1. W may not be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{10}$
2.  $\dim W \leq 8$
3.  $\dim W \geq 7$
4.  $\dim W \leq 3$





78. Let  $A$  be a real symmetric matrix. Then we can conclude that
1.  $A$  does not have 0 as an eigenvalue
  2. All eigenvalues of  $A$  are real
  3. If  $A^{-1}$  exists, then  $A^{-1}$  is real and symmetric
  4.  $A$  has at least one positive eigenvalue

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**PART - B**

79. Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix. Suppose that the null space  $N(A)$  of  $A$  is

$\{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x+y+z = 0, x+y+w = 0\}$ .  
Then

1.  $\dim(\text{column space}(A)) = 1$
2.  $\dim(\text{column space}(A)) = 2$
3.  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$
4.  $S = \{(1,1,1,0), (1,1,0,1)\}$  is a basis of  $N(A)$

80. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be real invertible matrices such that  $AB = -BA$ . Then

1.  $\text{Trace}(A) = \text{Trace}(B) = 0$
2.  $\text{Trace}(A) = \text{Trace}(B) = 1$
3.  $\text{Trace}(A) = 0, \text{Trace}(B) = 1$
4.  $\text{Trace}(A) = 1, \text{Trace}(B) = 0$

81. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  self-adjoint matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .

Let  $\|X\|_2 = \sqrt{|x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2}$  for

$X = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

If  $p(A) = a_0I + a_1A + \dots + a_nA^n$  then

$\sup_{\|X\|_2=1} \|p(A)X\|_2$  is equal to

1.  $\max\{a_0 + a_1\lambda_j + \dots + a_n\lambda_j^n : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$
2.  $\max\{|a_0 + a_1\lambda_j + \dots + a_n\lambda_j^n| : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$
3.  $\min\{a_0 + a_1\lambda_j + \dots + a_n\lambda_j^n : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$
4.  $\min\{|a_0 + a_1\lambda_j + \dots + a_n\lambda_j^n| : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

82. Let  $p(x) = \alpha x^2 + \beta x + \gamma$  be a polynomial, where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ . Fix  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let

$S = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : p(x) = a(x - x_0)^2 + b(x - x_0) + c \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

Then the number of elements in  $S$  is

1. 0
2. 1
3. strictly greater than 1 but finite
4. infinite

83. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I$  be the  $3 \times 3$

identity matrix. If  $6A^{-1} = aA^2 + bA + cI$  for  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $(a, b, c)$  equals

1. (1, 2, 1)
2. (1, -1, 2)
3. (4, 1, 1)
4. (1, 4, 1)

84. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are

1. -4, 3, -3
2. 4, 3, 1
3.  $4, -4 \pm \sqrt{13}$
4.  $4, -2 \pm 2\sqrt{7}$

**PART - C**

85. Consider the vector space  $V$  of real polynomials of degree less than or equal to  $n$ . Fix distinct real numbers  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k$ . For  $p \in V$ ,  $\max\{|p(a_j)| : 0 \leq j \leq k\}$  defines a norm on  $V$

1. only if  $k < n$
2. only if  $k \geq n$
3. if  $k+1 \leq n$
4. if  $k \geq n+1$

86. Let  $V$  be the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 3 in a variable  $x$  with coefficient in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $T = d/dx$  be the linear transformation of  $V$  to itself given by differentiation. Which of the following are correct?

1.  $T$  is invertible
2. 0 is an eigenvalue of  $T$
3. There is a basis with respect to which the matrix of  $T$  is nilpotent.
4. The matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\{1, 1+x, 1+x+x^2, 1+x+x^2+x^3\}$  is diagonal

87. Let  $m, n, r$  be natural numbers. Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix with real entries such that  $(AA^t)^r = I$ , where  $I$  is the  $m \times m$  identity matrix and  $A^t$  is the transpose of the matrix  $A$ . We can conclude that

1.  $m=n$
2.  $AA^t$  is invertible
3.  $A^t A$  is invertible
4. if  $m=n$ , then  $A$  is invertible

88. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix with  $A^2 = A$ . Then

1. the eigenvalues of  $A$  are either 0 or 1



2. A is a diagonal matrix with diagonal entries 0 or 1
3.  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{trace}(A)$
4.  $\text{rank}(I - A) = \text{trace}(I - A)$

89. For any  $n \times n$  matrix B, let  $N(B) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n : BX = 0\}$  be the null space of B. Let A be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with  $\dim(N(A - 2I)) = 2$ ,  $\dim(N(A - 4I)) = 1$  and  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ . Then
1. 0, 2 and 4 are eigenvalues of A
  2.  $\det(A) = 0$
  3. A is not diagonalizable
  4.  $\text{trace}(A) = 8$

90. Which of the following  $3 \times 3$  matrices are diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ | 2. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ |
| 3. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | 4. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  |

91. Let H be a real Hilbert space and  $M \subseteq H$  be a closed linear subspace. Let  $x_0 \in H \setminus M$ . Let  $y_0 \in M$  be such that  $\|x_0 - y_0\| = \inf\{\|x_0 - y\| : y \in M\}$ . Then
1. such a  $y_0$  is unique
  2.  $x_0 \perp M$
  3.  $y_0 \perp M$
  4.  $x_0 - y_0 \perp M$

92. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Q(X) = X^T A X$  for  $X \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Then
1. A has exactly two positive eigenvalues
  2. all the eigenvalues of A are positive
  3.  $Q(X) \geq 0$  for all  $X \in \mathbb{R}^3$
  4.  $Q(X) < 0$  for some  $X \in \mathbb{R}^3$

93. Consider the matrix  $A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1+x^2 & 7 & 11 \\ 3x & 2x & 4 \\ 8x & 17 & 13 \end{pmatrix}; x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then
1. A(x) has eigenvalue 0 for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

2. 0 is not an eigenvalue of A(x) for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
3. A(x) has eigenvalue 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
4. A(x) is invertible for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

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**PART - B**

94. Let A be a real symmetric matrix and  $B = I + iA$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ . Then
1. B is invertible if and only if A is invertible
  2. all eigenvalues of B are necessarily real
  3.  $B - I$  is necessarily invertible
  4. B is necessarily invertible

95. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the smallest positive integer n such that  $A^n = I$  is
1. 1                      2. 2                      3. 4                      4. 6

96. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the system  $AX = b$  over the real numbers has
1. no solution whenever  $\beta \neq 7$ .
  2. an infinite number of solutions whenever  $\alpha \neq 2$ .
  3. an infinite number of solutions if  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta \neq 7$
  4. a unique solution if  $\alpha \neq 2$

97. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the bilinear map defined by  $\phi(v, w) = v^T A w$ . Choose the correct statement from below:
1.  $\phi(v, w) = \phi(w, v)$  for all  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^2$
  2. there exists nonzero  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\phi(v, w) = 0$  for all  $w \in \mathbb{R}^2$
  3. there exists a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix B such that  $\phi(v, v) = v^T B v$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$
  4. the map  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\psi \left( \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \phi \left( \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ is linear}$$



## PART – C

98. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $r$ . If the linear system  $AX=b$  has a solution for each  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then
1.  $m=r$
  2. the column space of  $A$  is a proper subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$
  3. the null space of  $A$  is a non-trivial subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whenever  $m=n$
  4.  $m \geq n$  implies  $m=n$

99. Let  $M = \left\{ A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  and the eigenvalues of  $A$  are in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then

1.  $M$  is empty
2.  $M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$
3. If  $A \in M$  then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}$
4. If  $A, B \in M$  are such that  $AB=1$  then  $\det A \in \{+1, -1\}$

100. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with real entries. Identify the correct statements.
1.  $A$  is necessarily diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$
  2. If  $A$  has distinct real eigenvalues then it is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$
  3. If  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues then it is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$
  4. If all eigenvalues of  $A$  are non-zero then it is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$

101. Let  $V$  be the vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  of all polynomials in a variable  $X$  of degree at most 3. Let  $D:V \rightarrow V$  be the linear operator given by differentiation with respect to  $X$ . Let  $A$  be the matrix of  $D$  with respect to some basis for  $V$ . Which of the following are true?
1.  $A$  is a nilpotent matrix
  2.  $A$  is a diagonalizable matrix
  3. the rank of  $A$  is 2
  4. The Jordan canonical form of  $A$  is

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

102. For every  $4 \times 4$  real symmetric non-singular matrix  $A$ , there exists a positive integer  $p$  such that
1.  $pI + A$  is positive definite
  2.  $A^p$  is positive definite
  3.  $A^{-p}$  is positive definite
  4.  $\exp(pA) - I$  is positive definite

103. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix of rank  $m$  with  $n > m$ . If for some non-zero real number  $\alpha$ , we have  $x^t A A^t x = \alpha x^t x$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  then  $A^t A$  has
1. exactly two distinct eigenvalues
  2. 0 as an eigenvalue with multiplicity  $n-m$
  3.  $\alpha$  as a non-zero eigenvalue
  4. exactly two non-zero distinct eigenvalues

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### PART – B

104. Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , be equipped with standard inner product. Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be  $n$  column vectors forming an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $A$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix formed by the column vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Then
1.  $A = A^{-1}$
  2.  $A = A^T$
  3.  $A^{-1} = A^T$
  4.  $\det(A) = 1$

105. Let  $A$  be a  $(m \times n)$  matrix and  $B$  be a  $(n \times m)$  matrix over real numbers with  $m < n$ . Then
1.  $AB$  is always nonsingular
  2.  $AB$  is always singular
  3.  $BA$  is always nonsingular
  4.  $BA$  is always singular

106. If  $A$  is a  $(2 \times 2)$  matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\det(A+I) = 1 + \det(A)$ , then we can conclude that
1.  $\det(A) = 0$
  2.  $A=0$
  3.  $\text{Tr}(A) = 0$
  4.  $A$  is nonsingular

107. The system of equations:
- $$-1 \cdot x + 2 \cdot x^2 + 3 \cdot xy + 0 \cdot y = 6$$
- $$2 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x^2 + 3 \cdot xy + 1 \cdot y = 5$$
- $$3 \cdot x - 1 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot xy + 1 \cdot y = 7$$
1. has solutions in rational numbers
  2. has solutions in real numbers
  3. has solutions in complex numbers
  4. has no solution



108. The trace of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{20}$  is
1.  $7^{20}$
  2.  $2^{20} + 3^{20}$
  3.  $2 \cdot 2^{20} + 3^{20}$
  4.  $2^{20} + 3^{20} + 1$

### PART - C

109. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and define for  $x, y,$

$$z \in \mathbb{R} \quad Q(x, y, z) = (x \ y \ z) A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}.$$

Which of the following statements are true?

1. The matrix of second order partial derivatives of the quadratic form  $Q$  is  $2A$ .
  2. The rank of the quadratic form  $Q$  is 2
  3. The signature of the quadratic form  $Q$  is  $(+ + 0)$
  4. The quadratic form  $Q$  takes the value 0 for some non-zero vector  $(x, y, z)$
110. Let  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  denote the space of all  $n \times n$  real matrices identified with the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ . Fix a column vector  $x \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Define  $f: M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(A) = \langle A^2 x, x \rangle$ . Then
1.  $f$  is linear
  2.  $f$  is differentiable
  3.  $f$  is continuous but not differentiable
  4.  $f$  is unbounded
111. Let  $V$  denote the vector space of all sequences  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$  of real numbers such that  $\sum 2^n |a_n|$  converges. Define  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sum 2^n |a_n|$ . Which of the following are true?
1.  $V$  contains only the sequence  $(0, 0, \dots)$
  2.  $V$  is finite dimensional
  3.  $V$  has a countable linear basis
  4.  $V$  is a complete normed space
112. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  with dimension  $n$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation with only 1 as eigenvalue. Then which of the following must be true?
1.  $T - I = 0$
  2.  $(T - I)^{n-1} = 0$
  3.  $(T - I)^n = 0$
  4.  $(T - I)^{2n} = 0$

113. If  $A$  is a  $(5 \times 5)$  matrix and the dimension of the solution space of  $Ax = 0$  is at least two, then

1.  $\text{Rank}(A^2) \leq 3$
2.  $\text{Rank}(A^2) \geq 3$
3.  $\text{Rank}(A^2) = 3$
4.  $\text{Det}(A^2) = 0$

114. Let  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  be such that  $A^8 = I_{3 \times 3}$ . Then
1. minimal polynomial of  $A$  can only be of degree 2
  2. minimal polynomial of  $A$  can only be of degree 3
  3. either  $A = I_{3 \times 3}$  or  $A = -I_{3 \times 3}$
  4. there are uncountably many  $A$  satisfying the above

115. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix (with  $n > 1$ ) satisfying  $A^2 - 7A + 12I_{n \times n} = O_{n \times n}$ , where  $I_{n \times n}$  and  $O_{n \times n}$  denote the identity matrix and zero matrix of order  $n$  respectively. Then which of the following statements are true?
1.  $A$  is invertible
  2.  $t^2 - 7t + 12n = 0$  where  $t = \text{Tr}(A)$
  3.  $d^2 - 7d + 12 = 0$  where  $d = \text{Det}(A)$
  4.  $\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 12 = 0$  where  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$

116. Let  $A$  be a  $(6 \times 6)$  matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$  with characteristic polynomial  $= (x - 3)^2 (x - 2)^4$  and minimal polynomial  $= (x - 3)(x - 2)^2$ . Then Jordan canonical form of  $A$  can be

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

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

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



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

117. Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $S$  be a subset of  $V$ . Let  $\bar{S}$  denote the closure of  $S$  in  $V$  with respect to the topology induced by the metric given by the inner product. Which of the following statements are true?

1.  $S = (S^\perp)^\perp$
2.  $\bar{S} = (S^\perp)^\perp$
3.  $\overline{\text{span}(S)} = (S^\perp)^\perp$
4.  $S^\perp = ((S^\perp)^\perp)^\perp$

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#### PART – B

118. Consider the subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $W_1 = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + y + z = 0\}$  and  $W_2 = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x - y + z = 0\}$ . If  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that

- (i)  $W \cap W_2 = \text{span}\{(0,1,1)\}$
- (ii)  $W \cap W_1$  is orthogonal to  $W \cap W_2$  with respect to the usual inner product of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then

1.  $W = \text{span}\{(0,1,-1), (0,1,1)\}$
2.  $W = \text{span}\{(1,0,-1), (0,1,-1)\}$
3.  $W = \text{span}\{(1,0,-1), (0,1,1)\}$
4.  $W = \text{span}\{(1,0,-1), (1,0,1)\}$

119. Let  $C = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $T:$

$\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x-2y \end{pmatrix}$ . If

$T[C]$  represents the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $C$ , then which among the following is true?

1.  $T[C] = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $T[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
3.  $T[C] = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
4.  $T[C] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

120. Let  $W_1 = \{(u,v,w,x) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid u+v+w=0, 2v+x=0, 2u+2w-x=0\}$  and

$W_2 = \{(u,v,w,x) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid u+w+x=0, u+w-2x=0, v-x=0\}$ . Then which of the following is true?

1.  $\dim(W_1) = 1$
2.  $\dim(W_2) = 2$
3.  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 1$
4.  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = 3$

121. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix. Assume that  $A$  is self-adjoint and let  $B$  denotes the inverse of  $(A + iI)$ . Then all eigenvalues of

$(A - iI)B$  are

1. purely imaginary
2. of modulus one
3. real
4. of modulus less than one

122. Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  as column vectors. Let  $M = (u_1, \dots, u_k)$ ,  $N = (u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n)$  and  $P$  be the diagonal  $k \times k$  matrix with diagonal entries  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then which of the following is true?

1.  $\text{Rank}(MPM^*) = k$ , whenever  $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j, 1 \leq i, j \leq k$ .
2.  $\text{Trace}(MPM^*) = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i$
3.  $\text{Rank}(M^*N) = \min(k, n-k)$
4.  $\text{Rank}(MM^* + NN^*) < n$

123. Let  $B: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $B(a,b) = ab$ . Which of the following is true?

1.  $B$  is a linear transformation
2.  $B$  is a positive definite bilinear form
3.  $B$  is symmetric but not positive definite
4.  $B$  is neither linear nor bilinear

#### PART – C

124. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear map that satisfies  $T^2 = T - I_n$ . Then which of the following are true?

1.  $T$  is invertible



2.  $T - I_n$  is not invertible
3.  $T$  has a real eigen value
4.  $T^3 = -I_n$

125. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then which of the

following are true?

1. both systems  $MX = b_1$  and  $MX = b_2$  are inconsistent
2. both systems  $MX = b_1$  and  $MX = b_2$  are consistent
3. the system  $MX = b_1 - b_2$  is consistent
4. the systems  $MX = b_1 - b_2$  is inconsistent

126. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Given that 1 is an

eigen value of  $M$ , then which among the following are correct?

1. The minimal polynomial of  $M$  is  $(X - 1)(X + 4)$
2. The minimal polynomial of  $M$  is  $(X - 1)^2(X + 4)$
3.  $M$  is not diagonalizable
4.  $M^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}(M + 3I)$

127. Let  $A$  be a real matrix with characteristic polynomial  $(X - 1)^3$ . Pick the correct statements from below:

1.  $A$  is necessarily diagonalizable
2. If the minimal polynomial of  $A$  is  $(X - 1)^3$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable
3. Characteristic polynomial of  $A^2$  is  $(X - 1)^3$
4. If  $A$  has exactly two Jordan blocks, then  $(A - I)^2$  is diagonalizable

128. Let  $P_3$  be the vector space of polynomials with real coefficients and of degree at most 3. Consider the linear map  $T : P_3 \rightarrow P_3$  defined by  $T(p(x)) = p(x + 1) + p(x - 1)$ . Which of the following properties does the matrix of  $T$  (with respect to the standard basis  $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  of  $P_3$ ) satisfy?

1.  $\det T = 0$
2.  $(T - 2I)^4 = 0$  but  $(T - 2I)^3 \neq 0$

3.  $(T - 2I)^3 = 0$  but  $(T - 2I)^2 \neq 0$
4. 2 is an eigen value with multiplicity 4

129. Let  $M$  be an  $n \times n$  Hermitian matrix of rank  $k$ ,  $k \neq n$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigen value of  $M$  with corresponding unit column vector  $u$ , with  $Mu = \lambda u$ , then which of the following are true?

1.  $\text{rank}(M - \lambda uu^*) = k - 1$
2.  $\text{rank}(M - \lambda uu^*) = k$
3.  $\text{rank}(M - \lambda uu^*) = k + 1$
4.  $(M - \lambda uu^*)^n = M^n - \lambda^n uu^*$

130. Define a real valued function  $B$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$  as follows. If  $u = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $w = (y_1, y_2)$  belong to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  define  $B(u, w) = x_1y_1 - x_1y_2 - x_2y_1 + 4x_2y_2$ . Let  $v_0 = (1, 0)$  and let  $W = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^2 : B(v_0, v) = 0\}$ . Then  $W$

1. is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$
2. equals  $\{(0, 0)\}$
3. is the  $y$  axis
4. is the line passing through  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$

131. Consider the Quadratic forms

$$Q_1(x, y) = xy$$

$$Q_2(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$Q_3(x, y) = x^2 + 3xy + 2y^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Choose the correct statements from below:

1.  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are equivalent
2.  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$  are equivalent
3.  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  are equivalent
4. all are equivalent

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**PART - B**

132. Consider the vector space  $P_n$  of real polynomials in  $x$  of degree less than or equal to  $n$ . Define  $T : P_2 \rightarrow P_3$  by  $(Tf)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt + f'(x)$ . Then the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the bases  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  and  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  is

1.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$       2.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$



$$3. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

- 133.** Let  $P_A(x)$  denote the characteristic polynomial of a matrix  $A$ . Then for which of the following matrices,  $P_A(x) - P_{A^{-1}}(x)$  is a constant?

$$1. \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2. \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3. \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4. \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 134.** Which of the following matrices is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

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

$$2. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$4. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 135.** What is the rank of the following matrix?

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

1. 2  
3. 4

2. 3  
4. 5

- 136.** Let  $V$  denote the vector space of real valued continuous functions on the closed interval  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $V$  spanned by  $\{\sin(x), \cos(x), \tan(x)\}$ . Then the dimension of  $W$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  is

1. 1  
3. 3

2. 2  
4. infinite

- 137.** Let  $V$  be the vector space of polynomials in the variable  $t$  of degree at most 2 over  $\mathbb{R}$ . An inner product on  $V$  is defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$$

for  $f, g \in V$ . Let  $W = \text{span} \{1 - t^2, 1 + t^2\}$  and  $W^\perp$  be the orthogonal complement of  $W$  in  $V$ . Which of the following conditions is satisfied for all  $h \in W^\perp$ ?

1.  $h$  is an even function, i.e.  $h(t) = h(-t)$
2.  $h$  is an odd function, i.e.  $h(t) = -h(-t)$
3.  $h(t) = 0$  has a real solution
4.  $h(0) = 0$

### PART - C

- 138.** Let  $L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the space of  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear maps from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\text{Ker}(T)$  denotes the kernel (null space) of  $T$  then which of the following are true?

1. There exists  $T \in L(\mathbb{R}^5) \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\text{Range}(T) = \text{Ker}(T)$
2. There does not exist  $T \in L(\mathbb{R}^5) \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\text{Range}(T) = \text{Ker}(T)$
3. There exists  $T \in L(\mathbb{R}^6) \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\text{Range}(T) = \text{Ker}(T)$
4. There does not exist  $T \in L(\mathbb{R}^6) \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\text{Range}(T) = \text{Ker}(T)$

- 139.** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Can you always write  $T = T_2 \circ T_1$  for some linear maps  $T_1 : V \rightarrow W$ ,  $T_2 : W \rightarrow V$ , where  $W$  is some finite dimensional vector space and such that

1. both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are onto
2. both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are one to one
3.  $T_1$  is onto,  $T_2$  is one to one
4.  $T_1$  is one to one,  $T_2$  is onto

- 140.** Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a  $3 \times 3$  complex matrix. Identify the correct statements

1.  $\det((-1)^{i+j} a_{ij}) = \det A$
2.  $\det((-1)^{i+j} a_{ij}) = -\det A$
3.  $\det((\sqrt{-1})^{i+j} a_{ij}) = \det A$
4.  $\det((\sqrt{-1})^{i+j} a_{ij}) = -\det A$

- 141.** Let  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$  be a non-constant polynomial of degree  $n \geq 1$ . Consider the polynomial

$$q(x) = \int_0^x p(t)dt, r(x) = \frac{d}{dx} p(x).$$

Let  $V$  denote the real vector space of all polynomials in  $x$ . Then which of the following are true?



1. q and r are linearly independent in V
2. q and r are linearly dependent in V
3.  $x^n$  belongs to the linear span of q and r
4.  $x^{n+1}$  belongs to the linear span of q and r

**142.** Let  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the ring of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Which of the following are true for every  $n \geq 2$ ?

1. there exist matrices  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $AB - BA = I_n$ , where  $I_n$  denotes the identity  $n \times n$  matrix.
2. if  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $AB = BA$ , then A is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$  if and only if B is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$
3. if  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , then AB and BA have same minimal polynomial
4. if  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , then AB and BA have the same eigen values in  $\mathbb{R}$

**143.** Consider a matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{5 \times 5}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 5$  such that  $a_{ij} = \frac{1}{n_i + n_j + 1}$ , where  $n_i, n_j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then in which of the following cases A is a positive definite matrix?

1.  $n_i = i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$
2.  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_5$
3.  $n_1 = n_2 = \dots = n_5$
4.  $n_1 > n_2 > \dots > n_5$

**144.** Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  denote the standard inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For a non zero  $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define  $T_w : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$T_w(v) = v - \frac{2\langle v, w \rangle}{\langle w, w \rangle} w, \text{ for } v \in \mathbb{R}^n. \text{ Which of}$$

the following are true?

1.  $\det(T_w) = 1$
2.  $\langle T_w(v_1), T_w(v_2) \rangle = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle \forall v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
3.  $T_w = T_w^{-1}$
4.  $T_{2w} = 2T_w$

**145.** Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  over the

field  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rationals. Which of the following matrices are of the form  $P^t AP$  for a suitable  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrix P over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? Here  $P^t$  denotes the transpose of P.

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

3.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
4.  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

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**PART - B**

**146.** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The system of linear equations  $AX = Y$  has a solution

1. only for  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

2. only for  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, y \in \mathbb{R}$

3. only for  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

4. for all  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^3$

**147.** Let V be a vector space of dimension 3 over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation,

given by the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  with

respect to an ordered basis  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$  of V. Then which of the following statements is true?

1.  $T(v_3) = 0$
2.  $T(v_1 + v_2) = 0$
3.  $T(v_1 + v_2 + v_3) = 0$
4.  $T(v_1 + v_3) = T(v_2)$

**148.** Let  $M_4(\mathbb{R})$  be the space of all  $(4 \times 4)$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let

$$W = \left\{ (a_{ij}) \in M_4(\mathbb{R}) \mid \sum_{i+j=k} a_{ij} = 0, \text{ for } k = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 \right\}$$

Then  $\dim(W)$  is

1. 7
2. 8
3. 9
4. 10





149. For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$M(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & t^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then which of the following statements is true?

1.  $\det M(t)$  is a polynomial function of degree 3 in  $t$
2.  $\det M(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$
3.  $\det M(t)$  is zero for infinitely many  $t \in \mathbb{R}$
4.  $\det M(t)$  is zero for exactly two  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

150. For a quadratic form in 3 variables over  $\mathbb{R}$ , let  $r$  be the rank and  $s$  be the signature. The number of possible pairs  $(r, s)$  is

1. 13
2. 9
3. 10
4. 16

### PART - C

151. Let  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $X = \{C \in GL_3(\mathbb{R}) \mid CAC^{-1} \text{ is triangular}\}$ . Then

1.  $X \neq \emptyset$
2. If  $X = \emptyset$ , then  $A$  is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$
3. If  $X = \emptyset$ . Then  $A$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$
4. If  $X = \emptyset$ , then  $A$  has no real eigenvalue

152. Which of the following statements regarding quadratic forms in 3 variables are true?

1. Any two quadratic forms of rank 3 are isomorphic over  $\mathbb{R}$
2. Any two quadratic forms of rank 3 are isomorphic over  $\mathbb{C}$
3. There are exactly three non zero quadratic forms of rank  $\leq 3$  upto isomorphism over  $\mathbb{C}$
4. There are exactly three non zero quadratic forms of rank 2 upto isomorphism over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$

153. Let  $T : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  be a linear transformation,  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose 1 is the only eigenvalue of  $T$ . Which of the following statements are true?

1.  $T^k \neq I$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$
2.  $(T - I)^{n-1} = 0$
3.  $(T - I)^n = 0$
4.  $(T - I)^{n+1} = 0$

154. Let  $X$  be a finite dimensional inner product space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be any linear

transformation. Then which of the following statements are true?

1.  $T$  is unitary  $\Rightarrow T$  is self adjoint
2.  $T$  is self adjoint  $\Rightarrow T$  is normal
3.  $T$  is unitary  $\Rightarrow T$  is normal
4.  $T$  is normal  $\Rightarrow T$  is unitary

155. Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Suppose  $A_n(\alpha, \beta) = [a_{ij}]$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $a_{ii} = \alpha$  and  $a_{ij} = \beta$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Let  $D_n$  be the determinant of  $A_n(\alpha, \beta)$ . Which of the following statements are true?

1.  $D_n = (\alpha - \beta)D_{n-1} + \beta$  for  $n \geq 2$
2.  $\frac{D_n}{(\alpha - \beta)^{n-1}} = \frac{D_{n-1}}{(\alpha - \beta)^{n-2}} + \beta$  for  $n \geq 2$
3.  $D_n = (\alpha + (n - 1)\beta)^{n-1}(\alpha - \beta)$  for  $n \geq 2$
4.  $D_n = (\alpha + (n - 1)\beta)(\alpha - \beta)^{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 2$

156. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Any two quadratic forms of same rank in  $n$ -variables over  $\mathbb{R}$  are isomorphic
2. Any two quadratic forms of same rank in  $n$ -variables over  $\mathbb{C}$  are isomorphic
3. Any two quadratic forms in  $n$ -variables are isomorphic over  $\mathbb{C}$
4. A quadratic form in 4 variables may be isomorphic to a quadratic form in 10 variables

157. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be a linear transformation with characteristic polynomial  $(x - 2)^4$  and minimal polynomial  $(x - 2)^2$ . Jordan canonical form of  $T$  can be

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

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### PART - B

158. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix such that the set of all its non-zero eigenvalues has exactly  $r$  elements. Which of the following statements is true?



1. rank  $A \leq r$
2. If  $r = 0$ , then rank  $A < n - 1$
3. rank  $A \geq r$
4.  $A^2$  has  $r$  distinct non zero eigenvalues

**159.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Then which of the following is true?

1.  $\det(A + B) + \det(A - B) = \det A + \det B$
2.  $\det(A + B) + \det(A - B) = 2\det A - 2\det B$
3.  $\det(A + B) + \det(A - B) = 2\det A + 2\det B$
4.  $\det(A + B) - \det(A - B) = 2\det A - 2\det B$

**160.** If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A^{20}$  equals

1.  $\begin{pmatrix} 41 & 40 \\ -40 & -39 \end{pmatrix}$
2.  $\begin{pmatrix} 41 & -40 \\ 40 & -39 \end{pmatrix}$
3.  $\begin{pmatrix} 41 & -40 \\ -40 & -39 \end{pmatrix}$
4.  $\begin{pmatrix} 41 & 40 \\ 40 & -39 \end{pmatrix}$

**161.** Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  real matrix with  $\det A = 1$  and trace  $A = 3$ . What is the value of trace  $A^2$ ?

1. 2
2. 10
3. 9
4. 7

**162.** For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  
 $p(x, y) = a^2x_1y_1 + abx_2y_1 + abx_1y_2 + b^2x_2y_2$ ,  
 $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .  
 For what values of  $a$  and  $b$  does

$p : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  define an inner product?

1.  $a > 0, b > 0$
2.  $ab > 0$
3.  $a = 0, b = 0$
4. For no values of  $a, b$

**163.** Which of the following real quadratic forms on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is positive definite?

1.  $Q(X, Y) = XY$
2.  $Q(X, Y) = X^2 - XY + Y^2$
3.  $Q(X, Y) = X^2 + 2XY + Y^2$
4.  $Q(X, Y) = X^2 + XY$

### PART - C

**164.** Let  $P$  be a square matrix such that  $P^2 = P$ . Which of the following statements are true?

1. Trace of  $P$  is an irrational number
2. Trace of  $P =$  rank of  $P$
3. Trace of  $P$  is an integer
4. Trace of  $P$  is an imaginary complex number

**165.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  real matrices and let

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}$$

Which of the following statements are true?

1. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A + B$  then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $C$
2. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A - B$  then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $C$
3. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  or  $B$  then  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $C$
4. All eigenvalues of  $C$  are real

**166.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix. Let  $b$  be an  $n \times 1$  vector. Suppose  $Ax = b$  has no solution. Which of the following statements are true?

1. There exists an  $n \times 1$  vector  $c$  such that  $Ax = c$  has a unique solution
2. There exist infinitely many vectors  $c$  such that  $Ax = c$  has no solution
3. If  $y$  is the first column of  $A$  then  $Ax = y$  has a unique solution
4.  $\det A = 0$

**167.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix such that the first 3 rows of  $A$  are linearly independent and the first 5 columns of  $A$  are linearly independent. Which of the following statements are true?

1.  $A$  has atleast 5 linearly independent rows
2.  $3 \leq \text{rank } A \leq 5$
3.  $\text{rank } A \geq 5$
4.  $\text{rank } A^2 \geq 5$

**168.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $F$  be a non-empty proper subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Define  $\langle x, y \rangle_F = \sum_{k \in F} x_k y_k$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $T = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, x \rangle_F = 0\}$ . Which of the following statements are true?

For  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \neq 0$

1.  $\inf_{x \in T} \langle x + y, x + y \rangle_F = \langle y, y \rangle_F$
2.  $\sup_{x \in T} \langle x + y, x + y \rangle_F = \langle y, y \rangle_F$
3.  $\inf_{x \in T} \langle x + y, x + y \rangle_F < \langle y, y \rangle_F$
4.  $\sup_{x \in T} \langle x + y, x + y \rangle_F > \langle y, y \rangle_F$

**169.** Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be a non-zero vector. Define a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by



$$T(x) = x - 2 \frac{x \cdot v}{v \cdot v} v, \text{ where } x \cdot y \text{ denotes the}$$

standard inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Which of the following statements are true?

1. The eigenvalues of T are +1, -1
2. The determinant of T is -1
3. The trace of T is +1
4. T is distance preserving

**170.** A quadratic form  $Q(x,y,z)$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  represents 0 non trivially if there exists  $(a,b,c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0,0,0)\}$  such that  $Q(a, b, c) = 0$ . Which of the following quadratic forms  $Q(x, y, z)$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  represent 0 non trivially?

1.  $Q(x, y, z) = xy + z^2$
2.  $Q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 3y^2 - 2z^2$
3.  $Q(x, y, z) = x^2 - xy + y^2 + z^2$
4.  $Q(x, y, z) = x^2 + xy + z^2$

**171.** Let  $Q(x, y, z)$  be a real quadratic form. Which of the following statements are true?

1.  $Q(x_1 + x_2, y, z) = Q(x_1, y, z) + Q(x_2, y, z)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, y, z$
2.  $Q(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, 0) + Q(x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2, 0) = 2Q(x_1, y_1, 0) + 2Q(x_2, y_2, 0)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2$
3.  $Q(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) = Q(x_1, y_1, z_1) + Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  for at least one choice of  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2$
4.  $2Q(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, 0) + 2Q(x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2, 0) = Q(x_1, y_1, 0) + Q(x_2, y_2, 0)$  for all  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2$

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**PART - B**

**172.** Let A be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix such that -1, 1, 1, -2 are its eigenvalues. If  $B = A^4 - 5A^2 + 5I$ , then trace (A + B) equals

- (1) 0
- (2) -12
- (3) 3
- (4) 9

**173.** Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Given that 1 is an

eigenvalue of M, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) -2 is an eigenvalue of M
- (2) 3 is an eigenvalue of M
- (3) The eigen space of each eigen value has dimension 1
- (4) M is diagonalizable

**174.** Let A and B be  $n \times n$  matrices. Suppose the sum of the elements in any row of A is 2 and the sum of the elements in any column of B is 2. Which of the following matrices is necessarily singular?

- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) $I - \frac{1}{2} BA^T$ | (2) $I - \frac{1}{2} AB$   |
| (3) $I - \frac{1}{4} AB$   | (4) $I - \frac{1}{4} BA^T$ |

**175.** Let  $V = \{A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}) : A^t + A \in \mathbb{R} \cdot I\}$  where I is the identity matrix. Consider the quadratic form defined as  $q(A) = \text{Trace}(A)^2 - \text{Trace}(A^2)$ . What is the signature of the quadratic form?

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| (1) (+ + + +) | (2) (+ 0 0 0) |
| (3) (+ - - -) | (4) (- - - 0) |

**176.** Let  $n > 1$  be a fixed natural number. Which of the following is an inner product on the vector space of  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices?

- (1)  $\langle A, B \rangle = (\text{trace}(A)) (\text{trace}(B))$
- (2)  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace}(AB)$
- (3)  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{determinant}(AB)$
- (4)  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace}(A) + \text{trace}(B)$

**177.** Consider the two statements given below:

- I. There exists a matrix  $N \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\{(1, 1, 1, -1), (1, -1, 1, 1)\}$  is a basis of  $\text{Row}(N)$  and  $(1, 2, 1, 4) \in \text{Null}(N)$
- II. There exists a matrix  $M \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\{(1, 1, 1, 0)^T, (1, 0, 1, 1)^T\}$  is a basis of  $\text{Col}(M)$  and  $(1, 1, 1, 1)^T, (1, 0, 1, 0)^T \in \text{Null}(M)$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Statement I is False and Statement II is True
- (2) Statement I is True and Statement II is False
- (3) Both Statement I and Statement II are False
- (4) Both Statement I and Statement II are True

**PART - C**

**178.** Let  $M \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $M \neq 0$  but  $M^2 = 0$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) If n is even then  $\dim(\text{Col}(M)) > \dim(\text{Null}(M))$
- (2) If n is even then  $\dim(\text{Col}(M)) \leq \dim(\text{Null}(M))$



- (3) If  $n$  is odd then  
 $\dim(\text{Col}(M)) < \dim(\text{Null}(M))$   
 (4) If  $n$  is odd then  
 $\dim(\text{Col}(M)) > \dim(\text{Null}(M))$

**179.** Consider the system

$$2x + ky = 2 - k$$

$$kx + 2y = k$$

$$ky + kz = k - 1$$

in three unknowns and one real parameter  $k$ . For which of the following values of  $k$  is the system of linear equations consistent?

- (1) 1 (2) 2  
 (3) -1 (4) -2

**180.** Which of the following are inner products on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

(1)  $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = x_1y_1 + 2x_1y_2 + 2x_2y_1 + x_2y_2$

(2)  $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + 2x_2y_2$

(3)  $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + x_2y_2$

(4)  $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = x_1y_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_1y_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2y_1 + x_2y_2$

**181.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix such that the first  $r$  rows of  $A$  are linearly independent and the first  $s$  columns of  $A$  are linearly independent, where  $r < m$  and  $s < n$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) The rank of  $A$  is atleast  $\max\{r, s\}$   
 (2) The submatrix formed by the first  $r$  rows and the first  $s$  columns of  $A$  has rank  $\min\{r, s\}$   
 (3) If  $r < s$ , then there exists a row among rows  $r + 1, \dots, m$  which together with the first  $r$  rows form a linearly independent set  
 (4) If  $s < r$ , then there exists a column among columns  $s + 1, \dots, n$  which together with the first  $s$  columns form a linearly dependent set.

**182.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. We say that  $A$  is diagonalizable if there exists a nonsingular matrix  $P$  such that  $PAP^{-1}$  is a diagonal matrix. Which of the following conditions imply that  $A$  is diagonalizable?

- (1) There exists integer  $k$  such that  $A^k = 1$   
 (2) There exists integer  $k$  such that  $A^k$  is nilpotent  
 (3)  $A^2$  is diagonalizable

- (4)  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors

**183.** It is known that  $X = X_0 \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is a solution of  $AX - XA = A$  for some

$$A \in \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Which of the following values are NOT possible for the determinant of  $X_0$ ?

- (1)  $\det(X_0) = 0$  (2)  $\det(X_0) = 2$   
 (3)  $\det(X_0) = 6$  (4)  $\det(X_0) = 10$

**184.** Let  $A$  be an  $m \times m$  matrix with real entries and let  $x$  be an  $m \times 1$  vector of unknowns. Now consider the two statements given below:

I: There exists non-zero vector  $b_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that the linear system  $Ax = b_1$  has NO solution

II: There exist non-zero vectors  $b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , with  $b_2 \neq cb_3$  for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that the linear systems  $Ax = b_2$  and  $Ax = b_3$  have solutions.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) II is TRUE whenever  $A$  is singular  
 (2) I is TRUE whenever  $A$  is singular  
 (3) Both I and II can be TRUE simultaneously  
 (4) If  $m = 2$ , then at least one of I and II is FALSE

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**PART - B**

**185.** Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a real symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix. Consider the quadratic form  $Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x^t Ax$  where  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t$ . Which of the following is true?

- (1) If  $Q(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is positive definite, then  $a_{ij} > 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ .  
 (2) If  $Q(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is positive definite, then  $a_{ii} > 0$  for all  $i$ .  
 (3) If  $a_{ij} > 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , then  $Q(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is positive definite.  
 (4) If  $a_{ii} > 0$  for all  $i$ , then  $Q(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is positive definite.

**186.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the field of real numbers. Let  $V$  be the vector space of real polynomials of degree at most 1. Consider the bilinear form

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$\text{given by } \langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx.$$



Which of the following is true?

- (1) For all non-zero real numbers  $a, b$ , there exists a real number  $c$  such that the vectors  $ax + b, x + c \in V$  are orthogonal to each other.
- (2) For all non-zero real numbers  $b$ , there are infinitely many real numbers  $c$  such that the vectors  $x + b, x + c \in V$  are orthogonal to each other.
- (3) For all positive real numbers  $c$ , there exist infinitely many real numbers  $a, b$  such that the vectors  $ax + b, x + c \in V$  are orthogonal to each other.
- (4) For all non-zero real numbers  $b$ , there are infinitely many real numbers  $c$  such that the vectors  $b, x + c \in V$  are orthogonal to each other.

**187.** Suppose  $A$  is a real  $n \times n$  matrix of rank  $r$ . Let  $V$  be the vector space of all real  $n \times n$  matrices  $X$  such that  $AX = 0$ . What is the dimension of  $V$ ?

(1)  $r$       (2)  $nr$       (3)  $n^2r$       (4)  $n^2 - nr$

**188.** Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are similar real matrices, that is, there exists an invertible matrix  $S$  such that  $A = SBS^{-1}$ . Which of the following need not be true?

- (1) Transpose of  $A$  is similar to the transpose of  $B$
- (2) The minimal polynomial of  $A$  is same as the minimal polynomial of  $B$
- (3)  $\text{trace}(A) = \text{trace}(B)$
- (4) The range of  $A$  is same as the range of  $B$

**189.** Let  $A$  be an invertible  $5 \times 5$  matrix over a field  $F$ . Suppose that characteristic polynomials of  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  are the same. Which of the following is necessarily true?

- (1)  $\det(A)^2 = 1$       (2)  $\det(A)^5 = 1$
- (3)  $\text{trace}(A)^2 = 1$       (4)  $\text{trace}(A)^5 = 1$

### PART - C

**190.** Let  $W$  be the space of  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear combinations of the following functions  $f_1(z) = \sin z, f_2(z) = \cos z, f_3(z) = \sin(2z), f_4(z) = \cos(2z)$ . Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $W$  given by complex differentiation. Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Dimension of  $W$  is 3
- (2) The span of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  is Jordan block of  $T$

- (3)  $T$  has two Jordan blocks
- (4)  $T$  has four Jordan blocks

**191.** Let  $V$  be vector space of polynomials  $f(X, Y) \in \mathbb{R}[X, Y]$  with (total) degree less than 3. Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be the linear transformation given by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) The nullity of  $T$  is atleast 3
- (2) The rank of  $T$  is atleast 4
- (3) The rank of  $T$  is atleast 3
- (4)  $T$  is invertible

**192.** For a positive integer  $n \geq 2$ , let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $A^{n^2}$  has rank zero. Let  $0_n$  denote the  $n \times n$  matrix with all entries equal to 0. Which of the following statements are equivalent to the statement that  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors?

- (1)  $A^n = 0_n$       (2)  $A^{n^2} = 0_n$
- (3)  $A = 0_n$       (4)  $A^2 = 0_n$

**193.** Let  $P_n$  be the vector space of real polynomials with degree at most  $n$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be an inner product on  $P_n$  with respect to which  $\left\{1, x, \frac{1}{2!}x^2, \dots, \frac{1}{n!}x^n\right\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $P_n$ . Let  $f = \sum_i \alpha_i x^i, g = \sum_i \beta_i x^i \in P_n$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1)  $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_i (i!) \alpha_i \beta_i$  defines one such inner product, but there is another such inner product.
- (2)  $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_i (i!) \alpha_i \beta_i$ .
- (3)  $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_i (i!)^2 \alpha_i \beta_i$  defines one such inner product, but there is another such inner product.
- (4)  $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_i (i!)^2 \alpha_i \beta_i$

**194.** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 2x + 3y + 4z = 0 \right\}$$

$$V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + 2y + 5z = 0 \right\}$$



Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) There exists an invertible linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(U) = V$ .
- (2) There does not exist an invertible linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(V) = U$ .
- (3) There exists a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(U) \cap V \neq \{0\}$  and the characteristic polynomial of  $T$  is not the product of linear polynomials with real coefficients.
- (4) There exists a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(U) = V$  and the characteristic polynomial of  $T$  vanishes at 1.

**195.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  that  $A$  and  $A^2$  are of same rank. Consider linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $T(v) = A(v)$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Which of the following statements are true.

- (1) The Kernels of  $T$  and  $T \circ T$  are the same
- (2) The Kernels of  $T$  and  $T \circ T$  are of equal dimensions
- (3)  $A$  must be invertible
- (4)  $I_n + A$  must be invertible, where  $I_n$  denotes an  $n \times n$  identity matrix

**196.** On the complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^{100}$  with standard basis  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{100}\}$ , consider the bilinear form  $B(x, y) = \sum_i x_i y_i$ , where  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  are the coefficients of  $e_i$  in  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Which of the following statements are true?

- (1)  $B$  is non-degenerate
- (2) Restriction of  $B$  to all non-zero subspaces is non-degenerate
- (3) There is a 51 dimensional subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{C}^{100}$  such that the restriction  $B : W \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is the zero map
- (4) There is a 49 dimensional subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{C}^{100}$  such that the restriction  $B : W \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is the zero map

**197.** For a positive integer  $n \geq 2$ , let  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  denote the vector space of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) The vector space  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  can be expressed as the union of a finite collection of its proper subspaces.
- (2) Let  $A$  be an element of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Then, for any real number  $x$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a real number  $y \in (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$  such that  $\det(yI + A) \neq 0$ .
- (3) Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are two elements of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that their characteristic polynomials are equal. If  $A = C^2$  for some  $C \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $B = D^2$  for some  $D \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (4) For any subspace  $W$  of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , there exists a linear transformation  $T : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{R})$  with  $W$  as its image.

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**198.** Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $f(X) \in \mathbb{R}[X]$  denote its characteristic polynomial. Consider the following statements.

- (a) Suppose  $T$  is non-zero and 0 is an eigen value of  $T$ . If we write  $f(X) = Xg(X)$  in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , then the linear operator  $g(T)$  is zero.
- (b) Suppose 0 is an eigenvalue of  $T$  with atleast two linearly independent eigen vectors. If we write  $f(X) = Xg(X)$  in  $\mathbb{R}[X]$ , then the linear operator  $g(T)$  is zero.

Which of the following is true?

- (1) Both (a) and (b) are true.
- (2) Both (a) and (b) are false.
- (3) (a) is true and (b) is false.
- (4) (a) is false and (b) is true.

**199.** Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  denote vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for a fixed  $n \geq 2$ . Which of the following defines an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

- (1)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^n x_i y_j$
- (2)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^n (x_i^2 + y_j^2)$
- (3)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n j^3 x_j y_j$
- (4)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j y_{n-j+1}$

**200.** Consider the quadratic form  $Q(x, y, z)$  associated to the matrix



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

Let

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid Q(a, b, c) = 0 \right\}$$

Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- (1) The intersection of  $S$  with the  $xy$ -plane is a line
  - (2) The intersection of  $S$  with the  $xz$ -plane is an ellipse
  - (3)  $S$  is the union of two planes
  - (4)  $Q$  is a degenerate quadratic form
- 201.** Let  $l \geq 1$  be a positive integer. What is the dimension of the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all polynomials in two variables over  $\mathbb{R}$  having a total degree of at most  $l$ ?
- (1)  $l+1$                       (2)  $l(l-1)$
  - (3)  $l(l+1)/2$               (4)  $(l+1)(l+2)/2$
- 202.** Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with real entries. Which of the following assertions is FALSE?
- (1)  $A$  must have a real eigenvalue
  - (2) If the determinant of  $A$  is 0, then 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$
  - (3) If the determinant of  $A$  is negative and 3 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , the  $A$  must have three real eigenvalues
  - (4) If the determinant of  $A$  is positive and 3 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $A$  must have three real eigenvalues
- 203.** Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix whose characteristic polynomial  $p(T)$  is divisible by  $T^2$ . Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The eigenspace of  $A$  for the eigenvalue 0 is two-dimensional
  - (2) All the eigenvalues of  $A$  are real
  - (3)  $A^3 = 0$
  - (4)  $A$  is diagonalizable

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- 204.** Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomials in one variable of degree at most 10 with real coefficients. Let  $W_1$  be the subspace of  $V$  consisting of

polynomials of degree at most 5 and let  $W_2$  be the subspace of  $V$  consisting of polynomials such that the sum of their coefficients is 0. Let  $W$  be the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing both  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) The dimension of  $W$  is at most 10
  - (2)  $W = V$
  - (3)  $W_1 \subset W_2$
  - (4) The dimension of  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is at most 5
- 205.** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional real vector space and  $T_1, T_2$  be two nilpotent operators on  $V$ . Let  $W_1 = \{v \in V : T_1(v) = 0\}$  and  $W_2 = \{v \in V : T_2(v) = 0\}$ . Which of the following statements are FALSE?
- (1) If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are similar, then  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are isomorphic vector spaces
  - (2) If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are isomorphic vector spaces, then  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  have the same minimal polynomial
  - (3) If  $W_1 = W_2 = V$ , then  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are similar
  - (4) If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are isomorphic, then  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  have the same characteristic polynomial
- 206.** Consider the following quadratic forms over  $\mathbb{R}$
- (a)  $6X^2 - 13XY + 6Y^2$ ,
  - (b)  $X^2 - XY + 2Y^2$ ,
  - (c)  $X^2 - XY - 2Y^2$ .
- Which of the following statements are true?
- (1) Quadratic forms (a) and (b) are equivalent
  - (2) Quadratic forms (a) and (c) are equivalent
  - (3) Quadratic form (b) is positive definite
  - (4) Quadratic form (c) is positive definite
- 207.** Suppose  $A$  is a  $5 \times 5$  block diagonal real matrix with diagonal blocks
- $$\begin{pmatrix} e & 1 \\ 0 & e \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} e & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e \end{pmatrix}$$
- Which of the following statements are true?
- (1) The algebraic multiplicity of  $e$  in  $A$  is 5
  - (2)  $A$  is not diagonalizable
  - (3) The geometric multiplicity of  $e$  in  $A$  is 3
  - (4) The geometric multiplicity of  $e$  in  $A$  is 2



**208.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation satisfying  $T^3 - 3T^2 = -2I$ , where  $I : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is the identity transformation. Which of the following statements are true?

- (1)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  must admit a basis  $B_1$  such that the matrix of  $T$  with respect to  $B_1$  is symmetric.
- (2)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  must admit a basis  $B_2$  such that the matrix of  $T$  with respect to  $B_2$  is upper triangular.
- (3)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  must contain a non-zero vector  $v$  such that  $Tv = v$ .
- (4)  $\mathbb{R}^3$  must contain two linearly independent vectors  $v_1, v_2$  such that  $Tv_1 = v_1$  and  $Tv_2 = v_2$ .

**209.** Let  $B$  be a  $3 \times 5$  matrix with entries from  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Assume that  $\{v \in \mathbb{R}^5 \mid Bv = 0\}$  is a three-dimensional real vector space. Which of the following statements are true?

- (1)  $\{v \in \mathbb{Q}^5 \mid Bv = 0\}$  is a three-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (2) The linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{Q}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^5$  given by  $T(v) = B^t v$  is injective
- (3) The column span of  $B$  is two-dimensional
- (4) The linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{Q}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^3$  given by  $T(v) = BB^t v$  is injective

**210.** Let  $V$  be the real vector space of real polynomials in one variable with degree less than or equal to 10 (including the zero polynomial). Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be the linear map defined by  $T(p) = p'$ , where  $p'$  denotes the derivative of  $p$ . Which of the following statements are correct?

- (1)  $\text{rank}(T) = 10$
- (2)  $\text{determinant}(T) = 0$
- (3)  $\text{trace}(T) = 0$
- (4) All the eigenvalues of  $T$  are equal to 0

**211.** Let  $V$  be an inner product space and let  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in V$  be an orthogonal set of vectors. Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) The vectors  $v_1 + v_2 + 2v_3, v_2 + v_3, v_2 + 3v_3$  can be extended to a basis of  $V$
- (2) The vectors  $v_1 + v_2 + 2v_3, v_2 + v_3, v_2 + 3v_3$  can be extended to an orthogonal basis of  $V$
- (3) The vectors  $v_1 + v_2 + 2v_3, v_2 + v_3, 2v_1 + v_2 + 3v_3$  can be extended to a basis of  $V$
- (4) The vectors  $v_1 + v_2 + 2v_3, 2v_1 + v_2 + v_3, 2v_1 + v_2 + 3v_3$  can be extended to a basis of  $V$

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### PART - B

**212.** For  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$A_a = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & a \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Which one of the}$$

following statements is true?

- (1)  $A_a$  is positive definite for all  $a < 3$ .
- (2)  $A_a$  is positive definite for all  $a > 3$ .
- (3)  $A_a$  is positive definite for all  $a \geq -2$ .
- (4)  $A_a$  is positive definite only for finitely many values of  $a$ .

**213.** We denote by  $I_n$  the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Which one of the following statements is true?

(1) If  $A$  is a real  $3 \times 2$  matrix and  $B$  is a real  $2 \times 3$  matrix such that  $BA = I_2$ , then  $AB = I_3$ .

(2) Let  $A$  be the real matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then there is a matrix  $B$  with integer entries such that  $AB = I_2$ .

(3) Let  $A$  be the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  with entries in  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ . Then there is a matrix  $B$  with entries in  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $AB = I_2$ .

(4) If  $A$  is a real non-zero  $3 \times 3$  diagonal matrix, then there is a real matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = I_3$ .

**214.** Which one of the following statements is FALSE?

(1) The product of two  $2 \times 2$  real matrices of rank 2 is of rank 2.





- (2) The product of two  $3 \times 3$  real matrices of rank 2 is of rank atmost 2.
- (3) The product of two  $3 \times 3$  real matrices of rank 2 is of rank atleast 2.
- (4) The product of two  $2 \times 2$  real matrices of rank 1 can be the zero matrix.

**215.** Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be the  $n \times n$  real matrix with  $a_{ij} = ij$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . If  $n \geq 3$ , which one of the following is an eigenvalue of  $A$ ?

- (1) 1
- (2)  $n$
- (3)  $n(n+1)/2$
- (4)  $n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$

**216.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with complex entries. If  $n \geq 4$ , which one of the following statements is true?

- (1)  $A$  does not have any non-zero invariant subspace in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .
- (2)  $A$  has an invariant subspace in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  of dimension  $n-3$ .
- (3) All eigenvalues of  $A$  are real numbers.
- (4)  $A^2$  does not have any invariant subspace in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  of dimension  $n-1$ .

**217.** Let  $(-, -)$  be a symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that there exists non-zero  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $(v, v) > 0 > (w, w)$  and  $(v, w) = 0$ . Let  $A$  be the  $2 \times 2$  real symmetric matrix representing this bilinear form with respect to the standard basis. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1)  $A^2 = 0$ .
- (2)  $\text{rank } A = 1$ .
- (3)  $\text{rank } A = 0$ .
- (4) There exists  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2, u \neq 0$  such that  $(u, u) = 0$ .

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**218.** Consider the quadratic form  $Q(x, y, z) = x^2 + xy + y^2 + xz + yz + z^2$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) There exists a non-zero  $u \in \mathbb{Q}^3$  such that  $Q(u) = 0$ .
- (2) There exists a non-zero  $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $Q(u) = 0$ .
- (3) There exist a non-zero  $u \in \mathbb{C}^3$  such that  $Q(u) = 0$ .
- (4) The real symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  which satisfies

$$Q(x, y, z) = [x \ y \ z] A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ for all } x,$$

$y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  is invertible.

**219.** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field and  $V$  be a finite dimensional non-zero  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space. Which of the following can NEVER be true?

- (1)  $V$  is the union of 2 proper subspaces.
- (2)  $V$  is the union of 3 proper subspaces.
- (3)  $V$  has a unique basis.
- (4)  $V$  has precisely two bases.

**220.** Suppose a  $7 \times 7$  block diagonal complex matrix  $A$  has blocks

$$(0), \quad (1), \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2\pi i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\pi i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\pi i \end{pmatrix} \text{ along the diagonal.}$$

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $x^3(x-1)(x-2\pi i)^3$ .
- (2) The minimal polynomial of  $A$  is  $x^2(x-1)(x-2\pi i)^3$ .
- (3) The dimensions of the eigenspaces for  $0, 1, 2\pi i$  are 2, 1, 3 respectively.
- (4) The dimensions of the eigenspaces for  $0, 1, 2\pi i$  are 2, 1, 2 respectively.

**221.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  be a  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear transformation. Suppose that  $(1, -1, 2, 4, 0), (4, 6, 1, 6, 0)$  and  $(5, 5, 3, 9, 0)$  span the null space of  $T$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) The rank of  $T$  is equal to 2.
- (2) Suppose that for every vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^5$ , there exists  $n$  such that  $T^n v = 0$ . Then  $T^2$  must be zero.
- (3) Suppose that for every vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^5$ , there exists  $n$  such that  $T^n v = 0$ . Then  $T^3$  must be zero.
- (4)  $(-2, -8, 3, 2, 0)$  is contained in the null space of  $T$ .

**222.** Let  $X, Y$  be two  $n \times n$  real matrices such that  $XY = X^2 + X + I$ .

Which of the following statements are necessarily true?



- (1)  $X$  is invertible      (2)  $X + I$  is invertible  
(3)  $XY = YX$             (4)  $Y$  is invertible

**223.** Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose  $A^5 - 4A^4 - 7A^3 + 11A^2 - A - 10I = aA + bI$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1)  $a + b > 8$                       (2)  $a + b < 7$   
(3)  $a + b$  is divisible by 2      (4)  $a > b$

**224.** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

- (1)  $A$  is diagonalizable.  
(2) If  $A^k = I$  for some positive integer  $k$ , then  $A^2 = I$ .  
(3) If  $A^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$ , then  $A^2 = 0$ .  
(4) All eigenvalues of  $A$  are real.

**225.** Let  $A$  be a real diagonal matrix with characteristic polynomial  $\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - \lambda + 2$ . Define a bilinear form  $\langle v, w \rangle = v^t A w$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (1)  $A$  is positive definite.  
(2)  $A^2$  is positive definite.  
(3) There exists a non-zero  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\langle v, v \rangle = 0$ .  
(4)  $\text{rank } A = 2$ .



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| 28. (1, 2)       | 29. (1, 3, 4)    | 30. (1, 2)    | 184. (2,3,4)      | 185. (2)       | 186. (3)       |
| 31. (2, 3)       | 32. (1, 3, 4)    | 33. (1, 2)    | 187. (4)          | 188. (4)       | 189. (1)       |
| 34. (1, 2)       | 35. (3, 4)       | 36. (3, 4)    | 190. (4)          | 191. (1)       | 192. (3)       |
| 37. (4)          | 38. (2)          | 39. (1)       | 193. (4)          | 194. (1,3,4)   | 195. (1,2)     |
| 40. (4)          | 41. (4)          | 42. (4)       | 196.              | 197. (2,4)     | 198. (4)       |
| 43. (1, 3)       | 44. (2, 4)       | 45. (1, 3)    | 199. (3)          | 200. (2)       | 201. (4)       |
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| 52. (1)          | 53. (3)          | 54. (4)       | 208. (1,2)        | 209. (1,3)     | 210. (1,2,3,4) |
| 55. (1, 2)       | 56. (3, 4)       | 57. (2, 3)    | 211. (*)          | 212. (2)       | 213. (3)       |
| 58. (2, 3, 4)    | 59. (3)          | 60. (2)       | 214. (3)          | 215. (4)       | 216. (2)       |
| 61. (1, 2, 3, 4) | 62. (1, 2)       | 63. (1, 2)    | 217. (4)          | 218. (3,4)     | 219. (1)       |
| 64. (1)          | 65. (1)          | 66. (3)       | 220. (1,4)        | 221. (1,3,4)   | 222. (1,3)     |
| 67. (2)          | 68. (4)          | 69. (3)       | 223. (2,3)        | 224. (1,2,3,4) | 225. (2,3)     |
| 70. (1)          | 71. (1)          | 72. (1, 4)    |                   |                |                |
| 73. (1, 2, 3, 4) | 74. (3, 4)       | 75. (1, 3)    |                   |                |                |
| 76. (1)          | 77. (2, 3)       | 78. (2, 3)    |                   |                |                |
| 79. (2)          | 80. (1)          | 81. (2)       |                   |                |                |
| 82. (2)          | 83. (4)          | 84. (3)       |                   |                |                |
| 85. (2, 4)       | 86. (2, 3)       | 87. (2, 4)    |                   |                |                |
| 88. (1, 3, 4)    | 89. (1, 2, 4)    | 90. (1, 3)    |                   |                |                |
| 91. (1, 4)       | 92. (1, 4)       | 93. (1)       |                   |                |                |
| 94. (4)          | 95. (4)          | 96. (4)       |                   |                |                |
| 97. (3)          | 98. (1, 4)       | 99. (3, 4)    |                   |                |                |
| 100. (2, 3)      | 101. (1, 4)      | 102. (1,2,3)  |                   |                |                |
| 103. (1, 2, 3)   | 104. (3)         | 105. (4)      |                   |                |                |
| 106. (3)         | 107. (4)         | 108. (3)      |                   |                |                |
| 109. (4)         | 110. (2, 4)      | 111. (4)      |                   |                |                |
| 112. (3, 4)      | 113. (1, 4)      | 114. (4)      |                   |                |                |
| 115. (1, 4)      | 116. (2, 3)      | 117. (3, 4)   |                   |                |                |
| 118. (1)         | 119. (3)         | 120. (3)      |                   |                |                |
| 121. (4)         | 122. (2)         | 123. (2)      |                   |                |                |
| 124. (1, 4)      | 125. (1, 3)      | 126. (1, 4)   |                   |                |                |
| 127. (3, 4)      | 128. (4)         | 129. (1, 4)   |                   |                |                |
| 130. (4)         | 131. (2)         | 132. (2)      |                   |                |                |
| 133. (3)         | 134. (1)         | 135. (4)      |                   |                |                |
| 136. (3)         | 137. (3)         | 138. (2, 3)   |                   |                |                |
| 139. (4,3)       | 140. (1, 3)      | 141. (1)      |                   |                |                |
| 142. (4)         | 143. (1, 2, 4)   | 144. (2, 3)   |                   |                |                |
| 145. (1, 3, 4)   | 146. (4)         | 147. (3)      |                   |                |                |
| 148. (3)         | 149. (4)         | 150. (3)      |                   |                |                |
| 151. (3)         | 152. (2, 3)      | 153. (3, 4)   |                   |                |                |
| 154. (2, 3)      | 155. (2, 4)      | 156. (2)      |                   |                |                |