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## Linear Algebra

Q.1 Determine the rank of the following matrix :

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

Q.2 The eigen vectors of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are

- (a) (4, 1) and (1, -1) (b) (0, 1) and (1, -1)  
 (c) (4, 0) and (1, 0) (d) (4, 1) and (0, -1)

Q.3 The eigen vector of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

corresponding to smallest eigen value is

- (a) (3, 2, 1) (b) (1, 0, 0)  
 (c) (1, -1, 0) (d) None

Q.4 By using Cayley Hamilton theorem, if  $A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then express } A^5 - 4A^4 - 7A^3 + 11A^2 - A$$

$- 10I$  as a linear polynomial in  $A$ .

- (a)  $A + 5I$  (b)  $2A + 5I$   
 (c)  $A + 7I$  (d)  $2A + 7I$

Q.5 The determinant of the matrix  $A \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is

Q.6 The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & 0 & \sin\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & 0 & \cos\theta \end{vmatrix}$

is

- (a) 0 (b) -1  
 (c) 1 (d) 2

Q.7 Eigen values of  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  are

- (a) -6, -1 (b) 6, -1  
 (c) -6, 1 (d) 6, 1

Q.8 The Algebraic multiplicity of the matrix

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

- (a) 1 (b) 2  
 (c) 3 (d) 4

Q.9 The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & x \end{bmatrix}$  is its own adjoint.

The value of  $x$  will be

- (a) 5 (b) 3  
 (c) -3 (d) -5

Q.10 The system of equations

$$x + y + z = 6, 2x + y + z = 7, x + 2y + z = 8 \text{ has}$$

- (a) A unique solution  
 (b) No solution  
 (c) An infinite number of solutions  
 (d) None of these

Q.11 If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & -\alpha \end{bmatrix}$  is such that  $A^2 = I$ , then

- (a)  $\alpha^2 + \beta\gamma = 0$  (b)  $1 - \alpha^2 + \beta\gamma = 0$   
 (c)  $1 - \alpha^2 - \beta\gamma = 0$  (d)  $1 + \alpha^2 - \beta\gamma = 0$

Q.12 All four entries of  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

are non-zero, and one of its eigen value is zero. Which one of the following statement is true?

- (a)  $B_{11} B_{22} - B_{12} B_{21} = 1$   
 (b)  $B_{11} B_{22} - B_{12} B_{21} = -1$   
 (c)  $B_{11} B_{22} - B_{12} B_{21} = 0$   
 (d)  $B_{11} B_{22} + B_{12} B_{21} = 0$

- Q.13** Which of the following statements are TRUE?
- The eigen values of a Hermitian matrix are real.
  - The value of the determinant of an orthogonal matrix can only be +1.
  - The transpose of a square matrix  $A$  has the same eigen values as those of  $A$ .
  - The inverse of ' $n \times n$ ' matrix exists if and only if the rank is less than ' $n$ '.
- (a) 1 and 2 only      (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only      (d) 1 and 4 only

- Q.14** Let matrix  $[A]_{m \times n}$  has rank  $a$  and matrix  $[B]_{n \times p}$  has rank  $b$ . Then matrix  $[AB]$  may have rank
- (a)  $\leq \max(a, b)$       (b)  $n$   
(c)  $a + b$       (d)  $\leq \min(a, b)$

- Q.15** Let the eigen values of matrix  $[A]_{2 \times 2}$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  then eigen values for  $(A + 5I)^{-1}$  are
- (a)  $(\alpha + 5), (\beta + 5)$       (b)  $\frac{1}{\alpha + 5}, \frac{1}{\beta + 5}$   
(c)  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + 5, \frac{1}{\beta} + 5$       (d) can't be determined

- Q.16** Given that:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the value of  $A^3$  is
- (a)  $19A + 20I$       (b)  $19A + 30I$   
(c)  $21A + 20I$       (d)  $21A + 30I$

- Q.17** The determinant of the given matrix is \_\_\_\_\_.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Q.18** If  $A$  is an orthogonal matrix then
- (a)  $[A]^T = [A]^{-1}$       (b)  $|A| = \pm 1$   
(c)  $[A] \times [A]^T = [I]^2$       (d) All of these

- Q.19** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  then eigen values for matrix  $A$  are
- (a)  $\pm \cos \alpha$       (b)  $\pm \sin \alpha$   
(c)  $\cos \alpha \pm \sin \alpha$       (d)  $e^{\pm i\alpha}$

- Q.20** In the matrix  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \alpha & -\cos \alpha & 0 \\ \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  the number of non-zero co-factors of matrix  $[A]$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Q.21** If  $x, y, z$  are in Arithmetic Progression (AP) with common difference ' $d$ ' and the rank of the matrix  $[A]$  is 2.

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & x \\ 5 & 6 & y \\ 6 & k & z \end{bmatrix}$$

- The values of  $k$  and  $d$  are respectively.
- (a)  $k = 7$  and  $d$  can be any integer  
(b)  $k =$  multiple of 7 and  $d$  can be any integer  
(c)  $k =$  any multiple of 7,  $d = \frac{x}{4}$   
(d)  $k = 7, d = \frac{x}{4}$

- Q.22** If the system of equations
- $$\begin{aligned} ax + by + c &= 0 \\ bx + cy + a &= 0 \\ cx + ay + b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$
- has a unique solution then system of equations
- $$\begin{aligned} (a + b)x + (b + c)y + (c + a) &= 0 \\ (b + c)x + (c + a)y + (a + b) &= 0 \\ (c + a)x + (a + b)y + (b + c) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$
- has
- (a) only one solution  
(b) no solution  
(c) infinite number of solutions  
(d) can't be determined

- Q.23** Consider the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ p & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . The range of possible values of  $p$ , for which both the eigen values of the matrix are real and positive, is
- (a)  $-\frac{5}{2} \leq p \leq \frac{5}{2}$       (b)  $2 \leq p \leq \frac{5}{2}$   
(c)  $-2 \leq p \leq \frac{5}{2}$       (d)  $-\frac{5}{2} \leq p \leq 2$

**Answers Linear Algebra**

1. (2)    2. (a)    3. (c)    4. (a)    5. (-30)    6. (c)    7. (a)    8. (a)    9. (b)  
 10. (a)    11. (c)    12. (c)    13. (b)    14. (d)    15. (b)    16. (c)    17. (12)    18. (d)  
 19. (d)    20. (5)    21. (d)    22. (a)    23. (c)    24. (b)    25. (d)    26. (-15)    27. (b)  
 28. (-22)    29. (d)    30. (9)    31. (b)    32. (b)    33. (a)    34. (6)    35. (c)

**Explanations Linear Algebra**

**1. (2)**

Given matrix

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

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Operating } R_3 - R_1, R_4 - R_1)$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (Operating } R_3 - 3R_2, R_4 -$$

$R_2$ )

(Operating  $C_3 + 3C_2, C_4 + C_2$ )

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \text{ (say)}$$

Obviously, the 4th order minor of matrix is zero. Also every 3rd order minor of A is zero. But, of

all the 2nd order minors, only  $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$ .

$\therefore \rho(A) = 2$

Hence, the rank of the given matrix is 2.

**2. (a)**

The characteristic equation is  $[A - \lambda I] = 0$

i.e.,  $\begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

or  $\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 6 = 0$

or  $(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 1) = 0$

$\therefore \lambda = 6, 1$

Thus, the eigen values are 6 and 1.

If  $x, y$  be the components of an eigen vector corresponding to the eigen value  $\lambda$ , then

$$[A - \lambda I]X = \begin{bmatrix} 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Corresponding to  $\lambda = 6$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

which gives only one independent equation  $-x + 4y = 0$ .

$\therefore \frac{x}{4} = \frac{y}{1}$  giving the eigen vector (4, 1).

Corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

which gives only one independent equation  $x + y = 0$ .

$\therefore \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{-1}$  giving the eigen vector (1, -1).

**3. (c)**

The characteristic equation is

$$[A - \lambda I] = 0,$$

i.e.,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$

or  $(3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda) = 0$

Thus, the eigen values of A are 2, 3, 5.

If  $x, y, z$  be the components of an eigen vector corresponding to the eigen value  $\lambda$ , we have

$$[A - \lambda I]X = \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$