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**QUESTION BANK**

**MATHEMATICS – 1**

**UNIT - 1**

**MATRICES**

**PART – A**

1. Define linear dependence and independence of vectors.

**Soln:**

The vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are said to be linearly dependent if there exists scalars  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , such that

$$\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n = 0$$

The vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are said to be linearly independent if  $\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n = 0$ . Such that  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_n$ .

2. Verify whether the vectors (1,-1,1) (2,-3,0) (0,1,5) are linearly independent

**Soln:**

Consider the given matrix as a rows of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } |A| &= 1(-15) + 2(10) + 1(2) \\ &= 7 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the given vectors are linearly independent.

3. For what values of k the vectors (-1,2,4) (2,-3,1) and (1,-1,k) are linearly independent

**Soln:**

$$\text{Given } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } |A| &= -1(-3k+1) - 2(2k-1) + 4(-2+3) \\ &= -k+5 \end{aligned}$$

We know that, the vectors are linearly dependent if  $|A| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -k+5=0$$

$$\therefore k=5$$

4. Find the eigen values of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$  also find the eigen values of  $3A$ .

**Soln:**

Since  $A$  is upper triangular matrix, the eigen values are its leading diagonal elements

$\therefore$  The eigen values of  $A$  are 2, -1 and 3 and

The eigen values of  $-3A$  are -6, 3 and -9.

5. Find the sum and product of the eigen values of the matrix.  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Soln:**

Sum of the eigen values = sum of the leading diagonal elements

$$= -2 + 1 + 0 = -1$$

Product of the eigen values

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -2(0-12) - 2(0-6) - 3(-4+1) \\ &= 45 \end{aligned}$$

6. If two eigen values of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  are 3 and 2. Find the third eigen value.

**Soln:**

We know that, the sum of the eigen values of a given matrix  $A$  is equal to its sum of the diagonal elements

$\therefore$  Sum of the eigen value of  $A = 6$

we have the two eigen values of  $A$  are 3 and 2

$\Rightarrow$  The sum of two eigen values = 5

$\therefore$  The third eigen value is 1

7. Show that the  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation

**Soln:**

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5 = 0$$

We have to prove that  $A^2 - 2A + 5I = 0$

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

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 - 2A + 5I &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the given matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation.

8. Using Cayley- Hamilton theorem find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

**Soln:**

The characteristic equation of A is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2 - \lambda)(-5 - \lambda) - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 11 = 0$$

By Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have

$$A^2 + 3A - 11I = 0$$

Pre- multiplying by  $A^{-1}$ , we get,

$$A^{-1}A^2 + 3A^{-1}A - 11A^{-1}I = 0$$

$$A^{-1} = 1/11(A + 3I)$$

$$= 1/11 \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= 1/11 \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  express  $A^3$  in terms of A and I using Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

**Soln:**

The characteristic equation of A is  $|A - \lambda I|$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 4 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(5-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 5 = 0$$

By Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have

$$A^2 - 6A + 5I = 0$$

Pre multiplying on both sides by A, we get,

$$A^3 + 6A^2 + 5A = 0$$

$$A^3 = 6A^2 - 5A$$

$$= 6(6A - 5I) - 5A$$

$$= 31A - 30I$$

$$= 31 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - 30 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 124 & 125 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. If 3 and 15 are two eigen values of  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , what is the third eigen value?

**Soln:**

The sum of the eigen values = sum of the leading diagonal elements  
 $= 8 + 7 + 3 = 18$

But two eigen values 3 and 15 are given.

Thus the third eigen value is 0.

11. The characteristic equation of a matrix A is  $\lambda^2 - 2 = 0$ . What is  $A^3$ ?

**Soln:**

The characteristic equation of A is  $\lambda^2 - 2 = 0$ .

By Cayley-Hamilton theorem,  $A^2 - 2I = 0$ .

$$A^2 - 2A = 0.$$

$$A^3 = 2A$$

12. Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$  is orthogonal.

**Soln:**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A A^T &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I \end{aligned}$$

Thus A is orthogonal

13. Form the matrix whose eigen values are  $\alpha-5, \beta-5, \gamma-5$  where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the eigen

values of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ 7 & -8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Soln:**

If the matrix A has the eigen values  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ .

Then the matrix  $A - kI$  has the eigen values  $\lambda_1 - k, \lambda_2 - k, \lambda_3 - k$ ,

Hence the required matrix is

$$\begin{aligned} A - 5I &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ 7 & -8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -2 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 & -6 \\ 7 & -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

14. If 2 is an eigen values of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . find the other two.

**Soln:**

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  are the eigen values of A.

Then,  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 2 + 1 + (-1) = 2$

$$\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0 \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

The product of the eigen values are

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(-4) + 2(-2) + 2(2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 8 \\ \lambda_2 \lambda_3 &= -4 && \rightarrow (2) \\ \lambda_2 &= -\lambda_3 && \rightarrow (3) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (3) in (2), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} -\lambda_3^2 &= -4 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda_3 &= 2 \\ \therefore \lambda_2 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the eigen values are 2, 2 and -2.

15. State Cayley- Hamilton theorem.

**Soln:**

Every square matrix satisfies its own characteristics equation.

16. Write the matrix of the quadratic form  $2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3 + 6x_2x_3$ .

**Soln:**

The matrix corresponding to the quadratic form is

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{co. eff of } x^2 & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \text{co. eff of } x^2 & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \text{co. eff of } x^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \frac{1}{2}(2) & -\frac{1}{2}(6) \\ \frac{1}{2}(2) & -2 & \frac{1}{2}(6) \\ \frac{1}{2}(-6) & \frac{1}{2}(6) & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ which is the required matrix.} \end{aligned}$$

17. Write the quadratic form corresponding to the following matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Soln:**

The general form of quadratic form for a given matrix is

$$\text{Q.F} = a_{11}x_1^2 + a_{22}x_2^2 + a_{33}x_3^2 + 2(a_{12})x_1x_2 + 2(a_{23})x_2x_3 + 2(a_{13})x_1x_3 \quad \text{-----}$$

(1)

$$\text{Let } \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equation (1) becomes  $0x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 8x_2x_3 + 4x_1x_3$ , which is the required canonical form of given matrix.

18. Determine the nature of the following quadratic form  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$ .

**Soln:**

The matrix corresponding to the quadratic form is

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \text{co. eff of } x^2 & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \text{co. eff of } x^2 & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \text{co. eff of } x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Now  $D_1 = 1$  (+ve)

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \text{ (+ve)}$$

$$D_3 = \det(A) = 0$$

$\therefore$  The quadratic form is positive semi definite.

19. Determine  $\lambda$  so that  $\lambda(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2xy - 2yz + 2zx$  is positive definite

**Soln:**

The Symmetric matrix of the given quadratic form can be given as

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

$$D_1 = |\lambda| > 0$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1 > 0$$

$$D_3 = \det(A) = \lambda^3 - 3\lambda - 2$$

$$= (\lambda + 1)^2 (\lambda - 2) > 0$$

$$\lambda > 0, \lambda > 2, \lambda > -1, \lambda > 1 \text{ (or) } \lambda > 0, \lambda > 2, \lambda^2 > 1, \lambda > 1.$$

$\therefore$  The given quadratic form is positive definite only if  $\lambda > 2$ .

20. Determine the nature of the following quadratic form  $x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 - 2x_2x_3$ .

**Soln:**

The matrix corresponding to the quadratic form is

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \text{co. eff of } x^2 & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \text{co. eff of } x^2 & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \frac{1}{2} \text{co. eff of } xx & \text{co. eff of } x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Now,  $D_1 = |1| = 1 > 0$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - 1 = 1 > 0$$

$$D_3 = \det(A) = 1(6-1) - 1(3+1) - 1(1+2)$$

$$= 1(5) - 4 - 3 = -2 < 0$$

$\therefore$  The quadratic form is indefinite.

## PART-B

1. The eigenvectors of a  $3 \times 3$  real symmetric matrix corresponding to the eigenvalues 2, 3, 6 are  $[1 \ 0 \ -1]^T$ ,  $[1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ ,  $[-1 \ 2 \ -1]^T$  respectively. Find the matrix A.

2. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$

3. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

4. Using Cayley-Hamilton theorem find  $A^4$  and  $A^{-1}$  when  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

5. Verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  and hence find  $A^{-1}$  &  $A^3$ .

6. Verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem and hence find  $A^{-1}$  if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



7. If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  then show that  $A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I$  for  $n \geq 3$  using Cayley-

Hamilton theorem.

8. Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to find the value of the matrix given by  $A^8 - 5A^7 + 7A^6 - 3A^5 + A^4 - 5A^3 + 8A^2 - 2A + I$  if the matrix

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

9. Use Cayley- Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  to express

(i)  $A^5 - 4A^4 - 7A^3 + 11A^2 - A - 10I$  as a linear polynomial in A.

(ii)  $A^4 - 4A^3 - 5A^2 + A + 2I$

10. Diagonalise the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  by means of an orthogonal

transformation.

11. Reduce the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -2 & -5 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \\ -5 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  to diagonal form.

12. Reduce the given quadratic form Q to its canonical form using orthogonal

transformation  $Q = x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 - 2yz.$

13. Reduce the quadratic form  $x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_3$  to the canonical form

through an orthogonal transformation and hence show that it is positive semi

definite. Also give a non zero set of values  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  which makes this

quadratic form zero.

14. Obtain an orthogonal transformation which will transform the quadratic form

$$Q = 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3x_1 \text{ into sum of squares.}$$

15. Reduce the quadratic form  $10x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 6x_2x_3 - 10x_3x_1 - 4x_1x_2$  to a canonical

form through an orthogonal transformation and hence find rank, index, signature,

nature and also give non- zero set of values for  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ , that will make the

quadratic form zero.