



IIT-JAM MATHEMATICS

Test : Linear Algebra

Time : 60 Minute

Date : 23-08-2015
M.M. : 50

Instructions:

- **Part-A** contains 10 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ). Each question has 4 choices (a), (b), (c) and (d), for its answer, out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct. For each correct answer you will be awarded **3 marks**. For each incorrect answered **1 mark** will be deducted.
- **Part-B** contains 5 Multiple Select Questions (MSQ). Each question has 4 choices (a), (b), (c) and (d) for its answer, out of which **ONE or MORE than ONE** is/are correct. For each correct answer you will be awarded **2 marks**, there is no negative marking in this section.
- **Part-C** contains 5 Numerical Answer Type (NAT) questions which contain **2 Marks** for each, and there is no negative marking. **Answer should be in between 0 to 9.**

PART-A

1. Let $S : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ and $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be linear transformations such that TS is the identity map of \mathbb{R}^3 . Then
(a) ST is the identity map of \mathbb{R}^4 (b) ST is one-one, but not onto
(c) ST is onto but not one-one (d) ST is neither one-one, nor onto
2. Let V be a 3-dimensional vector space over the field $F_3 = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ of 3 elements. The number of distinct 1-dimensional subspaces of V is
(a) 13 (b) 26 (c) 9 (d) 15
3. Let $f(x)$ be the minimal polynomial of the 4×4 matrix

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

Then rank of the 4×4 matrix $f(A)$ is

- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 4
4. Let A and B be 3×3 matrices. Then $AB - BA = I$ exists if
(a) A and B both are non-singular (b) A and B both are singular
(c) Exactly one of them is singular (d) No such A and B exists



5. The system of linear equations $x + 3y = 1$ has a unique solution if and only if
- $$\begin{aligned} 4x + py + z &= 0 \\ 2x + 3z &= b \end{aligned}$$
- (a) $a = 10, b = -10$ (b) $a = 12, b \in \mathbb{R}$
 (c) $a \neq 10, b \in \mathbb{R}$ (d) $a \in \mathbb{R}, b \neq -10$
6. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be a linear transformation satisfying $T^3 + 3T^2 = 4I$, where I is the identity transformation. Then the linear transformation $S = T^4 + 3T^3 - 4I$ is
- (a) One-one but not onto (b) Onto but not one-one
 (c) Invertible (d) Non-invertible
7. A linear transformation T rotates each vector in \mathbb{R}^2 clockwise through 90° . The matrix T relative to the standard ordered basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is
- (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
8. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation. Which of the following statements implies that T is bijective?
- (a) Nullity (T) = n (b) Rank (T) = Nullity (T) = n
 (c) Rank (T) + Nullity (T) = n (d) Rank (T) - Nullity (T) = n
9. Let $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be a linearly independent subset of a vector space V over the field Z_2 . How many vectors are there in $\text{span}(S)$?
- (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $2n$ (d) 2^n
10. Let A be a 5×5 matrix with real entries such that the sum of the entries in each row of A is 1. Then the sum of all the entries in A^3 is
- (a) 3 (b) 15 (c) 5 (d) 125

PART-B

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11. Let V and W be finite dimensional vector spaces over \mathbb{R} and let $T_1 : V \rightarrow V$ and $T_2 : W \rightarrow W$ be linear transformations whose minimal polynomials are given by,

$$f_1(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \text{ and } f_2(x) = x^4 - x^2 - 2$$

Let $T : V \oplus W \rightarrow V \oplus W$ be the linear transformation defined by $T(V, W) = (T_1(V), T_2(W))$ for $(V, W) \in V \oplus W$ and let $f(x)$ be the minimal polynomial of T . Then

- (a) $\deg f(x) = 7$ (b) $\deg f(x) = 5$
 (c) Nullity (T) = 1 (d) Nullity (T) = 0

12. Let n be a positive integer and V be an $(n+1)$ -dimensional vector space over \mathbb{R} . If $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n+1}\}$ is a basis of V and $T: V \rightarrow V$ is the linear transformation satisfying

$$T(e_i) = e_{i+1} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } T(e_{n+1}) = 0$$

Then

- (a) trace of T is non-zero (b) rank of T is n
 (c) nullity of T is 1 (d) $T^n = T \circ T \circ T \circ \dots \circ T$ (n times) is the zero map
13. Let A and B be $n \times n$ real matrices such that $AB = BA = 0$ and $A + B$ is invertible. Which of the following are always true?
- (a) $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B)$ (b) $\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) = n$
 (c) $\text{nullity}(A) + \text{nullity}(B) = n$ (d) $A - B$ is invertible

14. Let $A \in M_{10}(\mathbb{C})$, the vector space of 10×10 matrices with entries in \mathbb{C} . Let W_A be the subspace of $M_{10}(\mathbb{C})$ spanned by $\{A^n \mid n \geq 0\}$. Choose the correct statements.

- (a) For any A , $\dim(W_A) \leq 10$ (b) For any A , $\dim(W_A) < 10$
 (c) For some A , $10 < \dim(W_A) < 100$ (d) For some A , $\dim(W_A) = 100$

15. Which of the following are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 ?

- (a) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 0\}$ (b) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 - y^2 = 0\}$
 (c) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy = 0\}$ (d) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = 3x\}$

PART-C

16. Let $T_1, T_2: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be linear transformations such that $\text{Rank}(T_1) = 3$ and $\text{Nullity}(T_2) = 3$. Let $T_3: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear transformation such that $T_3 T_1 = T_2$. Then the $\text{Rank}(T_3)$ equals
17. Let P and Q be two real matrices of size 4×6 and 5×4 , respectively. If $\text{Rank}(Q) = 4$ and $\text{Rank}(QP) = 2$, then $\text{Rank}(P)$ is equal to
18. For a fixed $a \in \mathbb{R}$, the dimension of the subspace of $P_5(\mathbb{R})$ (vector space of all polynomials of degree ≤ 5) defined by $\{f \in P_5(\mathbb{R}) : f(a) = 0\}$ is
19. Let $M_3(\mathbb{R})$ denote the space of all 3×3 real matrices. If $T: M_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_3(\mathbb{R})$ is a linear transformation such that $T(A) = 0$ whenever $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ is symmetric or skew-symmetric, then $\text{Rank}(T)$ equals.....
20. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation such that $T(1, -1) = (1, 0)$, $T(2, -1) = (0, 1)$. Then $T(-3, 2)$ equals to



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ANSWER KEY

PART-A

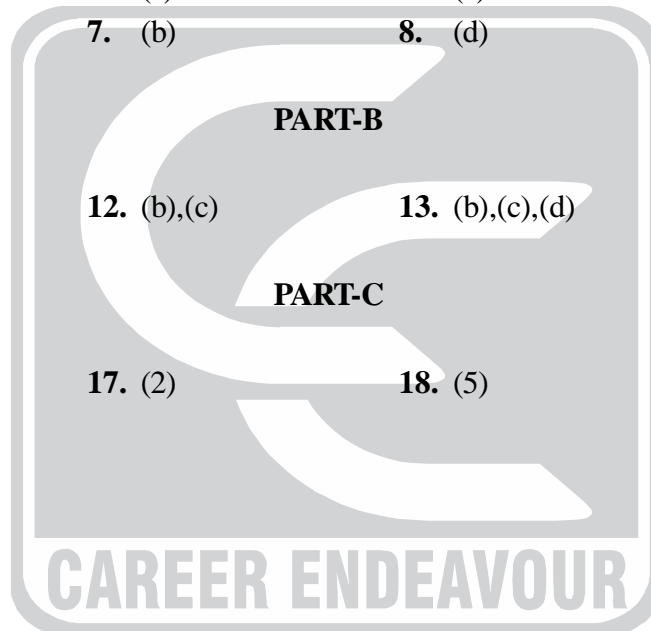
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|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. (d) | 2. (a) | 3. (a) | 4. (d) | 5. (c) |
| 6. (d) | 7. (b) | 8. (d) | 9. (d) | 10. (c) |

PART-B

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| 11. (b),(d) | 12. (b),(c) | 13. (b),(c),(d) | 14. (a) | 15. (a),(d) |
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PART-C

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| 16. (2) | 17. (2) | 18. (5) | 19. (zero) |
| 20. (-1, -1) | | | |



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