

Set – A

S. No. of Question Paper :

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**Attempt any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. (a) Assume that  $A$ ,  $I - A$ ,  $I - A^{-1}$  are all non-singular matrices, where  $I$  is an identity matrix. Show that

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

- (b) Determine the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the following system has (i) unique solution, (ii) infinitely many solutions and (iii) no solution.

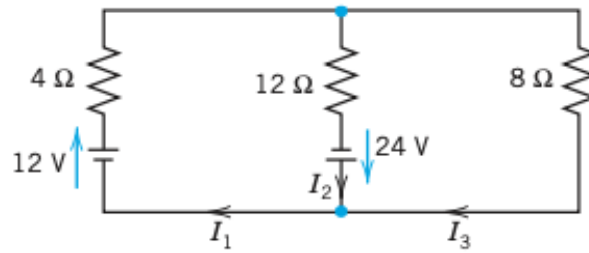
$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 6 \\x + 2y + 3z &= 10 \\x + 2y + \lambda z &= \mu\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Solve the following system of coupled differential equations using matrix method.

$$\begin{aligned}y_1' &= y_2 \\y_2' &= y_2 \\y_3' &= 2y_1 + y_2 - 2y_3\end{aligned}$$

subject to  $y_1(0) = 1, y_2(0) = 0, y_3(0) = 1$  (4.75 + 6 + 8)

2. (a) Consider the circuit given below. Calculate the currents in the circuit using Gauss elimination method.



(b) Given that the three vectors  $\alpha_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (2, 1, 0)$  and  $\alpha_3 = (1, 1, 1)$  form a basis for  $R^3$ , construct an orthonormal basis for  $R^3$  using Gram Schmidt orthogonalization process.

(c) Calculate the inverse of the following matrix using row reduction method.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(8.75 + 6 + 4)

3. (a) For what value of  $k$  will the vector  $(1, -2, k)$  belong to the subspace of  $R^3$  spanned by the vectors  $(3, 0, 2)$  and  $(2, -1, -5)$ ?

(b) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the real field  $R$ . Is the subset  $W$  consisting of all matrices  $A$  for which  $A^2 = A$  a subspace of  $V$ ?

(c) A linear transformation  $T$  on  $R^3$  is defined as:

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x - 3y + 4z \\ 5x - 2y + 2z \\ 4x + 7y \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to:

i. the standard basis

ii. the basis  $\left\{ \alpha_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

iii. matrix of transition from standard basis to  $\alpha$ -basis. Also show that the matrices with respect to the two set of bases are related to each other by a similarity transformation. (4 + 4 + 10.75)

4. (a) Check whether  $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}; a \text{ is non-zero real number} \right\}$  is a group with respect to matrix multiplication.

(b) Let  $V$  be the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbf{R}$ , and let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $T(A) = MA$ . Find the trace of  $T$ .

(c) Prove that the components of a strain tensor are given as

$$e_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

where  $u_i$  is a displacement vector.

A displacement field in a body is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= c(x^2 + 10) \\ v &= 2cyz \\ w &= c(-xy + z^2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = 10^{-4}$ . Determine the state of strain on an element positioned at  $(0, 2, 1)$ .

(4 + 6 + 8.75)

5. (a) Show that  $L^2 = g_{ij}A^iA^j$  is an invariant. Also show that  $L^2 = g^{ij}A_iA_j$ .

(b) Prove the following using tensors:

i.  $\text{curl}(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{A} \text{div} \vec{B} - \vec{B} \text{div} \vec{A} + (\vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B}$

ii.  $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{D}) + (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{D}) + (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{D}) = 0$

(8.75 + 10)

6. (a) Find the condition for two lines to intersect and the equation of the plane in which they lie using tensor notation.

(b) Show that the only isotropic tensor of rank 2 is a scalar multiple of Kronecker delta.

(6.75 + 12)