

Q1: (a) Let V be any set which has two operations are defined: addition and scalar multiplication. State the 10 axioms that should be satisfied by all scalars and all objects in V that make V a vector space. (5 marks)

(b) Let $V = M_{nn}$ and W is the set of all symmetric matrices of degree n . Prove that W is a subspace of V . (3 marks)

Q2: (a) Use the Wronskian to show that $1+x$, $1-x$, x^2 are linearly independent.

(3 marks)

(b) show that the vectors $(1,2,1)$, $(2,1,2)$, $(1,1,0)$ form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . (3 marks)

Q3: (a) Let $B = \{(1,2), (2,5)\}$ and $B' = \{(1,1), (2,0)\}$ be two bases of \mathbb{R}^2 . Find the transition matrix from B' to B . (3 marks).

(b) Find a basis for the column space of the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and **deduce** $\dim(\text{null}(A^T))$ without solving any linear system. (3 marks)

Q4: Show that $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable and find a matrix P that

diagonalizes A . (5 marks)