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**MSc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2018**

**SEMESTER 1 : MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE : 16P1MATT01 : LINEAR ALGEBRA**

*(For Regular - 2018 Admission & Supplementary - 2017 & 2016 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**Section A**

**Answer any 10 (1.5 marks each)**

1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . Show that the intersection of any collection of subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
2. Verify whether  $(3, -1, 0, -1)$  is in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the vectors  $(2, -1, 3, 2)$ ,  $(-1, 1, 1, -3)$  and  $(1, 1, 9, -5)$ .
3. Is the set of vectors  $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $a_1 a_2 = 0$ , a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?
4. Define annihilator of a subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$ . What is the annihilator of  $S = \{0\}$ ?
5. Define hyperspace in a vector space. Give an example.
6. Is there a linear transformation  $T$  from  $R^3$  into  $R^2$  such that  $T(1, -1, 1) = (1, 0)$  and  $T(1, 1, 1) = (0, 1)$ ? Justify.
7. Prove that the determinant of a triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries.
8. Define the terms characteristic value, characteristic vector and characteristic space with respect to a linear operator  $T$  on a vector space  $V$ .
9. Let  $E$  be a projection on  $V$  with range  $R$  and null space  $N$ . Show that  $V = R \oplus N$ .
10. If  $T^2 = T$  show that  $T$  is diagonalizable.

**(1.5 x 10 = 15)**

**Section B**

**Answer any 4 (5 marks each)**

11. Let  $V$  be the set of all pairs  $(x, y)$  of real numbers, and let  $F$  be the field of real numbers. Define  $(x, y) + (x_1, y_1) = (x + x_1, y + y_1)$  and  $c(x, y) = (cx, y)$ . Is  $V$  with these operations, a vector space over the field of real numbers?
12. If  $W$  is a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , show that every linearly independent subset of  $W$  is finite and is part of a basis for  $W$ . Hence show that if  $W$  is a proper subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ ,  $W$  is finite -dimensional and  $\dim W < \dim V$ .
13. Show that  $\{(1, 2), (3, 4)\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $T$  be the unique linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(1, 2) = (3, 2, 1)$  and  $T(3, 4) = (6, 5, 4)$ . Find  $T(1, 0)$
14. Let  $F$  be a subfield of the complex numbers and let  $T$  be the function from  $F^3$  into  $F^3$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3, 2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3)$ .

- (a) Verify that  $T$  is a linear transformation.  
 (b) If  $(a, b, c)$  is a vector in  $F^3$ , what are the conditions on  $a, b$  and  $c$  that the vector be in the range of  $T$ ? What is the rank of  $T$ ?
15. Let  $W$  be an invariant subspace under a linear operator  $T$  on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  and let  $\alpha$  be any element of  $V$ . Show that the  $T$ -conductor of  $\alpha$  into  $W$  divides the minimal polynomial for  $T$ .
16. Find the characteristic values and characteristic vectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(5 x 4 = 20)

### Section C

Answer any 4 (10 marks each)

- 17.1. Let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers and let  $F$  be a field. Suppose  $W$  is a subspace of  $F^n$  and  $\dim W \leq m$ . Show that there is precisely one  $m \times n$  row-reduced echelon matrix over  $F$  which has  $W$  as its row space.
- OR**
2. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field  $F$ . Let  $W_1$  be the set of matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} x & -x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $W_2$  be the set of matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -a & c \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Also find the dimensions of  $W_1, W_2, W_1 + W_2$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2$ .
- 18.1. (a) Does there exist a linear transformation  $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^2$  such that  $T(1, -1, 1) = (1, 0)$  and  $T(1, 1, 1) = (0, 1)$ ? Justify.  
 (b) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$ . Prove that  $V$  and  $W$  are isomorphic if and only if  $\dim V = \dim W$ .  
 (c) Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $R^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0)$ . Compute the matrix of  $T$  relative to the ordered basis  $\{(1, 1), (2, 1)\}$ .
- OR**
2. In  $R^3$ , let  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, 1), \alpha_2 = (0, 1, -2), \alpha_3 = (-1, -1, 0)$ .  
 (a) If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $R^3$  such that  $f(\alpha_1) = 1, f(\alpha_2) = -1, f(\alpha_3) = 3$  and if  $\alpha = (a, b, c)$ , find  $f(\alpha)$ .  
 (b) Describe explicitly a linear functional  $f$  on  $R^3$  such that  $f(\alpha_1) = f(\alpha_2) = 0$  but  $f(\alpha_3) \neq 0$ .  
 (c) Let  $f$  be any linear functional such that  $f(\alpha_1) = f(\alpha_2) = 0$  and  $f(\alpha_3) \neq 0$ . Show that  $f(2, 3, -1) \neq 0$ .
- 19.1. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over the field  $F$ . Show that  $A$  is invertible over  $F$  if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ . When  $A$  is invertible, show that  $A^{-1} = [\det(A)]^{-1} \cdot \text{Adj } A$ , where  $\text{Adj } A$  is the adjoint of  $A$ .

**OR**

2. (a) Find the determinant of  $A^{10}$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -25 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Justify your answer.

- (b) Show that a linear combination of  $n$ -linear functions is  $n$ -linear.
- 20.1. (a) Let  $T$  be a diagonalizable linear operator on a space  $V$ . If  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are the distinct characteristic values of  $T$ , prove that the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is  $(x - c_1)(x - c_2) \dots (x - c_k)$ .
- (b) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Show that  $T$  is triangulable if and only if the minimal polynomial of  $T$  is a product of linear polynomials over  $F$ .

**OR**

2. (a) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional space  $V$ . Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  be the distinct characteristic values and  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k$  be the corresponding characteristic spaces. Prove that  $\dim(W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_k) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 + \dots + \dim W_k$ .
- (b) If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $V$  then prove that they are independent if and only if  $W_1 \cap W_2 = 0$ .

**(10 x 4 = 40)**