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**M Sc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- NOVEMBER 2017**

**SEMESTER 1 : MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE : 16P1MATT01 ; LINEAR ALGEBRA**

*(For Regular - 2017 / Supplementary - 2016 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**Section A**

**Answer all the questions (1.5 marks each)**

1. Is the set of vectors  $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $a_2$  is rational a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?
2. Show that the set of all  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrices over a field  $F$  is a subspace of the space of all  $n \times n$  matrices over  $F$ .
3. Let  $V$  be the (real) vector space of all functions  $f$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Is the set of all functions  $f$  such that  $f(-1) = 0$  a subspace of  $V$ ?
4. Define linear functional. Give an example.
5. Describe the range and null space of the differentiation transformation defined on the vector space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to  $n$ .
6. Show that a linear transformation from  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is one-one if and only if it is onto.
7. Define alternating  $n$ -linear function.
8. Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
9. Define minimal polynomial for a linear operator  $T$  on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . State three properties which characterize the minimal polynomial.
10. Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix for which the minimal polynomial is  $x^2$ .

**(1.5 x 10 = 15)**

**Section B**

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

11. Define subspace of a vector space  $V$ . Show that a non-empty subset  $W$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if for each pair of vectors  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $W$  and each scalar  $c$  in  $F$  the vector  $c\alpha + \beta$  is again in  $W$ .
12. Let  $V$  be a vector space which is spanned by a finite set of vectors  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m$ . Show that any independent set of vectors in  $V$  is finite and contains no more than  $m$  elements.
13. Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  which is spanned by the vectors  $(2, -2, 3, 4, -1), (0, 0, -1, -2, 3), (-1, 1, 2, 5, 2), (1, -1, 2, 3, 0)$ . Determine a basis for the annihilator of  $W^\circ$ .
14. 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  $T(1, 0)$
15. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $\lambda$  as an eigen value. Show that,  
(a)  $k + \lambda$  is an eigen value of  $A + kI$ .  
(b) If  $T$  is non-singular,  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is an eigen value of  $A^{-1}$ .

16. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable if and only if the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is of the form  $(x - c_1)(x - c_2) \dots (x - c_k)$ , where the  $c_i \in F$  are distinct.

(5 x 4 = 20)

### Section C

Answer either 1 OR 2 of each question (10 marks each)

- 17.1. Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  spanned by  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, i)$  and  $\alpha_2 = (1 + i, 1, -1)$ .
- Show that  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  form a basis for  $W$ .
  - Show that the vectors  $\beta_1 = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $\beta_2 = (1, i, 1 + i)$  are in  $W$  and form another basis for  $W$ .
  - What are the coordinates of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  in the ordered basis  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$  for  $W$ ?
- 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. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ , and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ .
- Show that  $\dim W + \dim W^\circ = \dim V$ .
  - Show that if  $W$  is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ , then  $W$  is the intersection of  $(n - k)$  hyperspaces in  $V$ .
- OR**
2. (a) Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $W$  be an  $m$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$ . Prove that  $L(V, W)$  is finite dimensional and has dimension  $mn$ .
- (b) Let  $f$  is a non-zero linear functional on the vector space  $V$ . Prove that the null space of  $f$  is a hyperspace in  $V$ . Also prove that every hyperspace in  $V$  is the null space of a non-zero linear functional on  $V$ .
- 19.1. (a) Let  $T$  and  $U$  be linear operators on the finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Prove that
- $\det(TU) = (\det T)(\det U)$
  - Define orthogonal matrix. If  $A$  is orthogonal, show that  $\det A = \pm 1$ . Give an example of an orthogonal matrix for which  $\det A = -1$ .
- (b) If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix over a field  $F$ , show that  $\det A \neq 0$ .
- OR**
2. 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  $A$ .
- 20.1. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  be the distinct characteristic values of  $T$  and let  $W_i$  be the null space of  $(T - c_i I)$ . Show that the following are equivalent.
- $T$  is diagonalizable.
  - The characteristic polynomial for  $T$  is  $f = (x - c_1)^{d_1} \dots (x - c_k)^{d_k}$  and  $\dim W_i = d_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .
  - $\dim W_1 + \dots + \dim W_k = \dim V$

**OR**

2. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on the finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Let  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  be the distinct characteristic values of  $T$  and let  $W_i$  be the characteristic space associated with the characteristic value  $c_i$ . If  $W = W_1 + \dots + W_2 + \dots + W_k$ , show that  $\dim W = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 + \dots + \dim W_k$ .

**(10 x 4 = 40)**