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Faculty of Science

Branch I (a)—Mathematics

MT01C01—LINEAR ALGEBRA

(2012—2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

**Part A**

*Answer any five questions.*

*Each question carries weight 1.*

1. Are the vectors  $(1, 1, 2, 4)$ ,  $(2, -1, -5, 2)$ ,  $(1, -1, -4, 0)$ ,  $(2, 1, 1, 6)$ , linealy independent in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?
2. Find three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which are linearly independent, and one point lies on the two dimensional subspace.
3. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices over the field  $F$ , and let  $B$  be a fixed  $n \times n$  matrix. Is  $T : V \rightarrow V$  defined by  $T(A) = AB - BA$ , a linear map?
4. Let  $T$  be the unique linear operator on  $\mathbb{C}^3$  for which  $T \epsilon_1 = (1, 0, i)$   $T \epsilon_2 = (0, 1, 1)$  and  $T \epsilon_3 = (i, 1, 0)$ ., Is  $T$  invertible?
5. Define  $n -$  linear map. Give an example.
6. Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix over a field. Prove that  $\det(I + A) = 1 + \det A$  if and only if trace  $(A) = 0$ .
7. Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
8. Find a projection  $E$  which projects  $\mathbb{R}^2$  onto the sub-space spanned by  $(1, -1)$  along the subspace spanned by  $(1, 2)$ .

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**Part B**

Answer any **five** questions.  
Each question carries weight 2.

9. In  $\mathbb{C}^3$ , show that  $\{(1, 0, -i), (1 + i, 1 - i, 1), (i, i, i)\}$  form a basis, and find the co-ordinates of the vector  $(a, b, c)$  in this basis.
10. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ , and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $\dim W + \dim W^\perp = \dim V$ .
11. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1 + x_3, -2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3)$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  in the ordered basis  $\{(1, 0, 1), (-1, 2, 1), (2, 1, 1)\}$ .
12. If  $W$  is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of an  $n$ -dimensional vectorspace  $V$ , then prove that  $W$  is the intersection of  $(n - k)$  hyperspaces in  $V$ .
13. Prove that the determinant of triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries.
14. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 3 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable.
15. State and prove Cayley - Hamilton theorem.
16. Suppose that  $f = (x - c_1)^{d_1} \dots (x - c_k)^{d_k}$  is the characteristic polynomial of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ . Show that  $\text{trace } A = c_1 d_1 + c_2 d_2 + \dots + c_k d_k$ .

(5 × 2 = 10)

**Part C**

Answer any **three** questions.  
Each question carries weight 5.

17. Let  $V$  be a vector space over a subfield of complex numbers. Suppose  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are linearly independent vectors in  $V$ . Prove that  $(\alpha + \beta), (\beta + \gamma)$ , and  $(\gamma + \alpha)$  are linearly independent.





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18. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  complex matrices, show that  $AB - BA = I$  is not possible.
19. Consider the linear operator  $T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$ , prove that  $(T - cI)$  is invertible for every real number  $c$ .
20. Let  $K$  be a commutative ring with identity and let  $n$  be a positive integer. Show that there is precisely one determinant function on the set of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $K$ .
21. 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  $p = (x - c_1) \dots (x - c_k)$ , where  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are distinct elements of  $F$ .
22. Explain the Direct-sum decomposition of a finite dimensional vector space.

(3 × 5 = 15)

