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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 2×2 matrix over a field. Prove that $\det(I + A) = 1 + \det A$ if and only if $\text{trace}(A) = 0$.
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 $\dim W + \dim W^0 = \dim V$.
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 α, β and γ 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)

