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Mathematics

MTH 1C 02—LINEAR ALGEBRA

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Part A*Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. Define Vector Space.
2. Find two linear operators T and U on \mathbb{R}^2 such that $TU = 0$ but $UT \neq 0$.
3. Find the dimension of the null space of a nonzero linear functional on a finite dimensional vector space V .
4. Let F be a field and let $\alpha = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a vector in F^n . Find $[\alpha]_B$, where B is the standard ordered basis for F^n .
5. Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
6. Let V be a vector space and E be a projection of V . Prove that a vector β is in range of E if and only if $E\beta = \beta$.
7. Let V be a vector space and (\cdot / \cdot) an inner product on V . Show that $(0/\beta) = 0$ for all $\beta \in V$.
8. Verify that the standard inner product on F^n is an inner product.

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

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Part B (Paragraph Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions, choosing two questions from each module.

Each question carries a weightage 2.

MODULE I

9. Show that a nonempty subset W of V is a subspace of V if and only if for each pair of vectors α, β in W and each scalar c in F the vector $c\alpha + \beta$ is again in W .
10. Let V and W be two vector spaces over the field F . Let T and U be linear transformations from V into W and c is any element of F . Define $(T + U)$ by $(T + U)(\alpha) = T(\alpha) + U(\alpha)$ and $(cT)(\alpha) = cT(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in V$. Show that the set of all linear transformations from V into W , together with the addition and scalar multiplication defined above, is a vector space over the field F .
11. Let V, W and Z be vector spaces over the field F . Let T be a linear transformation from V into W and U be a linear transformation from W into Z . Then show that the composition function defined by $(UT)(\alpha) = U(T(\alpha))$ is a linear transformation from V into Z .

MODULE II

12. Let V be the space of all polynomial functions from \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{R} of the form $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_nx^n$. Let B be the ordered basis for V consisting of the four functions f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4 , defined by $f_j(x) = x^{j-1}$. Find $[D]_B$, where D is the differentiation operator of V into V .
13. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let $B = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ and $B' = \{\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_n\}$ be ordered bases for V . Suppose T is a linear operator on V . If $P = [P_1, \dots, P_n]$ is the $n \times n$ matrix with columns $P_j = [\alpha'_j]_B$, then prove that $[T]_{B'} = P^{-1}[T]_B P$.
14. Let A be the (real) 3×3 matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the characteristic values and characteristic vectors of A .

MODULE III

15. For $\alpha = (x_1, x_2)$ and $\beta = (y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, define $(\alpha/\beta) = x_1y_1 - x_2y_1 - x_1y_2 + 4x_2y_2$. Verify that $(/)$ is an inner product
16. If $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$, then show that there exist k linear operators E_1, \dots, E_k on V such that :
- (i) each E_i is a projection ;
 - (ii) $E_i E_j = 0$ if $i \neq j$;
 - (iii) $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$; and
 - (iv) the range of E_i is W_i .
17. Let W be a finite-dimensional subspace of an inner product space V and let E be the orthogonal projection of V on W . Then prove that E is an idempotent linear transformation of V onto W , W^\perp is the null space of E , and $V = W \oplus W^\perp$.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)*Answer any two questions.**Each question carries a weightage 5.*

18. If W_1 and W_2 are finite dimensional subspace of a vector space V , then prove that $W_1 + W_2$ is finite dimensional and $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 = \dim (W_1 \cap W_2) + \dim (W_1 + W_2)$.
19. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces over the same field F such that $\dim V = \dim W$. If T is a linear transformation from V into W , then prove that the following are equivalent :
- (i) T is invertible
 - (ii) T is non-singular
 - (iii) T is onto ; i.e., the range of T is W .
 - (iv) If $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is a basis for V , then $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$ is a basis for W .
 - (v) There is some basis $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ for V such that $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$ is a basis for W .

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20. If f is a non-zero linear functional on the vector space V , then prove that the null space of f is a hyperspace in V . Conversely, show that every hyperspace in V is the null space of a (not unique) non-zero linear functional on V .
21. State and prove Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization process. Consider vectors $\beta_1 = (3, 0, 4)$, $\beta_2 = (-1, 0, 7)$, $\beta_3 = (2, 9, 11)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 with standard inner product. Apply Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization process to $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$, and obtain an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

(2 × 5 = 10 weight)