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**I Semester M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. Degree (Reg./Supp./Imp.) Examination,
November 2014
(2013 & Earlier Admn.)
Mathematics
Paper – II : LINEAR ALGEBRA**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instructions : 1) Part – A : Answer **any four** questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

2) Part – B : Answer **any four** questions without omitting any Unit.

Each question carries **12** marks.

PART – A

1. Let T be the function from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^2 defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_2, x_1)$. Show that T is a linear transformation.
2. If M is an R -module and $x \in M$, then prove that the set $K = \{rx + nx : r \in R, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an R -submodule of M containing x .
3. In \mathbb{R}^3 , let $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, 1)$, $\alpha_2 = (0, 1, -2)$, $\alpha_3 = (-1, -1, 0)$. If f is a linear functional on \mathbb{R}^3 such that $f(\alpha_1) = 1$, $f(\alpha_2) = -1$, $f(\alpha_3) = 3$, and if $\alpha = (a, b, c)$, find $f(\alpha)$.
4. Prove that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
5. State Cyclic Decomposition Theorem.
6. Let V be an inner product space, W a finite dimensional subspace, and E the orthogonal projection of V on W . Then prove that the mapping $\beta \rightarrow \beta - E\beta$ is the orthogonal projection of V on W^\perp .

PART - B

UNIT - I

7. a) Let V and W be vector spaces over the field F and let T be a linear transformation from V into W . If V is finite dimensional, then prove that $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V$.
- b) Describe explicitly a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 into \mathbb{R}^3 which has its range the subspace spanned by $(1, 0, -1)$ and $(1, 2, 2)$.
8. a) Let T be a linear transformation from V into W . Then prove that T is non-singular if and only if T carries each linearly independent subset of V onto a linearly independent subset of W .
- b) State and prove fundamental theorem of R -homomorphisms.
9. a) Let M be a free R -module with a basis (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) . Then prove that $M \approx R^n$.
- b) Let V be a non-zero finitely generated vector space over a field F . Then prove that V admits a finite basis.

UNIT - II

10. a) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F , and W be a subspace of V . Then prove that $\dim W + \dim W^\circ = \dim V$.
- b) If W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space, then prove that $W_1 = W_2$ if and only if $W_1^\circ = W_2^\circ$.
11. a) Let T be a linear operator on an n -dimensional vector space V . Then prove that the characteristic and minimal polynomials for T have the same roots, except for multiplicities.

- b) Find the minimal polynomial for the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$.



12. a) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let T be a linear operator on V . Then prove that T is triangulable if and only if the minimal polynomial for T is a product of linear polynomials over F .
- b) Let W be an invariant subspace for T . Prove that the minimal polynomial for the restriction operator $T|_W$ divides the minimal polynomial for T , without referring to matrices.

UNIT - III

13. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space. Let W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k be subspaces of V and let $W = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_k$. Then prove that the following are equivalent.
- a) W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k are independent.
- b) For each $j, 2 \leq j \leq k$, we have $w_j \in (W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_{j-1}) = \{0\}$.
- c) If \mathcal{B}_i is an ordered basis for $W_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$, then the sequence $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2, \dots, \mathcal{B}_k)$ is an ordered basis for W .
14. State and prove primary decomposition theorem.
15. a) If V is an inner product space, then for any vectors α, β in V , prove that
- $|\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle| \leq \|\alpha\| \|\beta\|$ and
 - $\|\alpha + \beta\| \leq \|\alpha\| + \|\beta\|$.
- b) Prove that an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors is linearly independent.