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**III Semester B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics Degree  
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BHM 305 : ADVANCED LINEAR ALGEBRA**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

## SECTION – A

Answer any 4 questions out of 5 questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

- Let  $V$  be the space of all  $n \times n$  matrices over a field  $F$  and let  $B$  be a fixed  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $T$  is a linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $T(A) = AB - BA$ , and if  $f$  is the trace function, what is  $T^1 f$ ?
- Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 + x_2)$ . Find characteristic values of  $T$ .
- Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$ . Find the invariant subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Let  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the standard inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $\alpha = (1, 2)$ ,  $\beta = (-1, 1)$ . If  $\gamma$  is a vector such that  $(\alpha|\gamma) = -1$  and  $(\beta|\gamma) = 3$ , find  $\gamma$ .
- Find a unitary matrix which is not orthogonal.

## SECTION – B

Answer any 6 questions out of 9 questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ . For each vector  $\alpha$  in  $V$  define  $L_\alpha(f) = f(\alpha)$ ,  $f \in V^*$ . Prove that the mapping  $\alpha \rightarrow L_\alpha$  is an isomorphism of  $V$  onto  $V^{**}$ .

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- If  $S$  is any subset of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ , prove that  $(S^\circ)^\circ$  is the subspace spanned by  $S$ .
- Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional space  $V$ . If  $T$  is diagonalizable and if  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are distinct characteristic values of  $T$ , prove that there exist linear operators  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  on  $V$  such that  $T = c_1 E_1 + \dots + c_k E_k$ .
- Let  $V$  be a real or complex vector space with an inner product. Show that  $\|\alpha + \beta\|^2 + \|\alpha - \beta\|^2 = 2\|\alpha\|^2 + 2\|\beta\|^2$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in V$ .
- Prove that an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors is linearly independent.
- Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $S$  be any nonempty subset of  $V$ . Prove that  $S^\perp$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space. If  $T$  and  $U$  are linear operators on  $V$  and  $c$  is a scalar, prove that :
  - $(T + U)^* = T^* + U^*$
  - $(cT)^* = \bar{c}T^*$
- Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  defined by  $T\epsilon_1 = (1 + i, 2)$ ,  $T\epsilon_2 = (i, i)$ . Using the standard inner product, find the matrix of  $T^*$  in the standard ordered basis.
- Let  $U$  be a linear operator on an inner product space  $V$ . Prove that  $U$  is unitary if and only if the adjoint  $U^*$  of  $U$  exists and  $UU^* = U^*U = I$ .

## SECTION – C

Answer any 8 questions out of 12 questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

- Let  $g, f_1, \dots, f_r$  be linear functionals on a vector space  $V$  with respective null spaces  $N_1, \dots, N_r$ . Prove that  $g$  is a linear combination of  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  if and only if  $N$  contains  $N_1 \cap \dots \cap N_r$ .
- Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$ , and let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$ . Prove that :
  - $\text{rank}(T^1) = \text{rank}(T)$
  - the range of  $T^1$  is the annihilator of the null space of  $T$ .



- Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is represented in the standard basis by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.
- Let  $T$  be a linear operator on the space  $V$ , and let  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  and  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  be on  $V$  such that
  - $E_i^2 = E_i$  for each  $i$ ;
  - $E_i E_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ ;
  - $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$ ;
  - the range of  $E_i$  is  $W_i$ .
 Prove that each subspace  $W_i$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $TE_i = E_i T$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .
- Let  $T$  be a linear operator on the finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over the field  $F$ . Suppose that the minimal polynomial for  $T$  decomposes over  $F$  into a product of linear polynomials. Prove that there is a diagonalizable operator  $D$  on  $V$  and a nilpotent operator  $N$  on  $V$  such that
  - $T = D + N$
  - $DN = ND$ .
- Verify that standard inner product on  $F^n$  is an inner product.
- State and prove polarization identities.
- Let  $V$  be an inner product space, and let  $\alpha, \beta$  be any vectors in  $V$  and  $c$  be any scalar. Then prove that
  - $\|c\alpha\| = |c| \|\alpha\|$
  - $\|\alpha\| > 0$  for  $\alpha \neq 0$
  - $|(\alpha|\beta)| \leq \|\alpha\| \|\beta\|$ .
- Let  $W$  be a subspace of an inner product space  $V$  and  $\beta$  be a vector in  $V$ . Prove that the vector  $\alpha$  in  $W$  is a best approximation in  $W$  if and only if  $\beta - \alpha$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ .



- Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space and  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . If  $T$  is invertible, show that  $T^*$  is invertible and  $(T^*)^{-1} = (T^{-1})^*$ .
- Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space. Prove that an idempotent operator  $E$  on  $V$  is self adjoint if and only if  $EE^* = E^*E$ .
- Prove that  $T$  is normal if and only if  $T = T_1 + iT_2$  where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are self adjoint operators which commute.

## SECTION – D

Answer any 2 questions out of 4 questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

- Suppose  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ . Prove that a linear operator  $T$  on  $V$  is diagonalizable if and only if the minimal polynomial for  $T$  has the form  $p = (x - c_1) \dots (x - c_k)$ , where  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are distinct elements of  $F$ .
- State and prove primary decomposition theorem.
- State Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process and using this process to the vectors  $\beta_1 = (3, 0, 4)$ ,  $\beta_2 = (-1, 0, 7)$ ,  $\beta_3 = (2, 9, 11)$  to obtain an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with standard inner product.
- Let  $V$  be a complex inner product space and  $T$  be a self adjoint linear operator on  $V$  show that
  - $\|\alpha + iT\alpha\| = \|\alpha - iT\alpha\|$  for every  $\alpha$  in  $V$ .
  - $\alpha + iT\alpha = \beta + iT\beta$  if and only if  $\alpha = \beta$ .
  - $I + iT$  is nonsingular.