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IV Semester B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics Degree (CBCSS – OBE-Regular)  
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4B15 BMH : INTRODUCTION TO ABSTRACT ALGEBRA AND LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

## SECTION – A

Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries one mark. (4×1=4)

- Let  $S$  be a set and let  $f, g$  and  $h$  be functions mapping  $S$  into  $S$ . Then prove that  $f \circ (g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h$ .
- Find the generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ .
- State Cayley's theorem.
- Give an example of vector space.
- What is linear operators ?

## SECTION – B

Answer any 6 questions. Each question carries two marks. (6×2=12)

- Prove that left and right cancellation laws hold in a group  $G$ .
- What is a group and give an example of nonabelian group ?
- Find the orbit of the permutation  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 6 & 7 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $S_8$ .
- Show that every permutation  $\sigma$  of a finite set is a product of disjoint cycles.
- Prove that for any  $x$  in a vector space  $(-1) \cdot x = -x$ .

- Show that  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  is a vector space.

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- Define column space and row space.
- Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Let  $T$  be a mapping given by  $T(x) = Ax, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.
- Show that  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## SECTION – C

Answer any 8 questions. Each question carries four marks. (8×4=32)

- State and prove division algorithm for  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- Prove or disprove  $*$  defined on  $\mathbb{Q}$  by  $a * b = ab/2$  is binary operation.
- Show that a subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if.
  - $H$  is closed under the binary operation of  $G$ .
  - the identity element  $e$  of  $G$  is in  $H$ .
  - for all  $a \in H$  it is true that  $a^{-1} \in H$  also.
- Show that  $S_n$  is nonabelian for  $n \geq 3$ .
- Find the maximum possible order for an element in  $S_7$ .
- Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be groups and let  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a one to one function such that  $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Then prove  $\phi[G]$  is a subgroup of  $G'$  and  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.
- Show that  $S = \{x | x = tv, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  where  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Prove that for any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A, N(A)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- If  $X = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$  is a set of vectors of a vector space  $V$ . Prove that  $\text{Lin}(X)$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ .
- Find the bases for null space and range of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . Given by  $T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \\ x_1 + x_3 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  and verify rank-nullity theorem.



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- Find the basis of null space of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 9 & -1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and verify rank nullity theorem.

- Find the matrix representation of  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y+z \\ x-y \\ x+2y-3z \end{pmatrix}$ .

## SECTION – D

Answer any 2 questions. Each question carries six marks. (2×6=12)

- Prove that a subgroup of a cyclic group are cyclic.
- Find the multiplication table for  $D_4$ .
- State and prove Rank nullity theorem for matrix.
- Prove that similarity is an equivalence relation.