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**III Semester B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics Degree (C.B.C.S.S. –  
Supplementary) Examination, November 2024  
(2019 and 2020 Admissions)  
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. **(4×1=4)**

- Let  $F$  be a field and let  $f$  be the linear functional on  $F^2$  defined by  $f(x_1, x_2) = ax_1 + bx_2$ . Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $F^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0)$  and let  $g = T^t f$ . Find  $g(x_1, x_2)$ .
- Find the minimal polynomial for  $T$  whose matrix representation is  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 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  $\gamma$ .
- Let  $V$  be the space  $C^2$ , with standard inner product. Let  $T$  be the linear operator defined by  $T e_1 = (1, -2)$ ,  $T e_2 = (i, -1)$ . If  $\alpha = (x_1, x_2)$ , find  $T^* \alpha$ .
- Show that  $A_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal.

## SECTION – B

Answer **any 6** questions out of 9 questions. **Each** question carries **2** marks. **(6×2=12)**

- 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  $\text{rank}(T) = \text{rank}(T^t)$ .
- Find the characteristic values of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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- Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional space  $V$ . Suppose there exists  $k$  distinct scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  and  $k$  nonzero linear operators  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  which satisfies the following conditions :

- $T = c_1 E_1 + \dots + c_k E_k$ ;
- $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$ ;
- $E_i E_j = 0, i \neq j$

Prove that  $E_i^2 = E_i$  and the range of  $E_i$  is the characteristic space for  $T$  associated with  $c_i$ .

- Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $(\cdot | \cdot)$  an inner product on  $V$ . Show that
  - $(0 | \beta) = 0$  for all  $\beta$  in  $V$ .
  - if  $(\alpha | \beta) = 0$  for all  $\beta$  in  $V$ , then  $\alpha = 0$ .
- Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Prove that  $\| \alpha + \beta \| \leq \| \alpha \| + \| \beta \|$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in V$ .
- Prove that every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis.
- Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space, and  $f$  a linear functional on  $V$ . Prove that there exist a unique vector  $\beta$  in  $V$  such that  $f(\alpha) = (\alpha | \beta)$  for all  $\alpha$  in  $V$ .
- Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space, and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . In any orthonormal basis for  $V$ , prove that the matrix of  $T^*$  is the conjugate transpose of the matrix of  $T$ .
- Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $T$  a self adjoint linear operator on  $V$ . Prove that each characteristic value of  $T$  is real and characteristic vector of  $T$  associated with distinct characteristic values are orthogonal.

## SECTION – C

Answer **any 8** questions out of 12 questions. **Each** question carries **4** marks. **(8×4=32)**

- Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$ . Let  $\beta$  be an ordered basis for  $V$  with dual basis  $\beta^*$ , and let  $\beta'$  be an ordered basis for  $W$  with dual basis  $\beta'^*$ . Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$ ; let  $A$  be the matrix of  $T$  relative to  $\beta, \beta'$  and let  $B$  be the matrix of  $T^t$  relative to  $\beta'^*, \beta^*$ . Prove that  $B_{ij} = A_{ji}$ .

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- 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  $T$  has the form  $p = (x - c_1) \dots (x - c_k)$  where  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are distinct elements of  $F$ .
- Let  $T$  be a 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 by exhibiting a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , each vector of which is a characteristic vector of  $T$ .
- Find an invertible real matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  and  $P^{-1}BP$  are both diagonal, where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -8 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 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  $V$  be a vector space of all continuous real valued functions on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $f, g \in V$ . Define  $(f | g)$  by  $(f | g) = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt$ . Prove that  $(f | g)$  is an inner product on  $V$ .
- State and prove parallelogram law.
- State and prove Cauchy Schwarz inequality.
- Let  $W$  be a finite dimensional subspace of an inner product space  $V$  and let  $E$  be an 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  $V = W \oplus W^\perp$ .
- 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
  - $(T + U)^* = T^* + U^*$

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ii)  $(TU)^* = U^* T^*$

iii)  $(T^*)^* = T$

- On a finite dimensional inner product space of positive dimension, prove that every self adjoint operator has a characteristic vector.
- 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. **(2×6=12)**

- State and prove Cayley Hamilton theorem.
- State and prove primary decomposition theorem.
- State and prove Gram Schmidt orthogonalization process.
- Prove that for every invertible complex  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  there exists a unique lower triangular matrix  $M$  with positive entries on the main diagonal such that  $MB$  is unitary.