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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

Weight 1 each.

1. Let V be the set of pairs (x, y) of real numbers and let F be the field of real numbers. Define $(x, y) + (x_1, y_1) = (x + x_1, 0)$ and $c(x, y) = (cx, 0)$. Is V , with these operations, a vector space over F ?
2. Define dimension of a vector space. What is the dimension of the space of all $n \times n$ matrices over F .
3. Find the range, rank, null space and nullity of the identity operator in a finite dimensional vector space V .
4. Let V and W be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field F . If V and W are isomorphic, prove that $\dim V = \dim W$.
5. If $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a linear operator defined as $T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$, find the matrix of T in the ordered basis $\{(1, 2), (1, -1)\}$ for \mathbb{R}^2 .
6. Check whether the function D on $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ defined by $D(A) = A_{11} A_{22} A_{33}$ is 3-linear.
7. State the theorem which describes the construction of a determinant function on $K^{n \times n}$, if given such a function on $K^{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$, where K is a commutative ring with identity.
8.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Prove that the determinant of the Vandermonde matrix is $(b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$.





9. Find the characteristic values, if any, of the linear operator T on \mathbb{R}^2 which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
10. Find a projection E which projects \mathbb{R}^2 onto the subspace spanned by $(1, 1)$ along the subspace spanned by $(1, -2)$
(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight 2 each.

11. Let W be the subspace of \mathbb{C}^3 spanned by $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, i)$ and $\alpha_2 = (1 + i, 1, -1)$.
(a) Show that α_1 and α_2 form a basis for W .
(b) Show that the vectors $\beta_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ and $\beta_2 = (1, i, 1 + i)$ are in W and form another basis for W .
(c) What are the coordinates of α_1 and α_2 in the ordered basis $\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$ for W ?
12. Show that the non-zero row vectors of a non-zero row-reduced echelon matrix R form a basis for the row space of R .
13. Prove that a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$, where V and W are vector spaces over the same field, is non-singular if and only if it is one-one
14. Let f and g be linear functionals on a vector space V . If the null space of g contains the null space of f , prove that g is a scalar multiple of f .
15. Let V and W be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field F and $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation. Prove that $\text{Rank}(T^t) = \text{Rank } T$.
16. If K is a commutative ring with identity, show that the determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix over K and its transpose are the same.
17. Let T be a linear operator on \mathbb{R}^3 which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$. Prove that T is diagonalizable by exhibiting a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 , each vector of which is a characteristic vector of T
18. Find the Characteristic and Minimal polynomials of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
(6×2=12 weightage)





Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight 5 each.

19. (a) State and prove a necessary and sufficient condition for the union of two subspaces of a vector space V to be a subspace of V .
- (b) Let V be the vector space of all functions from \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{R} ; let V_e be the subset of even functions and let V_o be the subset of odd functions.
- (i) Prove that V_e and V_o are subspaces of V .
- (ii) Prove that $V_e + V_o = V$.
- (iii) Prove that $V_e \cap V_o = \{0\}$.
20. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F , then prove that
- (i) $\dim V = \dim V^*$ by exhibiting a unique dual basis $B^* = \{f_1, f_2, f_3 \dots f_n\}$ for any ordered basis $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \dots \alpha_n\}$ of V and
- (ii) $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\alpha_i) f_i$ and $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\alpha) \alpha_i$ where f is any linear functional and α is any vector in V .
21. If D is any alternating n -linear function on $K^{n \times n}$, then prove that for each $n \times n$ matrix A , $D(A) = (\det A) D(I)$.
22. Characterize a diagonalizable linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space.

(2×5=10 weightage)

