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M Sc MATHEMATICS, M Sc MATHEMATICS (SF)

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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 all pairs  $(x, y)$  of real numbers, and let  $F$  be the field of real numbers. Define  $(x, y) + (x_1, y_1) = (x + x_1, y + y_1)$  and  $c(x, y) = (cx, cy)$ . Is  $V$ , with these operations, a vector space over the field of real numbers?
2. 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. Then prove that  $V_e$  and  $V_o$  are subspaces of  $V$ .
3. Define a linear transformation and prove that the differential operator  $D$  on the vector space  $V$  of all polynomial functions over a field  $F$  is linear.
4. If  $T : C^2 \rightarrow C^2$  is a linear operator defined as  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0)$ , find the matrix of  $T$  in the ordered basis  $\{(1, i), (-i, 2)\}$  for  $C^2$ .
5. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ . Prove that the mapping  $C : V \rightarrow V^{**}$  by  $C\alpha = L_\alpha$  where  $L_\alpha(f) = f(\alpha); \forall f \in V^*$  is linear.
6. Show that the function  $D$  from  $K^{n \times n}$  to  $K$  defined by  $D(A) = a A(1, k_1) \dots A(n, k_n)$  is  $n$ -linear, where  $a \in K$  and  $k_1, \dots, k_n$  are positive integers less than or equal to  $n$ .
7. If  $D$  is a 2-linear function with the property that  $D(A) = 0$  for all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  over  $K$  having equal rows, then show that  $D$  is alternating.
8. If  $A$  is an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix over a field, show that  $\det A \neq 0$ .
9. Define minimal polynomial for a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . What is the minimal polynomial for the identity operator on  $V$ ?
10. Prove that every matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2 = A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix.

(8×1=8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essay/Problems)**

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight **2** each.





11. If  $W$  is a proper subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , then prove that  $W$  is finite-dimensional and  $\dim W < \dim V$ .
12. Show that the vectors  $\alpha_1 = (-1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (4, 2, 0)$ ,  $\alpha_3 = (5, 3, -8)$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the coordinates of the vector  $(1, 2, 1)$  in the ordered basis  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ .
13. Show that if  $F$  is any field then  $F^{m \times n}$  is isomorphic to  $F^{mn}$ .
14. Find the linear functional  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $f(1, 0, 1) = 1$ ,  $f(0, 1, -2) = -1$ ,  $f(-1, -1, 0) = 3$ .
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. Show that  $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$ , if  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $n \times n$  matrices over  $K$ .
17. Find the characteristic values and characteristic vectors of the linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
18. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are the distinct characteristic values of  $T$  and  $W_i$ 's are the corresponding characteristic spaces. Then prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 + \dots + \dim W_k = \dim V$

(6×2=12 weightage)

### Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight 5 each.

19. Let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers and let  $F$  be a field. Suppose  $W$  is a subspace of  $F^n$  and  $\dim W \leq m$ . Then prove that there is precisely one  $m \times n$  row-reduced echelon matrix over  $F$  which has  $W$  as its row space.
20. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$ . By exhibiting a basis for the space  $L(V, W)$ , prove that  $L(V, W)$  is finite dimensional and  $\dim L(V, W) = \dim V \cdot \dim W$ .
21. (a) Let  $K$  be a commutative ring with identity and  $n$  be a positive integer. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $K$ . Then show that  $A$  is invertible over  $K$  if and only if  $\det A$  is invertible in  $K$ . When  $A$  is invertible, show that the unique inverse for  $A$  is  $A^{-1} = (\det A)^{-1} \text{adj } A$ .  
 (b) Let  $K = \mathbb{R}[x]$ , the ring of polynomials over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Check whether the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + x & x + 1 \\ x - 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 - 1 & x + 2 \\ x^2 - 2x + 3 & x \end{bmatrix}$  are invertible over  $K$  and if invertible, find the inverse.
22. Let  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ , prove that there exist  $k$  linear operators  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  on  $V$  such that
  - i. Each  $E_i$  is a projection
  - ii.  $E_i E_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$
  - iii.  $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$
  - iv. The range of  $E_i$  is  $W_i$

Also prove that if  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  are  $k$  linear operators on  $V$  which satisfy conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) and if we let  $W_i$  be the range of  $E_i$  then  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$

(2×5=10 weightage)

