

**FIRST SEMESTER M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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(CBCSS)

Mathematics

MTH 1C 02—LINEAR ALGEBRA

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Part A***Answer all the questions.**Each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$  such that  $W_1 + W_2 = V$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ . Prove that for each vector  $\alpha$  in  $V$  there are unique vectors  $\alpha_1$  in  $W_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  in  $W_2$  such that  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ .
2. Is there a linear transformation  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(1, -1, 1) = (1, 0)$  and  $T(1, 1, 1) = (0, 1)$ ? Justify your answer.
3. If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of a finite-dimensional vector space, then prove that  $W_1 = W_2$  iff  $W_1^\circ = W_2^\circ$ .
4. Define minimal polynomial for a  $n \times n$  matrix. Find a  $3 \times 3$  matrix for which the minimal polynomial is  $x^2$ .
5. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that the only subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which are invariant under  $T$  are  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the zero space.
6. Find a projection  $E$  which projects  $\mathbb{R}^2$  onto the subspace spanned by  $(1, -1)$  along the subspace spanned by  $(1, 2)$ .

**Turn over**

7. Let  $V$  be an inner product space and let  $\alpha, \beta \in V$ . Show that  $|\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle| \leq \|\alpha\| \cdot \|\beta\|$ .
8. Let  $V$  be an inner product space,  $W$  a finite-dimensional subspace, and  $E$  the orthogonal projection of  $V$  on  $W$ . Show that the mapping  $\beta \mapsto \beta - E\beta$  is the orthogonal projection of  $V$  onto  $W^\perp$ .

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

### Part B

*Answer any two questions from each of the following units.*

*Each question carries 2 weightage.*

#### UNIT I

9. Show that the subspace spanned by a non-empty subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is the set of all linear combinations of vectors in  $S$ .
10. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field  $F$ . Prove that  $V$  has dimension 4 by exhibiting a basis for  $V$ .
11. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over the field  $F$  and let  $u$  be an isomorphism of  $V$  onto  $W$ . Prove that the mapping  $T \mapsto u T u^{-1}$  is an isomorphism of  $L(V, V)$  onto  $L(W, W)$ .

#### UNIT II

12. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1 + x_3, -2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3)$ . What is the matrix of  $T$  in the standard ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
13. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ . Show that the characteristic and minimal polynomials for  $T$  have the same roots, except for multiplicities.
14. Let  $A$  be any  $m \times n$  matrix over the field  $F$ . Show that the row rank of  $A$  is equal to the column rank of  $A$ .

#### UNIT III

15. Let  $V$  be a real vector space and  $E$  an idempotent linear operator on  $V$ . Prove that  $I + E$  is invertible. Find  $(I + E)^{-1}$ .
16. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors  $\beta_1 = (1, 0, 1)$ ,  $\beta_2 = (1, 0, -1)$ ,  $\beta_3 = (0, 3, 4)$ , to obtain an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standard inner product.
17. State and prove Bessel's inequality.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

## Part C

Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 5 weightage.

18. Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ , and let  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  be two ordered basis of  $V$ . Show that there is a unique invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$  with entries in  $F$  such that :

$$(i) \quad [\alpha]_{\beta} = P[\alpha]_{\beta'}; \quad (ii) \quad [\alpha]_{\beta'} = P^{-1}[\alpha]_{\beta} \text{ for every vector } \alpha \text{ in } V.$$

19. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$ . If  $V$  is finite-dimensional, then show that

$$\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V.$$

20. (a) Let  $g, f_1, \dots, f_r$  be linear functionals on a vector space  $V$  with respective null spaces  $N, N_1, \dots, N_r$ . Show that  $g$  is a linear combination of  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  iff  $N$  contains the intersection  $N_1 \cap \dots \cap N_r$ .

- (b) If  $W$  is a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  and if  $\{g_1, \dots, g_r\}$  is any basis for

$$W^\circ, \text{ prove that } W = \bigcap_{i=1}^r N_{g_i}.$$

21. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional space  $V$ . Show that if  $T$  is diagonalizable and if  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are the distinct characteristic values of  $T$ , then there exist linear operators  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  on  $V$  such that :

- (i)  $T = c_1 E_1 + \dots + c_k E_k$ .
- (ii)  $I = E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_k$
- (iii)  $E_i E_j = 0, \quad i \neq j$
- (iv)  $E_i^2 = E_i$ .
- (v) The range of  $E_i$  is the characteristic space for  $T$  associated with  $c_i$ .

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)