

## FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2019

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT1C02—LINEAR ALGEBRA

(2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

## Part A

*Answer all the questions.**Each question carries weightage of 1.*

1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over field  $K$ . Show that for any scalar  $k \in K$  and  $0 \in V$ ,  $k0 = 0$ .
2. Consider  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  as a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $W$  is not a subspace of  $V$ , where  $W = \{(a, b, c) : a \geq 0\}$ .
3. For which value of  $k$  will the vector  $u = (1, -2, k)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear combination of the vectors  $v = (3, 0, -2)$  and  $w = (2, -1, -5)$ ?
4. Show that the mapping  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $F(x, y) = xy$  is not linear.
5. Let  $\phi$  be the linear functional on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $\phi(2, 1) = 15$  and  $\phi(1, -2) = -10$ . Find  $\phi(x, y)$ .
6. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find all eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of  $A$  viewed as a matrix over the real field  $\mathbb{R}$ .
7. Show that 0 is an eigenvalue of  $T$  if and only if  $T$  is singular.
8. Show that the vectors  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $e_3 = (0, 0, 1, \dots, 0)$ , ...,  $e_n = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 1)$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
9. State the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.

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10. For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , find a polynomial having the matrix  $A$  as a root.
11. Consider the three polynomials defined as follows :  
 $p_1(t) = 7t^5 - 4t^2 + 3$ ,  $p_2(t) = 2t^5 + 5t^2$ ,  $p_3(t) = 8t^5 - 23t^2 + 6$ . Is the set  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  linearly independent ?
12. Let  $\mathbb{R}^3$  be equipped with the standard inner product. What is the orthogonal projection of the vector  $x = (1, 2, 3)$  onto the vector  $y = (3, 2, 1)$ ?
13. Let  $V$  be the set of polynomials with the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)$ . Let  $f(t) = t + 2$ . Find  $\|f\|$ .
14. If  $u$  is orthogonal to  $v$ , then show that every scalar multiple of  $u$  is also orthogonal to  $v$ .

(14 × 1 = 14 weightage)

**Part B***Answer any seven questions.**Each question carries weightage of 2.*

15. Let  $V$  be the vector space of  $n$ -square matrices over a field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $U$  and  $W$  be the subspaces of symmetric and antisymmetric matrices respectively. Show that  $V = U \oplus W$ .
16. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear mapping defined by  
 $T(x, y, s, t) = (x - y + s + t, x + 2s - t, x + y + 3s - 3t)$ . Find a basis and the dimension of the image  $U$  of  $T$ .
17. Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . Prove that the intersection of any collection of subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
18. Let  $W$  be an invariant subspace for  $T$ . Show that the characteristic polynomial for the restriction operator  $T_W$  on  $W$  divides the characteristic polynomial for  $T$ .
19. State and prove the Bessel's inequality.

20. Find a unit vector orthogonal to  $v_1 = (1, 1, 2)$  and  $v_2 = (0, 1, 3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
21. For what value of  $k$ ,  $\langle u, v \rangle = x_1y_1 - 3x_1y_2 - 3x_2y_1 + kx_2y_2$ , where  $u = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $v = (y_1, y_2)$  is an inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?
22. State and Prove Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.
23. Verify that the following is an inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\langle u, v \rangle = x_1y_1 - x_1y_2 - x_2y_1 + 3x_2y_2$ , where  $u = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $v = (y_1, y_2)$ .
24. If  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  is a characteristic value of a linear operator  $T$  on a vector space  $V$ , then show that for any polynomial  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $f(\lambda)$  is a characteristic value of  $f(T)$ .

(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

### Part C

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries weightage of 4.*

25. If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , then prove that  $W_1 + W_2$  is finite dimensional and  $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 = \dim (W_1 \cap W_2) + \dim (W_1 + W_2)$ .
26. Prove that a linear operator  $T: V \rightarrow V$  has a diagonal matrix representation if and only if its minimal polynomial  $m(t)$  is a product of distinct linear polynomials.
27. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector space over the field  $\mathbf{F}$ , and let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$ . The null space of  $T^t$  (transpose of  $T$ ) is the annihilator of the range of  $T$ . If  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional, then prove that (i)  $\text{rank}(T^t) = \text{rank}(T)$ , (ii) the range of  $(T^t)$  is the annihilator of the null space of  $T$ .
28. Apply Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors  $w_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $w_3 = (0, 1, 2, 1)$  to compute an orthonormal set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)