

FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022  
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)  
MATHEMATICS  
FMTH1C02 - LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum weightage: 30

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

1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Suppose  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are linearly independent vectors in  $V$ . Prove that  $(\alpha + \beta)$ ,  $(\beta + \gamma)$  and  $(\gamma + \alpha)$  are linearly independent.
2. Show that the inverse of a linear transformation, if it exists, is linear.
3. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$ . What is the matrix of  $T$  relative to the standard ordered basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?
4. Find the dual basis of standard ordered basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
5. Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
6. Prove that if  $E$  is the projection on  $R$  along  $N$ , then  $(I - E)$  is the projection on  $N$  along  $R$ .
7. Define inner product. Give an example.
8. Prove that an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors is linearly independent.

**(8 x 1 = 8 weightage)****Part B****Answer any two questions from each unit. Each carries 2 weightage.****Unit 1**

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. Find the coordinate matrix of the vector  $(1, 0, 1)$  relative to the ordered basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  where  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (1, 2, 1)$  and  $\alpha_3 = (0, -3, 2)$ .
11. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Show that  $T$  is non-singular if and only if  $T$  carries each linearly independent subset of  $V$  onto a linearly independent subset of  $W$ .

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## Unit 2

12. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ , and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Show that  $\dim W + \dim W^0 = \dim V$ .
13. 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  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  if and only if  $N$  contains the intersection  $N_1 \cap N_2 \cap \dots \cap N_r$ .
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 3

15. Let  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ . Show that there exist  $k$  linear operators  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  on  $V$  such that
  - (a) each  $E_i$  is a projection;
  - (b)  $E_i E_j = 0$ , if  $i \neq j$ ;
  - (c)  $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$ ;
  - (d) the range of  $E_i$  is  $W_i$ .
16. Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Show that  $|(\alpha | \beta)| \leq \|\alpha\| \|\beta\|$  and  $\|\alpha + \beta\| \leq \|\alpha\| + \|\beta\|$  for all  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $V$ .
17. State and prove Bessel's inequality.

**(6 x 2= 12 weightage)**

## Part C

**Answer any two questions. Each carries 5 weightage.**

18.
  - (a) Suppose  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Show that  $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 = \dim (W_1 + W_2) + \dim (W_1 \cap W_2)$ .
  - (b) 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  $\alpha$  in  $V$  there are unique vectors  $\alpha_1$  in  $W_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  in  $W_2$  such that  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ .
19.
  - (a) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over  $F$  and let  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be an ordered basis for  $V$ . Let  $W$  be a vector space over the same field  $F$  and let  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$  be any vectors in  $W$ . Show that there is only one linear transformation  $T$  from  $V$  into  $W$  such that  $T\alpha_j = \beta_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .
  - (b) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation such that  $T(1, 0) = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $T(0, 1) = (0, 0, 1)$ . Find  $T(2, 3)$ .
20. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Show 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  $F$ .
21. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors  $\beta_1 = (3, 0, 4), \beta_2 = (-1, 0, 7), \beta_3 = (2, 9, 11)$ , to obtain an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standard inner product.

**(2 x 5= 10 weightage)**