

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(CBCSS - PG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

**CC19PMTH1C02 - LINEAR ALGEBRA**

(Mathematics)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

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

1. Let  $S$  be a linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V$ . Suppose  $\beta$  is a vector in  $V$  which is not in the subspace spanned by  $S$ . Then check whether the set obtained by adjoining  $\beta$  to  $S$  is linearly independent or not.
2. Let  $V$  be a vector space. Define an ordered basis for  $V$ . Give an example of an ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
3. Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $V$  show that  $T$  is invertible implies  $T$  is non-singular.
4. Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  be the basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $\alpha_1 = (2, 3)$  and  $\alpha_2 = (6, 1)$ . Find the dual basis of  $\mathcal{B}$ .
5. Define transpose of a linear transformation with example.
6. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two matrices such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$  then show that characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and  $B$  are same.
7. If  $V$  is an inner product space, then for any vectors  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $V$  and any scalar  $c$  show that  $\|c\alpha\| = |c|\|\alpha\|$
8. Prove that an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors is linearly independent.

**(8 × 1 = 8 Weightage)****Part B**Answer any ***two*** questions from each unit. Each question carries 2 weightage.**UNIT - I**

9. Prove that the  $n$  tuple space  $F^n$  is a vector space.
10. Prove 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  $S$ .
11. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$ . Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional Then show that  $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V$

## UNIT - II

12. Let  $T$  be the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2, 2x_2 - x_3)$ .  
IF  $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}' = \{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$ , where  
 $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1), \alpha_2 = (1, 1, 1), \alpha_3 = (1, 0, 0), \beta_1 = (0, 1), \beta_2 = (1, 0)$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  relative to the pair  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$ .

13. If  $S$  is any subset of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ , then prove that  $(S^0)^0$  is the subspace spanned by  $S$ .

14. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Show that  $T$  is diagonalizable implies the minimal polynomial for  $T$  has the form  $p = (x - c_1)(x - c_2) \cdots (x - c_k)$  where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are distinct elements of  $F$ .

## UNIT - III

15. Define projection on a vector space  $V$ . Prove that

- Any projection  $E$  is diagonalizable.
- If  $E$  is projection on  $R$  along  $N$ , then  $(I - E)$  is the projection on  $N$  along  $R$ .

16. State and Prove Polarization identities of an inner product.

17. Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $S$  be any set of vectors in  $V$ . Define orthogonal complement of a set  $S$ . Prove that it is a subspace of  $V$ .

(6 × 2 = 12 Weightage)

## Part C

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

18. 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. Also verify  $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 = \dim(W_1 \cap W_2) + \dim(W_1 + W_2)$ .

19. Show that the dimension of  $L(V, V)$  is  $n^2$  where  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space of dimension  $n$ .

20. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$ . If  $f$  is the characteristic polynomial for  $T$ , then show that  $f(T) = 0$ .

21. (a) Show that the mapping  $\beta \rightarrow \beta - E\beta$  is the orthogonal projection of  $V$  on  $W^\perp$ . where  $V$  is an inner product space,  $W$  a finite dimensional subspace, and  $E$  the orthogonal projection of  $V$  on  $W$ .  
(b) State and Prove Bessel's Inequality.

(2 × 5 = 10 Weightage)

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