

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025  
(Fifth Semester)

Branch – MATHEMATICS

LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. An example of a skew-symmetric matrix is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
2. Let  $f: C \rightarrow C$  be defined by  $f(z) = \bar{z}$ . Then  $\ker f$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a)  $\Phi$  (b)  $\{0\}$  (c)  $\{1\}$  (d)  $\{i\}$
3. The standard inner product defined on  $V_3(R)$  where  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a)  $\langle x, y \rangle = (x_1 + y_1)^2 + (x_2 + y_2)^2 + (x_3 + y_3)^2$   
(b)  $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3$   
(c)  $\langle x, y \rangle = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 - y_3)^2}$   
(d)  $\langle x, y \rangle = (x_1^2 + y_1^2) + (x_2^2 + y_2^2) + (x_3^2 + y_3^2)$
4. The rank of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
5. If the eigen values of a square matrix A are 1, 2, 3 then eigen values of  $A^2$  are \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 1, 4, 9 (b) 2, 4, 6 (c) -1, -4, -9 (d)  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}$

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a. Prove that the product of the two symmetric matrices is symmetric iff the matrices commute.  
OR  
b. Find  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ -\sqrt{3} & \sqrt[3]{5} & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 7 a. If V is the internal direct sum of  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  then Show that V is isomorphic to the external direct sum of  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$ .  
OR  
b. If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are in V then either they are linearly independent or some  $v_k$  is a linear combination of the preceding ones,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1}$ .
- 8 a. Analyze the  $\dim_F V = m$  then  $\dim_F \text{Hom}(V, V) = m^2$ .  
OR  
b. If V is a finite-dimensional inner product space and W is a subspace of V then Examine that  $(W^\perp)^\perp = W$ .

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- 9 a. Compute the rank of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 9 & -1 & 2 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$
- OR
- b. Determine the characteristic roots of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$
- 10 a. Apply the abstract concept of vector space if  $T \in A(V)$  and if  $\dim_F V = n$ , then Prove that  $T$  can have at most  $n$  distinct characteristics in  $F$ .
- OR
- b. Compute the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a. Compute the inverse of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- OR
- b. Prove that the matrix  $U = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -1 + 2i & -4 - 2i \\ 2 - 4i & -2 - i \end{pmatrix}$  is unitary.
- 12 a. If  $V$  is finite-dimensional and if  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then Prove that  $W$  is finite-dimensional,  $\dim W \leq \dim V$  and  $\dim v/W = \dim V - \dim W$ .
- OR
- b. Prove that  $F^{(n)}$  is isomorphic  $F^{(m)}$  if and only if  $n=m$ .
- 13 a. If  $u, v \in V$  then show that  $|(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ .
- OR
- b. Analyze the statement If  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $v \neq 0 \in V$ , then there is an element  $f \in \hat{V}$  such that  $f(v) \neq 0$ .
- 14 a. Verify the Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- OR
- b. Determine the characteristic vectors and the characteristic subspace corresponding to any one of the characteristic roots of the following matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- 15 a. Apply the abstract concept of vector space, if  $V$  is a finite dimensional over  $F$ , then  $T \in A(V)$  is regular iff  $T$  maps  $V$  onto  $V$ .
- OR
- b. If  $\lambda \in F$  is a characteristic root of  $T \in A(V)$ , then prove that for any polynomial  $q(x) \in F[x]$ ,  $q(\lambda)$  is a characteristic root of  $q(T)$ .

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