

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025  
(Fifth Semester)

Branch – MATHEMATICS

LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	State the condition that the matrix is said to be a symmetric matrix. a) $A = A^2$ b) $A = A^T$ c) $-A = A^T$ d) $A^2 = 1$	K1	CO1
	2	Interpret the determinant value of the given matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . a) 7 b) 8 c) 9 d) 4	K2	CO1
2	3	If $T$ is an homomorphism of a vector space $U$ to $V$ and $T$ is one to one then $T$ is _____. a) Isomorphism b) Homeomorphism c) Isomorphic d) Automorphism	K1	CO2
	4	Given that if $S$ is a subset of a vector space $V$ and if $S$ consists of linearly independent elements and $V = L(S)$ then $S$ said to be _____ of $V$ . a) Subspace b) Vectorspace c) Linear span d) Basis	K2	CO2
3	5	Enumerate the $\dim_F \text{Hom}(V, V)$ if $\dim_F V = m$ . a) $m$ b) $n$ c) $m^2$ d) $n^2$	K1	CO3
	6	Given that if $W$ is a subspace of $V$ and define $W^\perp = \{x \in V / (x, w) = 0 \text{ for all } w \in W\}$ . Then $W^\perp$ is said to be _____. a) orthogonal to $W$ b) orthonormal to $W$ c) Inner product space $W$ d) orthogonal complement to $W$	K2	CO3
4	7	Write the row rank of a matrix is the dimension of its _____. a) Row Space b) Column space c) Vector Space d) Vector Subspace	K1	CO4
	8	Describe that if zero is a characteristic root of $A$ if and only if $A$ is _____. a) Non-singular b) Invertible c) Triangular d) Singular	K2	CO4
5	9	Given that $A$ is an associative ring and it is also a vector space over $F$ such that for all $a, b \in A$ and $\alpha \in F$ , $\alpha(ab) = (\alpha a)b = a(\alpha b)$ . Then $A$ is called as _____. a) Algebra over $F$ b) Subalgebra over $F$ c) Inner product space over $F$ d) Field over $F$	K1	CO4
	10	Predict that if $T, S \in A(V)$ and if $S$ is regular, then $T$ and $STS^{-1}$ have the same _____. a) Characteristic polynomial b) Zero polynomial c) Maximum polynomial d) Minimum polynomial	K2	CO4

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Show that if the matrix products $AB$ and $BC$ are defined, then $(AB)C = A(BC)$ .	K3	CO1
		(OR)		

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1	11.b.	Show that any square matrix is expressible as a sum of symmetric matrix and a skew-symmetric matrix. Show further that this representation is unique.	K3	CO1
2	12.a.	Show that if $V$ is the internal direct sum of $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$ , then $V$ is isomorphic to the external direct sum of $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$ .	K3	CO2
	(OR)			
	12.b.	Show that $L(S)$ is a subspace of $V$ .		
3	13.a.	Explain Schwarz inequality with proof.	K4	CO3
	(OR)			
	13.b.	(i) Explain orthogonal complement and orthonormal set of vectors. (ii) If $\{v_i\}$ is an orthonormal set, then the vectors in $\{v_i\}$ are linearly independent. If $w = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$ , then $\alpha_i = (w, v_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .		
4	14.a.	Estimate the row reduced echelon matrix of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	K5	CO4
	(OR)			
	14.b.	Verify that the characteristic roots of a Hermitian matrix all are real.		
5	15.a.	Examine that if $V$ is finite-dimensional over $F$ , then $T \in A(V)$ is invertible if and only if the constant term of the minimal polynomial for $T$ is not zero.	K4	CO4
	(OR)			
	15.b.	Examine that if $V$ is finite-dimensional over $F$ , then $S, T \in A(V)$ . (i) $r(ST) \leq r(T)$ ; (ii) $r(TS) \leq r(T)$ ; (and so $r(ST) \leq \min\{r(T), r(S)\}$ ) iii) $r(ST) = r(TS) = r(T)$ for $S$ regular in $A(V)$		

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Determine the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .	K5	CO1
2	17	Investigate that if $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ is a basis of $V$ over $F$ and if $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m$ in $V$ are linearly independent over $F$ , then $m \leq n$ .	K4	CO2
3	18	Verify that let $V$ be a finite-dimensional inner product space; then $V$ has an orthonormal set as a basis.	K5	CO3
4	19	Illustrate the following matrix to find the characteristic roots and characteristic vectors of the matrix: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .	K4	CO4
5	20	Analyse that if $V$ is $n$ -dimensional over $F$ and if $T \in A(V)$ has the matrix $m_1(T)$ in the basis $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ and the matrix $m_2(T)$ in the basis $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ of $V$ over $F$ , then there is an element $C \in F_n$ such that $m_2(T) = C m_1(T) C^{-1}$ .	K4	CO4