

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2022  
(Sixth Semester)

Branch – MATHEMATICS

LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 x 1 = 10)

- 1 A is orthogonal if and only if \_\_\_\_\_  
(i)  $A = \bar{A}^T$  (ii)  $A = -\bar{A}^T$   
(iii)  $A^{-1} = A^T$  (iv)  $A^{-1} = -A^T$
- 2 Any unitary matrix over R is an \_\_\_\_\_ matrix.  
(i) Hermitian (ii) Symmetric  
(iii) Orthogonal (iv) Skew symmetric
- 3 The intersection of two subspaces of a vector space \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) is not a subspace (ii) is a subspace  
(iii) need not be a subspace (iv) none of the above
- 4 A finite dimensional vector space has a basis consisting of a \_\_\_\_\_ number of vectors.  
(i) infinite (ii) no  
(iii) finite (iv) equal
- 5 If V is a vector space over F, then its dual space is \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) V (ii)  $\text{Hom}(V, F)$   
(iii) F (iv) none of these
- 6 S is said to be an \_\_\_\_\_ set if S is orthogonal and  $\|x\| = 1$  for all  $x \in S$ .  
(i) normal (ii) product  
(iii) regular (iv) orthonormal
- 7 Zero is a characteristic root if and only if A is a \_\_\_\_\_ matrix.  
(i) non singular (ii) singular  
(iii) regular (iv) irregular
- 8 The characteristic roots of a real symmetric matrix are \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) real (ii) imaginary  
(iii) complex (iv) not defined
- 9 If V is finite dimensional over F, then  $T \in A(V)$  is regular iff T maps V onto \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) F (ii) A  
(iii) T (iv) V
- 10 If  $T \in A(V)$  and if  $\dim_F V = n$ , then T can have \_\_\_\_\_ n distinct characteristic roots in F  
(i) atleast (ii) atmost  
(iii) no (iv) greater than

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**SECTION - B (25 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 5 = 25)

- 11 a Prove that a square matrix  $A$  is (i) symmetric iff  $A = A^T$  (ii) skew symmetric iff  $A = -A^T$ .
- OR**
- b Let  $A$  and  $B$  be orthogonal matrices of the same order. Then show that (i)  $A^T$  is orthogonal (ii)  $AB$  is orthogonal.
- 12 a Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . Then prove that a non-empty subset  $W$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff  $W$  is closed with respect to vector addition and scalar multiplication in  $V$ .
- OR**
- b Show that any subset of a linearly independent set is linearly independent.
- 13 a If  $W$  is a subspace of a vector space  $V$ , then prove that  $A(A(W)) = W$ .
- OR**
- b If  $V$  is a finite dimensional inner product space and  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then prove that  $V = W \oplus W^\perp$ .
- 14 a Explain that the characteristic roots of a unitary matrix are all the unit modulus.
- OR**
- b Verify Cayley Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
- 15 a If  $V$  is finite dimensional over  $F$ , and if  $T \in A(V)$  is right invertible, then prove that  $T$  is invertible. Also if  $T$  is invertible, then show that  $T^{-1}$  is a polynomial expression in  $T$  over  $F$ .
- OR**
- b If  $\lambda \in F$  is a characteristic root of  $T \in A(V)$ , then for any polynomial  $q(x) \in F[x]$ ,  $q(\lambda)$  is a characteristic root of  $q(T)$ .

**SECTION -C (40 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 8 = 40)

- 16 a Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $B$  an  $n \times p$  matrix and  $C$  a  $p \times q$  matrix. Then prove that  $A(BC) = (AB)C$
- OR**
- b Let  $A$  and  $B$  be symmetric matrices of order  $n$ . Then show that (i)  $A + B$  is symmetric (ii)  $AB$  is symmetric iff  $AB = BA$  (iii)  $AB + BA$  is symmetric (iv) If  $A$  is symmetric, then  $kA$  is symmetric where  $k \in F$
- 17 a If  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Let  $V/W = \{W + v / v \in V\}$ . Then show that  $V/W$  is a vector space over  $F$  under the following conditions. (i)  $(W + v_1) + (W + v_2) = W + v_1 + v_2$  (ii)  $\alpha(W + v_1) = W + \alpha v_1$
- OR**
- b Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $L(S) = W$ . Then prove that there exists a linearly independent subset  $S'$  of  $S$  such that  $L(S') = W$ .

18 a Prove that every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis.

**OR**

b If  $u, v \in V$ , then show that  $|(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ .

19 a If  $\lambda$  is a characteristic root of  $A$ , then prove that  $f(\lambda)$  is a characteristic root of the matrix  $f(A)$  where  $f(x)$  is any polynomial.

**OR**

b State and Prove Cayley Hamilton theorem.

20 a If  $V$  is  $n$ -dimensional over  $F$  and if  $T \in A(V)$  has the matrix  $m_1(T)$  in the basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and the matrix  $m_2(T)$  in the basis  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  of  $V$  over  $F$ , then establish that there is an element  $C \in F_n$  such that  $m_2(T) = C m_1(T) C^{-1}$ . In fact, if  $S$  is the linear transformation of  $V$  defined by  $v_i S = w_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $C$  can be chosen to be  $m_1(S)$ .

**OR**

b If  $\lambda \in F$  is a characteristic root of  $T \in A(V)$ , then prove that  $\lambda$  is a root of the minimal polynomial of  $T$ . In particular,  $T$  only has a finite number of characteristic roots in  $F$ .

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