

M.SC. MATHEMATICS  
FIRST SEMESTER  
LINEAR ALGEBRA  
MSM – 102

**SET  
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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration : 3 hrs.

Full Marks : 70

Time: 30 min. ( Objective )

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

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1. Consider the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of all real numbers. Then  $\mathbb{R}$  is a vector space over
  - a.  $\mathbb{Q}$
  - b.  $\mathbb{Z}$
  - c.  $\mathbb{N}$
  - d. None of these
2. Which of the following sets is/are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :
  - a.  $\{(1,2,5), (1,3,1), (2,5,7), (3,1,4)\}$
  - b.  $\{(1,2,5), (2,5,1), (1,5,2)\}$
  - c.  $\{(1,2,3), (0,0,0), (1,5,6)\}$
  - d. None of these
3. Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be two subspaces of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ . Then
  - a.  $W_1 + W_2$  is not a subspace of  $V$ .
  - b.  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
  - c.  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
  - d.  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is not a subspace of  $V$ .
4. Let  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear operator defined by  $F(x, y) = (2x + 3y, 4x - 5y)$ . The matrix representation of  $F$  relative to the usual basis  $\{(1,0), (0,1)\}$  is
  - a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$
  - b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$
  - c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
  - d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
5. The determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 7 & 8 \\ -1 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - a. 370
  - b. -377
  - c. 377
  - d. -370
6. Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be a set of linearly independent vectors of a vector space  $V$  of dimension  $n$  over a field  $F$ . Then
  - a. Every superset of  $S$  is linearly independent.
  - b. Every subset of  $S$  is linearly independent.
  - c. No subset of  $S$  is linearly independent.
  - d. Any subset of  $S$  may be linearly dependent.
7. A non-empty subset  $B$  of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is a basis of  $V$  if
  - a.  $B$  generates  $V$  and is linearly dependent
  - b.  $B$  is linearly independent and is not a generating set for  $V$
  - c.  $B$  is linearly dependent and is a generating set for  $V$
  - d.  $B$  generates  $V$  and is linearly independent

8. The matrix  $A$  whose minimal polynomial is  $f(t) = t^3 - 8t^2 + 5t + 7$  is
- a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$       b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$
- c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$       d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \\ 1 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$
9. Let  $B$  and  $B'$  be two bases of the same vector space  $V$  having  $m$  and  $n$  elements respectively. Then
- a.  $m > n$       b.  $m < n$
- c.  $m = n$       d. None of these
10. Consider  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  the vector space of all ordered pairs of real numbers. Then the base for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is given by
- a.  $\{(0, 0), (1, 0)\}$       b.  $\{(0, 0), (0, 1)\}$
- c.  $\{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}$       d.  $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$
11. Let  $(X, \langle, \rangle)$  be an inner product space over the real field. If  $u, v \in X$  and  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$ . Then
- a.  $u = 0, v \neq 0$       b.  $u \neq 0, v = 0$
- c.  $u = 0, v = 0$       d. Both  $u$  and  $v$  may be nonzero
12. Define inner product  $\langle u, v \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as  
 $\langle, \rangle = u_1v_1 - u_2v_2 + 3u_2v_2$   
 Where  $u = (u_1, u_2)$  and  $v = (v_1, v_2)$ . For  $u = (-1, 2), v = (2, 1), w = (1, -1)$
- a.  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$       b.  $\langle u, w \rangle = 10$
- c.  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$       d.  $\langle v, w \rangle = -3$
13. A real symmetric matrix is positive definite if
- a.  $\langle u, u \rangle > 0$  for all nonzero vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$       b.  $\langle u, u \rangle > 0$  for all nonzero vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- c.  $\langle u, u \rangle > 0$  for all nonzero vector  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$       d. None of these
14. Projection of  $u = (1, 3, 5, 7)$  upon  $v = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  is
- a. 2      b. 3
- c. 4      d. 5
15. For any subset  $S$  of a real inner product space  $V$
- a.  $S \cap S^\perp = \phi$       b.  $S \cap S^\perp = V$
- c.  $S \cap S^\perp \neq \{0\}$ , where  $0$  is the zero vector of  $V$ .      d.  $S \cap S^\perp = \{0\}$ , where  $0$  is the zero vector of  $V$ .
16. The real symmetric matrix  $A$  is positive definite if
- a.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$       b.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- c.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$       d.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$
17. Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of a linear operator  $T$  on an inner product space  $V$ . Let  $T^* = -T$ . Then
- a.  $\lambda$  is real      b.  $\lambda$  is purely imaginary
- c.  $|\lambda| = 1$       d. None of these



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The eigenvalue of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are

a. 3,2,3,4  
c. 0,3,4,5

b. 4,5,1,0  
d. 1,2,4,5

19. Let  $A$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues 1,  $-1$  and 3. Then

a.  $A^2 + A$  is non-singular  
c.  $A^2 + 3A$  is non-singular

b.  $A^2 - A$  is non-singular  
d.  $A^2 - 3A$  is non-singular

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The minimal polynomial of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is

a.  $(x - 1)^2(x - 2)$   
c.  $(x - 1)(x - 2)$

b.  $(x - 1)(x - 2)^2$   
d.  $(x - 1)^2(x - 2)^2$

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**( Descriptive )**

Time : 2 hrs. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

**[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]**

1. a. Define an Inner product space  $V$  both over the field of real as well as complex numbers. 2+2+4+  
2=10

- b. Prove Schwarz's inequality

$$| \langle x, y \rangle | \leq \| x \| \| y \|$$

For an inner product space  $(V, \langle, \rangle)$  over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers.

- c. Examine if the three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $u_1 = (1, 2, 1)$ ,  $u_2 = (2, 1, -4)$  and  $u_3 = (3, -2, 1)$  are orthogonal or not.

2. Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -8 & 4 \\ -8 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  2+4+2  
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- (a) Find all eigenvalues of  $B$ .

- (b) Find a maximal set of non-zero orthogonal eigenvectors of  $B$ .

- (c) Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $D = P^{-1}BP$  is diagonal.

3. Using variables  $s$  and  $t$ , find an orthogonal substitution that diagonalizes the following quadratic forms: 10

$$q(x, y) = 4x^2 + 8xy - 11y^2$$

4. Find the characteristic polynomial and minimal polynomial of each of the matrix: 4+2+4  
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(a)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & -4 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

5. a. Determine whether or not each of the following form a basis 6+4=10

(i)  $\{(1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 3), (2, -1, 1)\}$  over  $\mathbb{R}^3$

(ii)  $\{(1, 1, 2), (1, 2, 5), (5, 3, 4)\}$  over  $\mathbb{R}^3$

(iii)  $\{(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 3, 2), (2, 5, 6, 4), (2, 6, 8, 5)\}$  over  $\mathbb{R}^4$

b. Determine whether or not  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where

(i)  $W = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a + b + c = 0\}$

(ii)  $W = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a = 2b = 3c\}$

6. a. Apply the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process to find an orthogonal basis and then an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by

$$u_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1), u_2 = (1, 2, 4, 5), u_3 = (1, -3, -4, -2).$$

4+1+3+  
2=10

b. Define positive definite matrix  $A$ . Examine if the following matrices are positive definite or not:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) Find the angle between the vectors  $u = (2, 3, 5)$ ,  $v = (1, -4, 3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

7. a. For a linear operator  $T$  on an inner product space  $V$ , define its adjoint  $T^*$  on  $V$ . 2+4+4  
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b. If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are linear operators on an inner product space  $V$  over a field  $\mathbb{R}$  then prove that

(i)  $(T_1 + T_2)^* = T_1^* + T_2^*$

(ii)  $(T_1 T_2)^* = T_2^* T_1^*$

c. Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of a linear operator  $T$  on an inner product space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

(i) if  $T^* = T^{-1}$  then  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

(ii) if  $T^* = T$  then  $\lambda$  is real.

8. a. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear operator defined by 5+5=10

$$T(x, y) = (2x + 3y, 4x - 5y)$$

Then find the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to the basis  $\beta = \{u_1, u_2\}$ , where  $u_1 = (1, 2)$ ,  $u_2 = (2, 5)$ .

b. Consider the two bases of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  viz

$B = \{(1, 2), (3, 5)\}$  and  $B' = \{(1, -1), (1, -2)\}$ . Find the change-of-basis matrix  $P$  from  $B$  to  $B'$ .

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