

M.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
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Third Semester

Mathematics – Core

ADVANCED ALGEBRA – I

(For those who joined in July 2021–2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

- Let  $U, W$  be subspaces of  $V$  such that  $U \subset W$ . Let  $A(U)$  be the annihilator of  $\underline{U}$ . Then
  - $A(U) \supset A(W)$
  - $A(U) \subset A(W)$
  - $A(U)$  and  $A(W)$  are not comparable
  - $A(U) = A(W)$

- If  $\dim V = 5$ ,  $\dim W = 6$  then  $\dim \text{Hom}(V, F) + \dim \text{Hom}(W, F)$  is
  - 60
  - 30
  - 61
  - 11

- The number of operations in an algebra is
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4

- Let  $V$  be two-dimensional over the field  $F$  or real number with a basis  $v_1, v_2$ . If  $T$  is defined by  $v_1 T = v_1 + v_2, v_2 T = v_1 - v_2$ , which one of the following is a characteristic root of  $T$ 
  - $\sqrt{2}$
  - 3
  - 2
  - 1

- If  $M$ , of dimension 16, is cyclic w.r.t.  $T$ , then the dimension of  $MT^4$  is
  - 64
  - 4
  - 12
  - 20

- Which of the following is a Jordan block

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The companion matrix of  $-5 + 6x + 7x^2 + x^3 + x^4$  is

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 6 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (b) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & -6 & -7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 6 & 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (d) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 6 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  then

- $\det C = \det A + \det B$
- $\det C = \det A \cdot \det B$
- $\det C = \det A - \det B$
- $\det C = 2\det A + \det B$

- If  $N$  is normal and if for  $\lambda \in F, v(N - \lambda)^k = 0$  then  $vN$  is

- $\lambda^k v$
- $\lambda v$
- $(-\lambda)^k v$
- 0

- If 2, 3, -4, -5, -7, 0, 0 are the characteristic roots of a real symmetric matrix  $A$  then the signature of  $A$  is

- 5
- 1
- 1
- 7

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).  
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- (a) If  $V$  is finite dimensional, prove that  $\psi : V \rightarrow \hat{V}$  defined by  $v\psi = T_v$  for every  $v \in V$ , where  $T_v(f) = f(v)$  for any  $f \in \hat{V}$ , is an isomorphism of  $V$  on  $\hat{V}$ .

Or

- (b) If  $V$  is a finite dimensional inner product space and if  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , prove that  $V$  is the direct sum of  $W$  and  $W^\perp$ .
12. (a) If  $V$  is finite dimensional over  $F$ , prove that  $T \in A(v)$  is invertible if and only if the constant term of the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is not zero

Or

- (b) Prove that  $\lambda \in F$  is a characteristic root of  $T \in A(v)$  if and only if for some  $v \neq 0$  in  $V$ ,  $vT = \lambda v$ .
13. (a) If  $V$  is  $n$ -dimensional over  $F$  and if  $T \in A(v)$  has all its characteristic roots in  $F$ , prove that  $V$  satisfies a polynomial of degree  $n$  over  $F$ .

Or

- (b) If  $T \in A(v)$  is nilpotent, prove that  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 T + \dots + \alpha_m T^m$  where the  $\alpha_i \in F$  is invertible if  $\alpha_0 \neq 0$ .
14. (a) If  $V$  is cyclic relative to  $T$  and if the minimal polynomial of  $T$  in  $F(x)$  is  $p(x)$ , then prove that for some basis of  $V$  the matrix of  $T$  is  $C(p(x))$ .

Or

- (b) State and prove Jacobson lemma.

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- (i)  $1, x, x^2, x^3$   
 (ii)  $1, 1+x, 1+x^2, 1+x^3$   
 (iii) If the matrix in part (1) is  $A$  and that in part (2) is  $B$ , find a matrix  $C$  so that  $B = cAc^{-1}$ .

18. (a) If  $T \in A(v)$  has all its characteristic roots in  $F$ , prove that there is a basis of  $V$  in which the matrix of  $T$  is triangular.

Or

- (b) Let  $T \in A(v)$  and let  $p(x) = q_1(x)^{l_1} q_2(x)^{l_2} \dots q_k(x)^{l_k}$  be the minimal polynomial of  $T$  over  $F$ .  
 Let  $V_i = \{v \in V \mid vq_i(T)^{l_i} = 0\}$ . For each  $i = 1, 2, k$ , prove that  $V_i \neq (0)$  and  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 + \dots \oplus V_k$ .

19. (a) If  $F$  is a field of characteristic 0 and if  $T \in A_F(v)$  is such that  $tr T^i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , prove that  $T$  is nilpotent.

Or

- (b) Prove that (i)  $\det A = \det(A')$  (ii)  $A$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A \neq 0$ .

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15. (a) If  $(vT, vT) = (v, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ , prove that  $T$  is unitary.

Or

- (b) If  $N$  is normal and  $AN = NA$ , prove that  $AN^* = N^*A$ .

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)  
 Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Define an inner product space  $V$  with an example and show that if  $u, v \in V$  then  $|(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$

Or

- (b) Let  $R$  be Euclidean ring. Prove that any finitely generated  $R$ -module is direct sum of a finite number of cyclic submodules.

17. (a) If  $V$  is finite dimensional over  $F$  then for  $S, T \in A(v)$  prove that  $r(ST) \leq n(T)$ ,  $r(TS) \leq r(T)$  and  $r(ST) = r(TS) = r(T)$  for  $S$  regular in  $A(v)$

Or

- (b) Suppose  $V$  is the vector space of all polynomials over  $F$  of degree 30 less and let  $D$  be the differentiation operator : Compute the matrix of  $D$  in the basis

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20. (a) If  $T \in A(v)$ , prove that (i)  $T^* \in A(v)$   
 (ii)  $(T^*)^* = T$  (iii)  $(S+T)^* = S^* + T^*$ .

Or

- (b) State and prove Sylvester's law.

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