



III Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, March/April 2021  
(CBCS – Y2K17 Scheme)  
MATHEMATICS  
M304T : Linear Algebra

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

**Instructions :** i) Answer **any five full** questions.  
ii) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

1. a) If  $A$  is an algebra with unit element over a field  $F$ , then show that  $A$  is isomorphic to a sub algebra of  $A(V)$  for some vector space  $V$  over  $F$ .  
b) Define a minimal polynomial of linear transformation.

If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over a field  $F$ , then show that  $T \in A(V)$  is invertible if and only if the constant term of the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is not zero.

- c) Give an example to show that  $ST \neq TS$  for  $S, T \in A(V)$ . (5+6+3)

2. a) Define a range and rank of the linear transformation.

If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over a field  $F$  and  $S, T \in A(V)$ , then prove that  $r(ST) \leq \min \{r(T), r(S)\}$ .

- b) Define a characteristic roots and vectors of a linear transformation.

Let  $\lambda \in F$  be a characteristic root of  $T \in A(V)$ . Prove for any polynomial  $q(x) \in F[x]$ ,  $q(\lambda)$  is a characteristic root of  $q(T)$ .

- c) Let  $V$  be the set of all polynomials of degree  $(n - 1)$  or less over  $F$ . On  $V$  let  $D$  be the transformation given by

$$(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \dots + \beta_{n-1} x^{n-1}) D = \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 x + \dots + (n - 1) \beta_{n-1} x^{n-2},$$

where  $D$  is the differential operator,  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ . Then find the matrix of  $D$  in the following basis.

- i)  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^{n-1}\}$   
ii)  $\{1, 1+x, 1+x^2, \dots, 1+x^{n-1}\}$ .

(5+5+4)P.T.O.



3. a) Show that the product of two linear transformations is a linear transformation.  
 b) Let  $T : P_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_3(\mathbb{R})$  be the linear transformation defined by  
 $T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = (2a_0 + 2a_2) + (a_0 + a_1 + 3a_2)x + (a_1 + 2a_2)x^2 + (a_0 + a_2)x^3$ .  
 Then, find the matrix A of T relative to the standard basis.  
 c) Define a linear functional and dual basis with examples.  
 Let V be a vector space over a field F. Then prove that the double dual  $V^{**}$  is isomorphic to V. **(3+5+6)**
4. a) If  $T \in A(V)$  has all its characteristic roots in F, then prove that there exists a basis of V in which the matrix of T is triangular.  
 b) Define a nilpotent linear transformation. Show that two nilpotent linear transformations are similar if and only if they have the same invariants. **(6+8)**
5. a) Define a basic Jordan block and explain it with an example.  
 Let  $T \in A(V)$  have all its distinct characteristic roots  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  in F. Then show that a basis of V can be found in which the matrix T is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_1 & & & & \\ & J_2 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & J_k \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } \begin{pmatrix} B_{i_1} & & & & \\ & B_{i_2} & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & B_{i_r} \end{pmatrix} \text{ are basic Jordan}$$

blocks belonging to  $\lambda_{i_r}$ .

- b) Let  $T \in A(V)$  has a minimal polynomial  $p(x) = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1x + \dots + \gamma_{r-1}x^{r-1} + x^r$  over F. Suppose that V is a module in a cyclic module relative to T, then prove that there exists a basis of V over F. Such that the matrix of T in this basis is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -\gamma_0 & -\gamma_1 & -\gamma_2 & \dots & -\gamma_{r-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

**(7+7)**



6. a) Define an inner product space. State and prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality in an inner product space.

b) Let  $w_1 = (1, 0, 1, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $w_3 = (0, 1, 2, 1)$  in  $R^4$ . If  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  is linearly independent. Use the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process to compute the orthogonal vectors  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  and then normalize these vectors to obtain an orthonormal set.

c) If  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthonormal set in an inner product space  $V$  and  $v \in V$ . Then prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle v, v_i \rangle|^2 \leq \|v\|^2$ .

Further, show that equality holds if and only if  $v$  is in the subspace spanned by  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . (4+5+5)

7. a) Define the following with suitable examples :

- i) Positive definite quadratic form
- ii) Positive semi definite quadratic form
- iii) Negative definite quadratic form
- iv) Negative semi definite quadratic form

Is  $Q(x) = -3x^2 + 4x^2_1 - 11x_1x_4 + 5x_2x_4 + 18x_1x_2 + 16x^2_4$  positive definite ? Justify your answer.

b) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the maximum value of quadratic form subject to

$x^T x = 1$  and a unit vector at which this value is attained.

c) Explain the singular value decomposition. (6+4+4)

8. a) Define

- i) Bilinear form
- ii) Symmetric bilinear form with an example.

b) State and prove the Sylvester's law of inertia for real quadratic form.

c) Find the rank and signature of the real quadratic form  $x^2_1 - 4x_1x_2 + x^2_2$ . (4+8+2)