



III Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, April/May 2022  
(CBCS – Y2K17/Y2K14 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  $V$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$ , then prove that for a given  $T \in A(V)$ , there exists a non trivial polynomial  $q(x) \in F(x)$  of degree atmost  $n^2$  such that  $q(T) = 0$ .

b) Define minimal polynomial of a linear transformation. If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$  and  $T \in A_F(V)$  is invertible, then prove that  $T^{-1}$  has a polynomial expression is  $T$  over  $F$ .

c) If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ , then prove that  $T \in A_F(V)$  is regular if and only if  $T$  maps  $V$  onto itself. (4+4+6)

2. a) Define the rank of  $T \in A(V)$ . If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ , then for  $S, T \in A(V)$ , prove that :

i)  $r(ST) \leq r(T)$

ii)  $r(TS) \leq r(S)$

iii)  $r(TS) = r(ST) = r(T)$  for  $S$  is regular in  $A(V)$ .

b) If  $\lambda \in F$  is a characteristic value of  $T \in A_F(V)$ , then for any  $q(x) \in F(x)$ , prove that  $q(\lambda)$  is a characteristic root of  $q(T)$ .

c) If  $V$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$  and if  $T \in A_F(V)$  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  $v_1$ , then prove that there exists a matrix  $C$  in  $F_n$  such that  $m_2(T) = C m_1(T) C^{-1}$ .

(5+4+5)

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3. a) Define the composition of linear transformation. 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) Suppose that  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over a field  $F$  with the ordered basis  $B = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ . Let  $B^* = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$  where  $f_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  co-ordinate function with respect to  $B$ . Then show that  $B^*$  is an ordered basis of  $V^*$  and for  $f \in V^*$  we have  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)f_i$ . (5+4+5)
4. a) If  $W \subset V$  is an invariant subspace under  $T$ , then prove that  $T$  induces a linear transformation  $\bar{T}$  on  $\bar{V}$ . If  $T$  satisfies a polynomial  $q(x) \in F[x]$ , then prove that  $\bar{T}$  also satisfies  $q(x)$ . Further if  $p_1(x)$  is the minimal polynomial for  $\bar{T}$  over  $F$  and  $p(x)$  is that for  $T$ , then prove that  $p_1(x)$  divides  $p(x)$ .
- b) Define triangular canonical form. If  $T \in A_F(V)$  has all its characteristic roots in  $F$ , then show that there exists a basis of  $V$  in which the matrix of  $T$  is triangular. (7+7)
5. a) Define a nilpotent linear transformation. Show that two nilpotent transformation are similar if and only if they have the same invariants.
- b) If  $T \in A_F(V)$  has minimal polynomial  $p(x) = q_1(x)^{e_1} q_2(x)^{e_2} \dots q_k(x)^{e_k}$  over  $F$ , where  $q_1(x), q_2(x), \dots, q_k(x)$  are irreducible distinct polynomials in  $F[x]$ , then prove that there exists a basis of  $V$  in which the matrix of  $T$  is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & R_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & R_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ where each } R_i = \begin{bmatrix} C(q_i(x)^{e_{i_1}}) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & C(q_i(x)^{e_{i_n}}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } e_{i_1} \geq e_{i_2} \geq \dots \geq e_{i_n}.$$

(7+7)



6. a) Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vectors in an inner product space  $V$  such that  $\|u + v\| = \|u\| + \|v\|$ . Prove that  $u$  and  $v$  are linear dependent vectors. Give an example to show that the converse of this statement is not true.
- b) Define an orthogonal complement. Let  $u = (-1, 4, -3)$  be a vector in the inner product space with standard inner product. Find a basis of the subspace  $u^\perp$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- c) State and prove Bessel's inequality. (5+4+5)
7. a) Define a quadratic form. Explain the classification of quadratic form with suitable example.
- b) Is  $Q(x) = 3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3$  positive definite? Explain.
- c) Decompose the following matrix into its singular value decomposition. (5+4+5)
- $$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 11 & 14 \\ 8 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
8. a) Define :
- i) Bilinear form.
  - ii) Symmetric bilinear form with an example.
- Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be a bilinear form on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  and let  $\beta$  be an ordered basis of  $V$ . Then show that  $\mathbb{B}$  is symmetric if and only if  $\Psi_\beta(\mathbb{B})$  is symmetric.
- b) Show that two real symmetric matrices are congruent if and only if they have same rank and signature.
- c) Find the rank and signature of the real quadratic form  $x_1^2 - 4x_1x_2 + x_2^2$ . (6+6+2)
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