

M.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
NOVEMBER 2022.

Third Semester

Mathematics — Core

ADVANCED ALGEBRA — I

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. If  $\dim V=5$  then  $\dim \text{Hom}(V, V) + \dim \text{Hom}(V, F)$  is

- (a) 50 (b) 25  
(c) 10 (d) 30

2. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be cyclic if there is an element  $m_0 \in m$  such that every  $m \in M$  is of the form

- (a)  $m = rm_0$  for some  $r \in R$   
(b)  $m = m_0^n$  for some integer  $n$   
(c)  $m = r + m_0$  for some  $r \in R$   
(d)  $m = rm_0$  for some  $n \in M$

3. If  $V$  is finite dimensional over  $F$  and if  $T \in A(V)$  is singular, then there exists an  $S \neq 0$  in  $A(V)$  such that

- (a)  $ST=TS=1$   
(b)  $ST=TS=0$   
(c)  $vS = 0$  for some  $v \neq 0$  in  $V$   
(d)  $ST=TS$

4. If  $vT = \lambda v$  the  $vT^k$  is

- (a)  $(\lambda v)^k$  (b)  $\lambda v^k$   
(c)  $\lambda^k v^k$  (d)  $\lambda^k v$

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5. If  $M$ , of dimension  $m$ , is cyclic w.r.t.  $T$ , then the dimension of  $MT^k$  is

- (a)  $\frac{m}{k}$  (b)  $m+k$   
(c)  $m-k$  (d)  $m^k$

6. Which one of the following is a Jordan block

- (a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

7.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  is the companion matrix of

- (a)  $1+3x+3x^2$   
(b)  $1+3x+3x^2+x^3$   
(c)  $-1-3x-3x^2-x^3$   
(d)  $-1-3x-3x^2+x^3+x^4$

8. Which one of the following is not true for all  $A, B \in F_n$

- (a)  $(A')' = A$   
(b)  $(A+B)' = B'+A'$   
(c)  $(AB)' = A'B'$   
(d)  $(\lambda A')' = \lambda A'$  where  $\lambda \in F$

9. The normal transformation  $N$  is unitary if and only if its characteristic roots are

- (a) real  
(b) complex number  
(c) all of absolute value 1  
(d) all equal to 1

10. The signature of the real quadratic form  $x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x^2$  is

- (a) 0 (b) -1  
(c) 1 (d) 2

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Define  $\text{Ham}(V, W)$ . Introduce an addition and a scalar multiplication in  $\text{Hom}(V, W)$ . Show that if  $S, T \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$  then  $S+T \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$ .

Or

- (b) Let  $V$  be the set of all continuous complex-valued functions on  $[0, 1]$ . If  $f(t), g(t) \in V$ , define  $(f|g) = \int_0^1 f(t)\overline{g(t)} dt$ . Prove that this defines an inner product on  $V$ .

12. (a) If  $\lambda \in F$  is a characteristic root of  $T \in A(V)$ . Prove that for any polynomial of  $q(x) \in F(x)$ ,  $q(\lambda)$  is a characteristic root of  $q(T)$ .

Or

- (b) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomials over  $F$  of degree 3 or less and let  $D$  be the differentiation operator defined on  $V$ . Find the matrix of  $D$  w.r.t. the basis

(i)  $1, x, x^2, x^3$

(ii)  $1, 1+x, 1+x^2, 1+x^3$

13. (a) If  $W \subset V$  is invariant under  $T$ , prove that  $T$  induces a linear transformation  $\overline{T}$  on  $V/W$  defined by  $(V+W)\overline{T} = vT+w$ .

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  $\alpha_0 \neq 0$ .

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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  $C(p(x))$ , the companion matrix of  $p(x)$ .

Or

- (b) If  $A$  is invertible, prove that  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det A)^{-1}$  and  $\det(ABA^{-1}) = \det B$  for all  $B$ .

15. (a) If  $T \in A(V)$ , prove that  $T^* \in A(V)$  and  $(T^*)^* = T$ .

Or

- (b) Let  $N$  be a normal transformation and suppose that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are two distinct characteristic roots of  $N$ . If  $V, W$  are in  $V$  are such that  $VN = \lambda V, WN = \mu W$  prove that  $(V, W) = 0$ .

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) If  $V$  and  $W$  are of dimensions  $m$  and  $n$  respectively exhibit a basis of  $\text{Hom}(V, W)$  over  $F$  consisting of  $mn$  elements.

Or

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

17. (a) For arbitrary algebras  $A$  with unit element over a field  $F$ , state and prove the analog of Cayley's theorem for groups.

Or

- (b) What relation, if any, must exist between characteristic vectors of  $T$  belonging to different characteristic roots? Explain your answer.

18. (a) If  $V$  is  $n$ -dimensional over  $F$  and if  $T \in A(V)$  has all its characteristic roots in  $F$ , prove that  $T$  satisfies a polynomial of degree  $n$  over  $F$ .

Or

- (b) Let  $T \in A(V)$  and suppose that  $p(x) = q_1(x)^{i_1} q_2(x)^{i_2} \dots q_k(x)^{i_k}$  in  $F[x]$  is the minimal polynomial of  $T$  over  $F$ . For each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , define  $V_i = \{v \in V \mid (V_{q_i}(T))^{i_i} = 0\}$  prove that  $v_i \neq 0$  for each  $i$  and  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ .

19. (a) Prove that the elements  $S$  and  $T$  in  $A(V)$  are similar in  $A(V)$  if and only if they have the same elementary divisors.

Or

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- (b) For  $A, B \in F^n$  and  $\lambda \in F$ , Prove that

(i)  $\text{tr}(\lambda A) = \lambda \text{tr} A$

(ii)  $\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr} A + \text{tr} B$ .

(iii)  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ .

20. (a) Prove that a linear transformation  $T$  on  $V$  is unitary if and only if it takes an orthonormal basis of  $V$  into an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

Or

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

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