



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MATHEMATICS

FIFTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

MT 5508 / MT 5502 - LINEAR ALGEBRA

Date: 20-04-2017
01:00-04:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART A

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

$10 \times 2 = 20$ marks)

1. Define a vector space V over a field F .
2. Show that the vectors $(0,1,1)$, $(0,2,1)$ and $(1,5,3)$ in R^3 are linearly independent over R , the field of real numbers.
3. Prove that the vectors $(1,0,0)$, $(1,1,0)$ and $(1,1,1)$ form a basis of R^3 , where R is the field of real numbers.
4. Verify that $T : R^2 \rightarrow R$ defined by $T(a,b) = ab$ for all $a, b \in R$ is a vector space homomorphism.
5. Normalize $(1 + 2i, 2 - i, 1 - i)$ in C^3 relative to the standard inner product.
6. If $T \in A(V)$ and $\lambda \in F$ and λ is an eigenvalue of T then prove that $\lambda I - T$ is singular.
7. Show that $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ is orthogonal.
8. Define trace of a matrix and give an example.
9. Find the rank of the following matrix over the field of rational numbers $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
10. If $T \in A(V)$ is Hermitian, then prove that all its eigenvalues are real.

PART B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

$(5 \times 8 = 40)$ marks)

11. Prove that the union of two subspaces of a vector space V over F is a subspace of V if and only if one is contained in the other.
12. If S and T are subsets of a vector space V over F , then prove the following:
 - i) S is subspace of V if and only if $L(S) = S$.
 - ii) $S \subseteq T$ implies that $L(S) \subseteq L(T)$.
 - iii) $L(L(S)) = L(S)$.
13. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and suppose that one basis has n elements and another basis has m elements. Then prove that $m = n$.
14. If V is a vector space of finite dimension and W is a subspace of V , then prove that $\dim V / W = \dim V - \dim W$.

15. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are distinct eigenvalues of $T \in A(V)$ and if v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are eigenvectors of T belonging to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$, respectively then prove that v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are linearly independent over F .
16. If $A, B \in F_n$ and If $\lambda \in F$, then prove that
- $(\lambda A)^t = \lambda A^t$
 - $(A^t)^t = A$
 - $(A + B)^t = A^t + B^t$
 - $(AB)^t = B^t A^t$
17. Investigate for what values of λ, μ the system of equations
 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 6, x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 10, x_1 + 2x_2 + \lambda x_3 = \mu$ over the rational field has a) no solution b) a unique solution c) an infinite number of solutions.
18. a) If $T \in A(V)$ is skew-Hermitian, prove that all of its eigenvalues are pure imaginaries.
 b) Prove that the eigenvalues of a unitary transformation are all of absolute value 1.

PART C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

(2 × 20 = 40 marks)

19. a) Prove that the vector space V over F is a direct sum of two of its subspaces W_1 and W_2 if and only if $V = W_1 + W_2$ and $W_1 \cap W_2 = (0)$.
 b) If V and W are two n -dimensional vector spaces over F . Then prove that any isomorphism T of V onto W maps a basis of V onto a basis of W .
20. If W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space V , prove that
 $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$.
21. State and prove Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process.
22. a) Show that any square matrix A can be expressed uniquely as the sum of a symmetric matrix and a skew-symmetric matrix.
 b) Prove that the linear transformation T on V is unitary if and only if it takes an orthonormal basis of V onto an orthonormal basis of V .
