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B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MATHEMATICS

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MT 5509- ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURE - II

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART A

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

(10 * 2 = 20 marks)

1. If V is a vector space over F then show that $(-a)v = a(-v) = -(av)$ for $a \in F, v \in V$.
2. Express the vector $(1, -2, 5)$ as a linear combination of the vectors $(1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 3)$ and $(2, -1, 1)$ in \mathcal{R}^3 where \mathcal{R} is 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. Define rank and nullity of a vector space homomorphism $T: U \rightarrow V$.
5. Let R^3 be the inner product over R under standard inner product. Find the norm of $(3, 0, 4)$.
6. Let $T \in A(V)$ and $\lambda \in F$. Then prove that λ is an eigenvalue of T if and only if $\lambda I - T$ is singular.
7. Define trace of a matrix and give an example.
8. If A is any square matrix, prove that $A + A^t$ is symmetric and $A - A^t$ is a skew-symmetric.
9. Find the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & -7 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ over the field of rational numbers.
10. If $T \in A(V)$ is Hermitian, then prove that all its eigenvalues are real.

PART B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

(5 * 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 $L(S) \subseteq L(T)$.
13. Let V be a vector space and suppose that one basis has n elements and another basis has m elements. Then prove that $m = n$.
14. If A and B are subspaces of a vector space V over F , prove that $(A+B)/B \cong A/A \cap B$.
15. Apply the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process to obtain an orthonormal basis for the subspace of R^4 generated by the vectors $(1, 1, 0, 1), (1, -2, 0, 0)$, and $(1, 0, -1, 2)$.
16. If $\lambda \in F$ is an eigenvalue of $T \in A(V)$, then prove that for any polynomial $f(x) \in F[x]$, $f(\lambda)$ is an eigenvalue of $f(T)$.
17. Show that any square matrix A can be expressed uniquely as the sum of a symmetric matrix and a skew-symmetric matrix.
18. 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.

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 is a vector space of finite dimension and is the direct sum of its subspaces of U and W then prove that $\dim V = \dim U + \dim W$. (10+10)
20. a) If V is a vector space of dimension n then prove that
- any $n + 1$ vectors in V are linearly dependent.
 - Any set of n linearly independent vectors in V is a basis of V .
- b) If U and V are vector spaces over F , and if T is a homomorphism of U onto V with kernel W , then prove that $U/W \cong V$.
21. a) If u, v are any two vectors in V then prove that $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$.
- b) Prove that $T \in A(V)$ is singular if and only if there exists an element $v \neq 0$ in V such that $T(v) = 0$.
22. a) If $A, B \in F_n$ and if $\lambda \in F$, then prove that
- $(\lambda A)^t = \lambda A^t$
 - $(A^t)^t = A$
 - $(A + B)^t = A^t + B^t$
 - $(AB)^t = B^t A^t$
- b) Prove that the eigenvalues of a unitary transformations are all of its absolute value 1.
