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Maximum Weight :30

**Part A (Short Answer Questions)**

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight 1 each.

1. Define vector space. Is  $\mathbb{R}$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  ?
2. Prove that if two vectors are linearly dependent, one of them is a scalar multiple of the other.
3. Find two linear operators  $T$  and  $U$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $UT = 0$  , but  $TU \neq 0$ .
4. Prove that if  $F$  is any field then the  $n$ -tuple space  $F^n$  and the space  $F^{n \times 1}$  of all  $n \times 1$  matrices are isomorphic.
5. Define dual space and double dual space of a vector space.
6. Prove that a linear combination of  $n$ -linear functions is  $n$ -linear.
7. Let  $D$  be a 2-linear function with the property that  $D(A) = 0$  for all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  over  $K$  having equal rows. Then show that  $D$  is alternating.
8. Use Cramer's Rule to solve  
$$x + 2y + 3z = 17$$
$$3x + 2y + z = 11$$
$$x - 5y + z = -5.$$
9. Find the characteristic values, if any, of the linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
10. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and let  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  be subspaces of  $V$  such that  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$  . Prove that any vector  $\alpha \in V$  can be uniquely represented as a sum  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k$  where  $\alpha_i \in W_i$

(8×1=8 weightage)





**Part B (Short Essay/Problems)**

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight 2 each.

11. Suppose  $P$  is an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix over  $F$ . Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$ , and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an ordered basis of  $V$ . Then show that there is a unique ordered basis for  $V$  such that (i)  $[\alpha]_{\mathcal{B}} = P[\alpha]_{\mathcal{B}'}$  and (ii)  $[\alpha]_{\mathcal{B}'} = P^{-1}[\alpha]_{\mathcal{B}}$  for every vector  $\alpha$  in  $V$ .
12. Show that row-equivalent matrices have same row space.
13. If  $A \in F^{m \times n}$  prove that  $\text{row rank}(A) = \text{column rank}(A)$ .
14. If  $T$  is a linear on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined as  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1 + x_3, -2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3)$ , find the matrix of  $T$  in the standard ordered basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
15. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$  and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation. Prove that  $\text{Range } T^t$  is the annihilator of the null space of  $T$ .
16. If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix over a field, prove that  $\det(I+A) = 1 + \det A$  if and only if  $\text{trace}(A) = 0$ .
17. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find an invertible matrix  $P$  such that the matrix  $D = P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.
18. Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be elements of a field  $F$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix}$  be the matrix over  $F$ . Prove that the characteristic and minimal polynomial for  $A$  is  $x^3 - ax^2 - bx - c$

(6×2=12 weightage)

**Part C (Essay Type Questions)**

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight 5 each.

19. (a) Let  $W$  be the set of all  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  which satisfy
 
$$2x_1 - x_2 + \frac{4}{3}x_3 - x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + \frac{2}{3}x_3 - x_5 = 0$$

$$9x_1 - 3x_2 + 6x_3 - 3x_4 - 3x_5 = 0.$$
 Find a finite set of vectors which spans  $W$ .
- (b) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ ; let  $V_e$  be the subset of even functions and let  $V_o$  be the subset of odd functions.
  - (i) Prove that  $V_e$  and  $V_o$  are subspaces of  $V$ .





(ii) Prove that  $V_e + V_o = V$ .

(iii) Prove that  $V_e \cap V_o = \{0\}$ .

20. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ . For any subspace  $W$  of  $V$  prove that  $\dim W + \dim W^0 = \dim V$

21. Let  $K$  be a commutative ring with identity and let  $n$  be a positive integer. Then prove that there is precisely one determinant function on the set of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $K$ , and it is the function

$$\sum_{\sigma} \text{sgn}(\sigma) A(1, \sigma_1) \dots A(n, \sigma_n)$$

defined by  $\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sgn}(\sigma) A(1, \sigma_1) \dots A(n, \sigma_n)$ . If  $D$  is any alternating  $n$ -linear function on  $K^{n \times n}$ , then prove that for each  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  $D(A) = (\det A)D(I)$ .

22. 1. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Prove that  $T$  is triangulable if and only if the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is a product of linear polynomials over  $F$

2. Is the matrix  $A$  similar over the field of real numbers to a triangular matrix where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2×5=10 weightage)

