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First Semester M.Sc. Degree (CBSS – Supple. (One Time Mercy Chance)/Imp.)  
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**MATHEMATICS**  
**MAT1C02 : Linear Algebra**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer **four** questions from this part. Each question carries 4 marks.

1. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with entries in the field  $F$ . Prove that row rank ( $A$ ) = column rank ( $A$ ).
2. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the matrix of which in the standard ordered basis is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a basis for the range of  $T$  and a basis for the null space of  $T$ .
3. Let  $F$  be a field and let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix}$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix over  $F$ . Find the minimal polynomial for  $A$ .
4. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ . Prove that the characteristic and minimal polynomials for  $T$  have the same roots except for multiplicities.

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5. Let  $T$  be the diagonalizable operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose matrix representation with respect to standard basis is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use the Lagrange polynomials to write the representing matrix  $A$  in the form  $A = E_1 + 2E_2$ ,  $E_1 + E_2 = I$ ,  $E_1E_2 = 0$ .
6. State and prove polarization identities.

## PART – B

Answer **four** questions from this part without omitting any Unit. Each question carries **16** marks.

## Unit – I

7. a) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$ . Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional. Prove that  $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V$ .
- b) Let  $V$  be the space of polynomial functions  $f$  from  $F$  into  $F$ , given by  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_kx^k$ . Describe the range and null space for the differentiation transformation from  $V$  into  $V$ .
8. a) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over the field  $F$ . Prove that  $L(V, W)$  is a vector space over  $F$  with the addition and scalar multiplication defined as  $(T + U)(\alpha) = T\alpha + U\alpha$  and  $(cT)(\alpha) = c(T\alpha)$ , where  $T, U \in L(V, W)$  and  $c \in F$ .
- b) Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{C}^3$  for which  $T\epsilon_1 = (1, 0, i)$ ,  $T\epsilon_2 = (0, 1, 1)$ ,  $T\epsilon_3 = (i, 1, 0)$ . Is  $T$  invertible.
9. a) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$ , and let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ . Prove that there is a unique dual basis  $\mathcal{B}^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  for  $V^*$  such that  $f_i(\alpha_j) = \delta_{ij}$ . Also prove that for each linear functional  $f$  on  $V$  we have  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\alpha_i)f_i$  and for each vector  $\alpha$  in  $V$  we have  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\alpha)\alpha_i$ .
- b) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  be basis for  $\mathbb{C}^3$  defined by  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\alpha_3 = (2, 2, 0)$ . Find the dual basis of  $\mathcal{B}$ .





Unit – II

10. a) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional space  $V$  and let  $c$  be a scalar. Prove that the following statements are equivalent :
- i)  $c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$ .
  - ii) The operator  $(T - cI)$  is singular.
  - iii)  $\det (T - cI) = 0$ .
- b) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $R^3$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 3 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable by exhibiting a basis for  $R^3$ , each vector of which is a characteristic vector of  $T$ .

11. State and prove Cayley Hamilton theorem.

12. a) 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 diagonalizable if and only if the minimal polynomial of  $T$  has the form  $p = (x - c_1) \dots (x - c_k)$ , where  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  are distinct elements of  $F$ .
- b) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and let  $W_1$  be any subspace of  $V$ . Prove that there is a subspace  $W_2$  of  $V$  such that  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ .

Unit – III

13. State and prove Primary decomposition theorem.

14. a) State Cyclic decomposition theorem. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $R^3$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find nonzero vectors  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  satisfying conditions of the cyclic decomposition theorem.
- b) Let  $W$  be a subspace of an inner product space  $V$  and  $\beta$  be a vector in  $V$ . Prove that the vector  $\alpha$  in  $W$  is a best approximation to  $\beta$  by vectors in  $W$  if and only if  $\beta - \alpha$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ .

15. a) State and prove Gram Schmidt orthogonalization process.

- b) Prove that every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis.