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Weightage: 30

**Part A (Short Answer Questions)**

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight 1 each.

1. Let  $V$  be the set of all pairs  $(x, y)$  of real numbers, and let  $F$  be the field of real numbers. Define  $(x, y) + (x_1, y_1) = (x + x_1, y + y_1)$  and  $c(x, y) = (cx, cy)$ . Is  $V$ , with these operations, a vector space over the field of real numbers?
2. Is the vector  $(3, -1, 0, -1)$  in the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the vectors  $(2, -1, 3, 2)$ ,  $(-1, 1, 1, -3)$ , and  $(1, 1, 9, -5)$ ?
3. Show that the space  $C$  of complex numbers and  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are isomorphic, considering as vector spaces over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
4. If  $T : C^2 \rightarrow C^2$  is a linear operator defined as  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0)$ , find the matrix of  $T$  in the standard ordered basis for  $C^2$ .
5. Prove that the transpose of a linear transformation is also linear.
6. If  $D$  is 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.
7. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Prove that the determinant of the Vandermonde matrix is  $(b - a)(c - a)(c - b)$ .
8. Write any 4 properties of the determinant function on  $K^{n \times n}$ , where  $K$  is a commutative ring with identity.
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  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
10. Let  $W$  be an invariant subspace for  $T$ . Prove that the characteristic polynomial of the restriction operator  $T_W$  divides the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ .

(8×1=8 weightage)

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

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight 2 each.

11. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field  $F$ . Prove that  $V$  has dimension 4 by exhibiting a basis for  $V$  which has





four elements.

12. Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  be the ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1)$ ,  $\alpha_2 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\alpha_3 = (1, 0, 0)$ . What are the coordinates of the vector  $(a, b, c)$  in the ordered basis  $\mathcal{B}$ ?
13. Check whether the function  $T : F^3 \rightarrow F^3$  defined as  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3, 2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3)$  is linear.
14. Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $R^4$  spanned by the vectors  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1, 2)$  and  $\alpha_2 = (2, 3, 1, 1)$ . Which linear functional  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + c_3x_3 + c_4x_4$  are in the annihilator of  $W$ .
15. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be linear functionals on a vector space  $V$ . If the null space of  $g$  contains the null space of  $f$ , prove that  $g$  is a scalar multiple of  $f$ .
16. Define determinant function on  $K^{n \times n}$ . Show that the function  $D$  from  $K^{2 \times 2}$  to  $K$  defined by  $D(A) = A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}A_{21}$  is a determinant function.
17. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 3 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable by exhibiting a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , each vector of which is a characteristic vector of  $T$ .
18. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that the characteristic and minimal polynomials for  $A$  have the same roots, except for multiplicities.

(6×2=12 weightage)

### Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight 5 each.

19. Consider the 5 x 5 matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (a) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $PA$  is a row-reduced echelon matrix  $R$ .
  - (b) Find a basis for the row space  $W$  of  $A$ .
  - (c) Which vectors  $(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5)$  are in  $W$ ?
  - (d) Find the coordinate matrix of each vector  $(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5)$  in  $W$  in the ordered basis chosen in (b).
  - (e) Write each vector  $(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5)$  in  $W$  as a linear combination of the rows of  $A$ .
  - (f) Give an explicit description of the vector space  $V$  of all 5 x 1 column matrices  $X$  such that  $AX = 0$ .
  - (g) Find a basis for  $V$ .
20. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$  such that  $\dim V = \dim W$ . If  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, prove that the following statements are equivalent:
  - (i)  $T$  is invertible.
  - (ii)  $T$  is non-singular.
  - (iii)  $T$  is onto.
  - (iv) If  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$  then  $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2, T\alpha_3, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .





(v) There is some basis  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  for  $V$  such that  $\{T\alpha_1, T\alpha_2, T\alpha_3, \dots, T\alpha_n\}$  is a basis for  $W$

21. 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. Let  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ , prove that there exist  $k$  linear operators  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  on  $V$  such that

- i. Each  $E_i$  is a projection
- ii.  $E_i E_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$
- iii.  $I = E_1 + \dots + E_k$
- iv. The range of  $E_i$  is  $W_i$

Also prove that if  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k$  are  $k$  linear operators on  $V$  which satisfy conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) and if we let  $W_i$  be the range of  $E_i$  then  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$

(2×5=10 weightage)

