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Mathematics — Core

ADVANCED ALGEBRA — I

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 1 = 10$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answers :

1. If V is a vector space than its dual space is

(a) $\text{Hom}(V, V)$

(b) $\text{Hom}(F, V)$

(c) $\text{Hom}(V, F)$

(d) $\text{Hom}(F, F)$

2. An orthonormal set consists of
- (a) zero vector
 - (b) unit vector
 - (c) linearly dependent vector
 - (d) inner products
3. If $S, T \in A(V)$ and S is regular then $r(ST) =$
- (a) $r(S)$ (b) $r(T)$
 - (c) 1 (d) 0
4. If $\lambda - 1$ is singular then λ is
- (a) also singular (b) regular
 - (c) an eigen-value (d) zero
5. The invariants of $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are
- (a) 1, 1 (b) 5, 4
 - (c) 2, 1 (d) 3, 2

6. If W is a subspace of V and $T \in A(V)$ are $WT \subset W$, then W
- (a) equal T
 - (b) variant under T
 - (c) invariant under T
 - (d) has no other subspaces
7. Trace of A is defined when A is a _____ matrix.
- (a) triangular
 - (b) symmetric
 - (c) square
 - (d) skew-symmetric
8. If the matrix B is obtained from A by a permutation, which is odd, of the rows of A then $\det A =$
- (a) $\det B$
 - (b) $-\det B$
 - (c) 0
 - (d) 1
9. If T is $A(V)$ is Hermitian then all its characteristic roots are
- (a) real
 - (b) imaginary
 - (c) 0
 - (d) 1

10. If all the characteristic roots of a normal transformation are of absolute value 1, then it is
- (a) identity (b) symmetric
- (c) transitive (d) unitary

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)

11. (a) Show that if $\dim V = m$ then $\dim \operatorname{Hom}(V, V) = m^2$.

Or

- (b) State and prove the Schwartz inequality on inner product spaces.

12. (a) If $S, T \in A(V)$ and if S is regular, prove that T and STS^{-1} have the same minimal polynomial.

Or

- (b) If V is finite dimensional over F , then prove that $T \in A(V)$ is regular if and only if T maps V onto V .

13. (a) If M , of dimension m , is cyclic with respect to T , then prove that $\dim MT^k$ is $m - k$.

Or

- (b) Suppose $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$, where V_1, V_2 are subspaces of V invariant under T . If T_1, T_2 are linear transformation induced by T on V_1 and V_2 , with minimal polynomials $p_1(x)$ and $p_2(x)$, respectively, show that the minimal polynomial of T is the lcm of $p_1(x)$ and $p_2(x)$.
14. (a) Prove that if all the elements in one row of A in F_n are multiplied by τ in F , then $\det A$ is multiplied by τ .

Or

- (b) If two elements of A are equal, show that $\det A = 0$, where A is an $m \times n$ matrix.
15. (a) 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 .

Or

- (b) If T is Hermitian and $vT^k = 0$ for all $k \geq 1$ then prove that $vT = 0$.

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) If there is a homogeneous system of m equations in n unknowns with $n > m$, prove that it has a non-trivial solution.

Or

- (b) If W is a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space V , then prove that V is the direct sum of W and its orthogonal complement.
17. (a) If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ in F are distinct characteristic roots of T in $A(V)$ and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k are characteristic vectors belonging to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ respectively, show that v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k are linearly independent.

Or

- (b) Show that $A(V)$ and F_n are isomorphic algebras.
18. (a) If $T \in A(V)$ has all its characteristic roots in F , show that this is a basis of V in which the matrix of T is triangular.

Or

- (b) If $T \in A(V)$ is nilpotent, prove that there exists a subspace W of V , invariant under T , such that $V = V_1 \oplus W$, V_1 is spanned by v, vT, \dots, vT^{n_1-1} .
19. (a) If F is a field of characteristic 0, and if $\text{tr} T^i = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$, prove that T is nilpotent.

Or

- (b) For A, B in F_n , prove that $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$.
20. (a) If $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis of V and if (a_{ij}) is the matrix of T in $A(V)$, prove that the matrix of T^* in this basis is (β_{ij}) where $\beta_{ij} = \overline{\alpha_{ij}}$.

Or

- (b) If N is a normal linear transformation on V , prove that there exists an orthonormal basis in which the matrix of N is diagonal.
