

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2014**

(CUCES)

Mathematics

MT 1C 02—LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

**Part A (Short Answer Type)***Answer all questions.**Each question has weightage 1.*

1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  and  $1 \in F$ . Prove that  $(-1)v = -v$  for all  $v \in V$ .
2. Show that  $U = \{(x,0) : x \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .
3. Verify whether  $\{(1,2,3), (1,3,1)\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .
4. Give an example of a 2-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .
5. Find the co-ordinate vector of  $(1,2,3) \in \mathbf{R}^3$  with respect to the basis  $\{(1,1,0), (1,0,1), (0,1,1)\}$ .
6. Let  $T : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  be defined by  $T(x,y) = (x+1, y+1)$ . Verify whether  $T$  is a linear transformation.
7. Let  $W = \text{span}\{(1,0,0), (1,1,0)\}$ . Find a non-zero linear function in  $W^\circ$ .
8. Find the characteristic polynomial of  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
9. Find the characteristic values of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
10. Verify whether  $W = \{(x,0,0) : x \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is an invariant subspace of  $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  given by :  
 $T(x,y,z) = (x+y, y+z, z)$ .

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11. Let  $W_1 = \text{span} \{1, 2, 1\}$  and  $W_2 = \text{span} \{2, 1, 1\}$ . Verify whether  $W_1 + W_2$  is a direct sum.
12. Verify whether  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x, y) = (x + y, 0)$  is a projection.
13. Let  $V$  be an inner product space. Prove that  $\|ca\| = |c| \|a\|$  for  $x \in V$ .
14. If  $E$  is an orthogonal projection of  $V$  onto  $W$ , prove that  $a - E_a \in W^\perp$  for all  $x \in V$ .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

**Part B (Paragraph Type)**

Answer any **seven** questions.  
Each question has *weightage* 2.

15. Prove that  $(1, 2, 3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is a linear combination of  $a = (1, 2, 1)$  and  $\beta = (1, 2, 2)$ .
16. Verify whether  $S = \{(x, x) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
17. If  $W_1, W_2$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , prove that  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
18. Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $n$ . Prove that any set of  $n + 1$  vectors of  $V$  is linearly dependent.
19. Find the matrix of the transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T(x, y, z) = (x + y, x + z, y + z)$  relative to the ordered basis  $B = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)\}$ .
20. Let  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a basis of a vector space  $V$  and  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$  be the dual basis of  $V^*$ .  
Prove that  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f(a_i) f_i$  for each  $f \in V^*$ .
21. Show that similar matrices have same characteristic polynomial.
22. Express  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as a direct sum of two one-dimensional subspaces.
23. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a vector space  $V$  and let  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ , where each  $W_i$  is invariant under  $T$ . Prove that if each  $W_i$  is one-dimensional then  $T$  is **diagonalizable**.
24. Verify whether  $(x | y)$  defined as  $(x | y) = x_1 + y_1$  is an inner product for :  
 $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

**Part C (Essay Type)**

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question has weightage 4.*

25. (a) Define linearly independent set in a vector space.  
 (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over a field  $F$ . Prove that if the row vectors of  $A$  form a linearly independent set then  $A$  is invertible.
26. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator. Prove that the following are equivalent :
- $T$  is invertible.
  - $T$  is one-to-one.
  - $T$  is onto.
27. (a) Define the annihilator  $W^0$  of a subspace  $W$  of a vector space  $V$ .  
 (b) Show that if  $V$  is finite dimensional then  $\dim W + \dim W^0 = \dim V$ .
28. (a) Prove that an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors is linearly independent.  
 (b) Let  $W$  be a subspace of an inner product space  $V$  and  $\beta \in V$ . Show that  $c\beta$  is a best approximation to  $\beta$  if and only if  $c\beta \in W$ .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)