

**2022**  
**M.Sc.**  
**First Semester**  
 CORE – 02  
**MATHEMATICS**  
*Course Code: MAC 1.21*  
 (Linear Algebra)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

**UNIT-I**

1. (a) Determine whether the following subsets of  $\mathbf{F}^3$  are subspaces of  $\mathbf{F}^3$ :  
2+2=4
- (i)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbf{F}^3 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0\}$ ;
- (ii)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbf{F}^3 : x_1 x_2 x_3 = 0\}$ .
- (b) Prove that a list  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  of vectors in  $V$  is a basis of  $V$  if and only if every  $v \in V$  can be written uniquely in the form  
 $v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n$ , where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{F}$ . 5
- (c) Suppose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  is a basis of  $W$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$  5
2. (a) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that range  $(T)$  is subspace of  $W$ . 4
- (b) Prove that the intersection of any finite collection of subspace of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ . 5
- (c) Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $ST$  is invertible if and only if both  $S$  and  $T$  are invertible. 5

**UNIT-II**

3. (a) Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{F}^3)$  by  $T(x, y, z) = (2x + y, 5y + 3z, 8z)$ . Find a basis of  $\mathbf{F}^3$  with respect to which  $T$  has a diagonal matrix. 4

(b) Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ , then prove that

$$E(\lambda_1, T) + E(\lambda_2, T) + \dots + E(\lambda_m, T) \text{ is a direct sum.} \quad 5$$

(c) Find the minimal polynomial of the operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^3)$  defined by

$$T(z_1, z_2, z_3) = (6z_1 + 3z_2 + 4z_3, 6z_2 + 2z_3, 7z_3) \quad 5$$

4. (a) Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^3)$  by  $T(z_1, z_2, z_3) = (2z_2, 0, 5z_3)$ . Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ . 4

(b) Prove that every operator on a finite-dimensional, nonzero, complex vector space has an eigenvalue. 5

(c) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{F})$ . Prove that  $q(T) = 0$  if and only if  $q$  is a polynomial multiple of the minimal polynomial of  $T$ . 5

### UNIT-III

5. (a) Suppose that  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  are such that  $ST = TS$ . Prove that  $\text{null}(T - \lambda I)$  is invariant under  $S$  for every  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . 4

(b) Suppose  $V$  is a complex vector space. If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , then prove that there is a basis of  $V$  that is a Jordan basis for  $T$ . 5

(c) Suppose  $V$  is a complex vector space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Let  $q$  denote the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ . Then show that  $q(T) = 0$ . 5

6. (a) Suppose  $U$  is a finite-dimensional subspace of  $V$  and  $P_U$  denote the orthogonal projection of  $V$  onto  $U$ . Show that  $P_U$  is a linear map on  $V$ . 6

(b) Suppose  $V$  is a finite-dimensional complex vector space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that  $T$  has an upper triangular matrix with some basis of  $V$ . 8

### UNIT-IV

7. (a) If  $U$  is a subset of  $V$ , then prove that the orthogonal complement of  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . 4

- (b) Prove that  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$ , for  $u, v \in V$ . Also, show that the inequality is an equality if and only if one of  $u, v$  is a non-negative multiple of the other. 5
- (c) Show that if  $V$  is a real inner-product space, then the set of self-adjoint operators on  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ . 5

8. (a) Prove that  $\|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2 = 2(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2)$  for  $u, v \in V$ . 4

- (b) On  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ , consider the inner product given by

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x) dx$$

Apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to the basis  $1, x, x^2$  to produce an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . 5

- (c) If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ , then prove that the adjoint of  $T, T^* \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . 5

### UNIT-V

9. (a) For any vector space  $V$ , prove that the sum of two bilinear forms and the product of a scalar and a bilinear form on  $V$  are again bilinear forms on  $V$ . 7

- (b) Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then prove that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of bilinear forms on  $V$  and the set of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{F}$ . 7

10. (a) Define a function  $H : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  

$$H((a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)) = 2a_1b_1 + 3a_1b_2 + 4a_2b_1 - a_2b_2$$
 for  
 $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Verify that  $H$  is a bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . 5

- (b) Determine the matrix of  $H$  defined above with respect to the ordered basis  $(1, 1), (1, -1)$  and also with respect to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . 4

- (c) Let  $H$  be a hermitian form on  $V$ . Then prove that a linear mapping  $T$  of  $V$  into itself is  $H$ -unitary if and only if  $H(T(x), T(x)) = H(x, x)$  for all  $x \in V$ . 5