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B.Sc. -Mathematics
SEMESTER : VI

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75
TIME : 3 HOURS

PART - III

LINEAR ALGEBRA

SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

(K1)

- 1 In which the following statement is true
 - (a) A product of invertible matrices is invertible
 - (b) An elementary matrix is invertible
 - (c) A square matrix with either a left or right inverse is invertible
 - (d) all.
- 2 _____ of a finite dimensional vector space as the number of elements in a basis for V
 - (a) Ordered basis
 - (b) dimension
 - (c) Standard basis
 - (d) basis
3. If V is finite-dimensional, the _____ of T is the dimension of the null space of T
 - (a) Rank
 - (b) isomorphic
 - (c) nullity
 - (d) invertible
4. In vector space of dimension n, subspace of dimension _____ is called a hyper space.
 - (a) n
 - (b) n – 1
 - (c) n + 1
 - (d) 1
5. If V is a vector space, a _____ in V is a maximal proper subspace of V
 - (a) Dual space
 - (b) Transpose
 - (c) relative to the ordered basis
 - (d) hyper space

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES

(K2)

6. Define elementary matrix.
7. Define subspace.
8. Write about Annihilator.
9. What is called a linear functional?
10. Define transpose of a matrix.

SECTION – B

(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K3)

11. a) Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(OR)

11 b) Let $A = A_1, A_2, \dots, A_K$ where $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_K$ are $n \times n$ matrices. Then prove that A is invertible if and only if each A_i is invertible.

12. a) Prove that a non empty subset W of V is a subspace of if and only if for each pair of vectors α, β in W and each scalar c in F, the vector $c\alpha + \beta$ is again in W

(OR)

b) Let R be a non-zero row-reduced echelon matrix. Then prove that the non-zero row vectors of R form a basis for the row space of R

13. a) Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F and let $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V . Let W be a vector space over the same field F and let $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ be any vector in W . Then prove that there is precisely one linear transformation T from V into W such that $T a_j = \beta_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

(OR)

b) Prove that let V and W be vector space over field F and let T be a linear transformation from V into W . Suppose that V is finite-dimensional then $\text{rank}(T) = \text{nullity}(T) = \dim V$

14. a) Let V be an n -dimensional vector space over the field F and let W be an m -dimensional vector space F . For each pair of ordered bases B, B' for V and W respectively, the function which assigns to a linear transformation T its matrix relative to B, B' is an isomorphism between the space $L(V, W)$ and the space of all $m \times n$ matrices over the field F

(OR)

14 b) Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F , and let $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ be a basis for V . Then prove that there is a unique dual basis $B^* = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ for V^* such that

$f_i(\alpha_j) = \delta_{ij}$ for each linear functional f on V we have $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\alpha_i) f_i$ and for each vector α in V we

have $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\alpha) \alpha_i$

15. a) If f and g are linear functionals on a vector space V , then prove that g is a scalar multiple of f iff the null space of g contains the null space of f

(OR)

b) Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix over the field F . Then prove that the row rank of A is equal to the column rank of A

SECTION – C

(5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K4 (Or) K5)

16. a) Solve the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ by using elementary row operations

(OR)

16 b) For an $n \times n$ matrix A , prove that the following are equivalent :

(i) A is invertible

(ii) The homogeneous system $AX = 0$ has only the trivial solution $X = 0$

(iii) The system of equations $AX = Y$ has a solution X for each $n \times 1$ matrix Y .

17. a) Prove that any two bases of a finite dimensional vector space V have the same number of elements.

(OR)

17 b) If W_1 and W_2 are finite dimensional subspaces of a vector space V , then prove that $W_1 + W_2$ is finite dimensional and $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 = \dim(W_1 \cap W_2) + \dim(W_1 + W_2)$

18. a) Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F , and let W be a subspace of V . Then Prove that $\dim W + \dim W^* = \dim V$

(OR)

18 b) Let V be an n -dimensional vector space over the field F , and let W be an m -dimensional vector space over F . Then prove that the vector space $L(V, W)$ is finite-dimensional and has dimension mn .

19. a) Let W be the subspace of R^5 which is spanned by the vectors $\alpha_1 = (2, -2, 3, 4, -1)$, $\alpha_2 = (0, 0, -1, -2, 3)$, $\alpha_3 = (-1, 1, 2, 5, 2)$, $\alpha_4 = (1, -1, 2, 3, 0)$

Describe W^0 and the annihilator of W

(OR)

19 b) Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F and let W be a subspace of V then prove that $\dim W + \dim W^0 = \dim V$

20.a) Prove that if f is a non-zero linear functional on the vector space V , then prove that the null space of f is a hyperspace in V . Conversely every hyperspace in V is the null space of a (not unique) non-zero linear functional on V

(OR)

b) If S is any subset of a finite dimensional vector space V , then prove that $(S^0)^0$ is the subspace spanned by S .

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