

- (b) Define a quadratic form on a vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ . Prove that every real inner product defines a quadratic form. Also prove that such a quadratic form is positive definite.
- (c) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $F (= \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C})$  such that its columns are orthonormal with respect to the standard inner product of  $F^n$ . Prove that its rows are also orthonormal. Hence prove that  $A^* A = I_n$  implies that  $AA^* = I_n$ .

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7. (a) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices over a field  $F$ . Prove that if  $I - AB$  is invertible then  $I - BA$  is invertible and  $(I - BA)^{-1} = I + B(I - AB)^{-1}A$ . Hence or otherwise prove that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $AB$  iff it is an eigenvalue of  $BA$ .
- (b) Let  $V, W$  be two finite dimensional vector spaces over a field  $F$  and  $T_1 : V \rightarrow V, T_2 : W \rightarrow W$  be two linear operators with minimal polynomials  $x^2 - 5x + 6$  and  $x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2$  respectively. Let  $T : V \oplus W \rightarrow V \oplus W$  be defined by  $T(v + \omega) = T_1(v) + T_2(\omega)$  for all  $v \in V, \omega \in W$ . Prove that  $V$  and  $W$  are invariant under  $T$ . Also find the minimal polynomial of  $T$ .

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE EXAMINATION, 2019****(3rd Year, 1st Semester)****MATHEMATICS (Honours)****Paper - 5.3****Algebra - III**

Time : Two hours

Full Marks : 50

Answer ***Q.No. 1*** and any ***four*** from the rest.

1. Answer any ***five*** questions : 2x5=10
- (a) Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix which is not similar to a triangular matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then the degree of the minimal polynomial for  $A$  is of degree 3 – Justify.
- (b) Suppose  $T$  is a diagonalizable linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  such that  $T$  has a cyclic vector. Then all the eigenvalues of  $T$  are distinct – Justify.
- (c) Geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue of a nonzero nilpotent operator  $T$  on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  cannot be  $n$  – Justify.
- (d) Suppose  $\langle , \rangle : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $\langle (x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \rangle = 3x_1y_1 + 2x_1y_2 + 4x_2y_1 + 6x_2y_2$ . Which condition(s) for  $\langle , \rangle$  to be an inner product is (are) lacking?

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- (e) Let  $F$  be a field and  $m, n$  be two positive integers. Let  $T : F^n \rightarrow F^m$  be a linear operator. If  $T$  is onto then  $m \geq n$  implies  $m = n$ . – Justify.
- (f) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2 \otimes$  where  $a, b, c, d$  are integers. If  $A$  has eigenvalues then they are integers. – Justify.
- (g) Determine the sign of the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 4xy + 4yz + 5y^2 + 6z^2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
2. (a) State (proof is not required) three necessary and sufficient conditions for a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space to be diagonalizable.
- (b) Prove that a linear transformation is (i) 1 – 1 iff it maps any linearly independent set to a linearly independent set, (ii) onto iff it maps any spanning set to a spanning set.
- (c) Prove that two finite dimensional vector spaces over the same field are isomorphic iff they are of same dimension.
- (d) Prove that every one dimensional  $T$ -invariant subspace ( $T$  is a linear transformation) is an eigenspace of  $T$ .  
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3. (a) Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$  ( $F$  is a field and  $m, n$  are integers). Prove that there exists a linear transformation from  $F^n$  to  $F^m$  whose matrix with respect to the standard ordered bases is  $A$ .

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- (b) Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . What is the canonical mapping from  $V$  to  $V^{**}$ . Is it a linear transformation? Is it 1–1 ? Justify your answer.
- (c) Trace of an  $n \times n$  square matrix over a field  $F$  is a linear functional on  $F^n$ . – Justify. 3+5+2
4. (a) There exist nonsimilar matrices having the same minimal polynomial  $m(x)$  and the same characteristic polynomial  $f(x)$ . – Justify.
- (b) If two  $3 \times 3$  matrices over the same field have the same minimal polynomial  $m(x)$  and the same characteristic polynomial  $f(x)$  then they cannot be nonsimilar. – Justify.
- (c) Find the matrix of the differentiation operator  $D$  on the vector space  $V$  of all real polynomials of degree less than or equal to 4 with respect to the canonical basis  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$  Find also the Jordan form of  $D$ . 3+3+4
5. (a) Give example of two nonsimilar  $4 \times 4$  real matrices having two eigenvalues  $\pm 1$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  and four eigenvalues  $\pm 1, \pm i$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- (b) Suppose  $T$  is a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$ . Suppose  $\text{rank } T^2$  and  $\text{rank } T$  are the same. Prove that  $\text{Im} T \cap \text{Ker } T = \{0\}$ . 5+5
6. (a) 0 and 1 are the only possible eigenvalues of an idempotent operator. Give an example to illustrate that the converse is not true.

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