

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE EXAMINATION, 2022

(2nd Year, 2nd Semester)

MATHEMATICS (HONS.)

PAPER – CORE - 10

RING THEORY AND LINEAR ALGEBRA - II

Time : Two hours

Full Marks : 40

Use separate answer script for each Part.

Symbols and notations have their usual meanings.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Part – I (20 Marks)

Answer **any four** questions. 4×5=20

1. i) Let F be a field and $f(x) \in F[x]$ such that $f(x)$ divides $g(x)$ for every nonconstant polynomial $g(x) \in F[x]$. Show that $f(x)$ is a constant polynomial.
- ii) If a monic polynomial with integer coefficients has a rational root then show that this root must be an integer.
- iii) Show that $\sqrt[3]{2}$ is irrational by using Rational Root Theorem. 1+2+2
2. i) Show that every Euclidean Domain (ED) is a Principal Ideal Domain (PID).
- ii) Show that 3 is a prime element in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ but 5 is not a prime element in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. 3+2

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3. i) Let R be a Unique Factorization Domain (UFD) and consider a linear polynomial $f(x)$ in $R[x]$. Is $f(x)$ irreducible in $R[x]$? Justify.
- ii) Let R be a PID and P be a prime ideal of R . Show that R/P is PID. Does this result hold if P is an ideal of R ? Justify. 2+(2+1)
4. Let R be a commutative ring with identity. Show that $\frac{R[x]}{\langle x \rangle} \cong R$. Hence conclude that $\langle x \rangle$ is a prime ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ where as $\langle x \rangle$ is a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{Q}[x]$. 3+2
5. i) Let $R[x]$ be the ring of polynomials and $I[x] = \{f(x) \in R[x] : f(0) = 0 = f(1)\}$. Is $I[x]$ a maximal ideal of $R[x]$? Justify.
- ii) Show that the polynomial $x^3 + 8ix - 6x - 1 + 3i$ is irreducible in $(\mathbb{Z}[i])[x]$. 2+3
6. Let $F_1 = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle$ and $F_2 = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 - 3 \rangle$. Show that both F_1 and F_2 are fields but F_1 is not isomorphic to F_2 . 2+3

Part – II (20 Marks)

Answer **any five** questions. 4×5=20

1. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over a field F . Let $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis for V and

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7. a) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ (θ is real). Without solving the characteristic polynomial how can you say that the eigenvalues of A are of unit modulus?
- b) Suppose A is a real matrix of order $m \times n$ with $m > n$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that the over determined system of linear equations $AX = b$ is inconsistent and $\text{rank} A = n$. Let W be the column space of A and b_0 be the orthogonal projection of b onto W ($\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m$ are assumed to be with the standard inner product). Find the least square approximate solution of $AX = b$. 1+3

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4. a) Find all real 2×2 matrices such that $A^2 = I$ and describe geometrically the way they operate on \mathbb{R}^2 by left multiplication.
- b) Let A be a real 2×2 matrix such that 3 is an eigenvalue with $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ as a corresponding eigenvector and 2 is another eigenvalue with $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ as a corresponding eigenvector. Find A . State the relevant results that have been used to determine A . 2+2
5. a) Find the possible Jordan Forms of a linear operator T on a finite dimensional vector space whose characteristic polynomial is $(x-2)^3(x-5)^5$ and minimal polynomial is $(x-2)^2(x-5)^3$.
- b) Give examples, with proper reasons, of two matrices which are not similar but their minimal polynomials are identical and their characteristic polynomials are also identical. 3+1
6. a) Find an inner product \langle, \rangle on \mathbb{R}^2 such that $\langle (1,0), (0,1) \rangle = 3$.
- b) Let A be a real or complex square matrix of order n . Assuming that F^n ($F = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C}) is with the standard inner product prove that rows of A are orthonormal iff its columns are orthonormal. 1+3

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- $\mathfrak{B}^* = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ be the corresponding dual basis for V^* .
- a) Prove that for any $v \in V$, $v = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(v)v_i$.
- b) Prove that if V is an inner product space and \mathfrak{B} is an orthonormal basis then for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $f_i(v) = \langle v, v_i \rangle$ for all $v \in V$. 2+2
2. a) Suppose V and W are two vector spaces over the same field F . Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Define T^t , the transpose of T . If V and W are finite dimensional then prove that $\text{rank } T = \text{rank } T^t$.
- b) Define the canonical mapping from a vector space V over a field F to its double dual V^{**} . 3+1
3. Let T be a linear operator on a vector space V over a field F .
- a) Prove that every eigenspace of T is T -invariant.
- b) Prove that every one dimensional T -invariant subspace is an eigenspace of T .
- c) What is the geometric multiplicity of λ in an elementary Jordan matrix of order n corresponding to λ ? 1+2+1

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