

**M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2016****First Semester**

Faculty of Science

Branch I (a)–Mathematics

MT 01 C 01—LINEAR ALGEBRA

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

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Each question has 1 weight.*

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2. In a vector space show that  $\alpha(v - w) = \alpha v - \alpha w$  and  $1.0 = 0$ .
3. Differentiate between linear transformation and linear fractional with examples.
4. Find the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T(2, 3) = (4, 5)$  and  $T(1, 0) = (0, 0)$ .
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8. If  $T^2 = T$  show that T is diagonalizable.

(5 × 1 = 5)

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10. Prove that the set  $S = \{\alpha + i\beta, \gamma + i\delta\}$  is a basis for  $C(R)$  if and only if  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 0$ .
11. Show that the vectors  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1)$ ;  $\alpha_2 = (1, 2, 1)$ ;  $\alpha_3 = (0, -3, 2)$  form a basis for  $R^3$ . Express each of the standard basis vectors  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  as a linear combination of  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  where  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ;  $e_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ ;  $e_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ .
12. Define the transpose of a linear transformation and show that it is linear as well as unique.
13. If  $A$  is invertible then for all  $B$  prove that  $\det(A B A^{-1}) = \det B$  and  $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det A)^{-1}$ .
14. If a vector space is the direct sum of two of its subspaces. Obtain the basis for the vector space in terms of its component subspaces.
15. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ . Prove that the characteristic and minimal polynomial for  $T$  have the same roots except for multiplicities.
16. Let  $V$  be two-dimensional over the field  $F$  of real numbers with a basis  $v_1, v_2$ . Find the characteristic roots and corresponding characteristic vectors for  $T$  defined by :

$$Tv_1 = v_1 + v_2, Tv_2 = v_1 - v_2.$$

(5 × 2 = 10)

### Part C

*Answer any three questions.*

*Each question has 5 weights.*

17. Let  $w$  be the subspace of  $C$  spanned by  $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, i)$  and  $\alpha_2 = (1 + i, 1, -1)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$  is a basis for  $w$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\beta_1 = (1, 1, 0), \beta_2 = (1, i, 1 + i)$  is also a basis for  $w$ .
  - (c) Find the co-ordinate of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  in the ordered pair  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$  for  $w$ .
18. (a) Define algebra and describe the algebra of linear transformation. Also verify the axioms of algebra.
  - (b) Let  $T: V_3(R) \rightarrow V_3(R)$  defined by :  $T(a, b, c) = (3a, a - b, 2a + b + c)$ . Prove that  $T$  is invertible and find  $T^{-1}$ . Also prove  $(T^2 - I)(T - 3I) = 0$ .

19. Establish the isomorphism of a vector space and its double dual.
20. If  $D$  is any alternating  $n$ -linear function on  $K^n \times \dots \times K^n$ , prove that for each  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  
 $D(A) = (\det A) D(I)$ , where  $I$  denotes the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
21. Characterise a diagonalizable linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space.
22. Explain elementary Canonical forms and obtain one of them.

(3 × 5 = 15)