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Mathematics

ALGEBRA — II

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Let V is a finite dimensional vector space over F of dimension n . Then $\dim A(V)$ is

- (a) n (b) n^2
(c) n^n (d) none of these

2. Let $A : r(ST) \geq \min\{r(T), r(S)\}; B : r(ST) = r(S)$ if S is regular. Then

- (a) Both A and B are true
(b) A is true and B is false
(c) B is true and A is false
(d) Both A and B are false

3. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a fixed basis for V . Let T be the identity transformation from V to V . Then the number of zeros in the matrix of T in the basis is

- (a) n (b) n^2
(c) $n^2 - n$ (d) $n^2 + n$

4. Two nilpotent linear transformation are similar if and only if

- (a) they have same nonzero entries in their matrix
(b) they have same invariants
(c) their index of nilpotents are same
(d) none of these



5. Let $T \in A(V)$. Then $\text{Tr}(T)$ is
- sum of all characteristic roots
 - sum of distinct characteristic roots
 - product of all characteristic roots
 - product of distinct characteristic root
6. The diagonal elements of a Hermitian matrix are
- zero
 - real numbers
 - complex numbers
 - none of these
7. Let $F \subseteq K \subseteq L$ be three fields with $[L:F]=6$, $[L:K]=2$ then $[K:F]$ is
- 1
 - 3
 - 8
 - 12
8. Let $f(x) \in F[x]$ be of degree $n \geq 1$. Let E be an extension of F in which $f(x)$ has n roots. Then $[E:F]$ is
- n
 - $n!$
 - at most n
 - at most $n!$
9. Let F be a finite field with q elements and let $F \subset K$ where K is also a finite field. If $[K:F]=n$ then number of elements in K is
- nq
 - $q+n$
 - q^n
 - n^q

10. Consider the statements Let $f(x) \in F[x]$

A: $f(x)$ has multiple roots $\Rightarrow f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ have no common factor

B: $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ have a nontrivial common factor $\Rightarrow f(x)$ has multiple roots

- Both A and B are true
- A is true and B is false
- B is true and A is false
- Both A and B are false

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) If V is an n -dimensional vector space over F and $T \in A(V)$ then prove that there exists a non-trivial polynomial $q(x) \in F[x]$ of degree at most n^2 , such that $q(T) = 0$.

Or

- (b) If V is finite dimensional vector space over F then prove that $T \in A(V)$ is regular if and only if T maps V onto V .



12. (a) If $T \in F_n$ and if $F \subset K$, prove that as an element of K_n , T is invertible if and only if it is already invertible in F_n .

Or

- (b) If $T \in F_n$ has minimal polynomial $p(x)$, over F , prove that every root of $p(x)$, in its splitting field K , is a characteristic root of T .
13. (a) If λ is a characteristic root of the normal transformation N then prove that $\bar{\lambda}$ is a characteristic root of N^* .

Or

- (b) If $T \in A(V)$ then prove that its Hermitian adjoint $T^* \in A(V)$. Also prove that $(T^*)^* = T$.
14. (a) If a, b in K are algebraic over F then prove that $a \pm b, ab$ and $\frac{a}{b}$ (if $b \neq 0$) are all algebraic over F .

Or

- (b) If L is an algebraic extension of K and if K is an algebraic extension of F then prove that L is an algebraic extension of F .

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15. (a) If F is a field of characteristic $p \neq 0$, then prove that the polynomial $x^{p^n} - x \in F[x]$, for $n \geq 1$, has distinct roots.

Or

- (b) If p is prime and m is a positive integer then prove that there exists of field having p^m elements.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) If $\lambda \in F$ is a characteristic root of $T \in A(V)$ then for any polynomial $q(x) \in F[x]$, prove that $q(\lambda)$ is a characteristic root of $q(T)$ and hence prove that a characteristic root of $T \in A(V)$ is also a root of the minimal polynomial of T .

Or

- (b) If V is finite dimensional over F and $T \in A(V)$ then prove that (i) if T is singular then the constant term of the minimal polynomial for T is zero and hence there exists an $S \neq 0$ in $A(V)$ such that $ST = TS = 0$. (ii) if T is right-invertible then prove that it is invertible.

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17. (a) If $T \in A(V)$ and $W \subset V$ is invariant under T , then prove that T induces a linear transformation $\bar{T}$ on V/W defined by $(v+W)\bar{T} = vT+W$. If T satisfies the polynomial $q(x) \in F[x]$ then prove that $\bar{T}$ also satisfies $q(x)$. Also prove that if $p_1(x)$ and $p(x)$ are the minimal polynomials of $\bar{T}$ and T respectively then $p_1(x)/p(x)$.

Or

- (b) If V is a n dimensional vector space over F and if $T \in A(V)$ has all its characteristic roots in F then prove that T satisfies a polynomial of degree n over F .
18. (a) (i) If $T \in A(V)$ is such that $(vT, v) = 0$ for all $v \in V$ then prove that $T = 0$.
- (ii) If $T \in A(V)$ is such that $(vT, vT) = (v, v)$ for all $v \in V$ then prove that T is unitary.

Or

- (b) Prove that the linear transformation T in V is unitary if and only if it takes on orthonormal basis of V into an orthonormal basis of V .

19. (a) If $f(x)$ is a polynomial in $F[x]$ of degree $n \geq 1$ then prove that there is an extension E of F , such that $[E:F] \leq n$, in which $f(x)$ has a root.

Or

- (b) If F and F' are isomorphic fields and $p(x)$ is irreducible in $F[x]$ and if v is a root of $p(x)$ then prove that $F(v)$ is isomorphic to $F'(w)$ where w is a root of $p'(t)$. Also prove that the above isomorphism σ can be chosen so that (i) $v_\sigma = w$ (ii) $\alpha\sigma = \alpha'$ for every $\alpha \in F$.
20. (a) Suppose $f(x) \in F[x]$ is such that $f'(x) = 0$. Prove that
- (i) $f(x) = \alpha \in F$, if F is of characteristic 0.
- (ii) $f(x) = g(x^p)$ for some polynomial $g(x) \in F[x]$, if F is of characteristic $p \neq 0$.

Or

- (b) If the field F has p^n elements prove that the automorphisms of F form a cyclic group of order n .

