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ADVANCED ALGEBRA — I

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. If $\dim V=5$ then $\dim \text{Hom}(V, V) + \dim \text{Hom}(V, F)$ is

- (a) 50 (b) 25
(c) 10 (d) 30

2. An R-module M is said to be cyclic if there is an element $m_0 \in m$ such that every $m \in M$ is of the form

- (a) $m = rm_0$ for some $r \in R$
(b) $m = m_0^n$ for some integer n
(c) $m = r + m_0$ for some $r \in R$
(d) $m = rm_0$ for some $n \in M$

3. If V is finite dimensional over F and if $T \in A(V)$ is singular, then there exists an $S \neq 0$ in $A(V)$ such that

- (a) $ST=TS=1$
(b) $ST=TS=0$
(c) $vS = 0$ for some $v \neq 0$ in V
(d) $ST=TS$

4. If $vT = \lambda v$ the vT^k is

- (a) $(\lambda v)^k$ (b) λv^k
(c) $\lambda^k v^k$ (d) $\lambda^k v$

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5. If M , of dimension m , is cyclic w.r.t. T , then the dimension of MT^k is

- (a) $\frac{m}{k}$ (b) $m+k$
(c) $m-k$ (d) m^k

6. Which one of the following is a Jordan block

- (a) $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
(c) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ (d) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

7. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ is the companion matrix of

- (a) $1+3x+3x^2$
(b) $1+3x+3x^2+x^3$
(c) $-1-3x-3x^2-x^3$
(d) $-1-3x-3x^2+x^3+x^4$

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8. Which one of the following is not true for all $A, B \in F^n$

- (a) $(A')' = A$
(b) $(A+B)' = B'+A'$
(c) $(AB)' = A'B'$
(d) $(\lambda A)' = \lambda A'$ where $\lambda \in F$

9. The normal transformation N is unitary if and only if its characteristic roots are

- (a) real
(b) complex number
(c) all of absolute value 1
(d) all equal to 1

10. The signature of the real quadratic form $x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2$ is

- (a) 0 (b) -1
(c) 1 (d) 2

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Define $\text{Hom}(V, W)$. Introduce an addition and a scalar multiplication in $\text{Hom}(V, W)$. Show that if $S, T \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$ then $S+T \in \text{Hom}(V, W)$.

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- (b) Let V be the set of all continuous complex-valued functions on $[0, 1]$. If $f(t), g(t) \in V$, define $(f|t, g|t) = \int f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt$. Prove that this defines an inner product on V .

12. (a) If $\lambda \in F$ is a characteristic root of $T \in A(V)$. Prove that for any polynomial of $q(x) \in F(x)$, $q(\lambda)$ is a characteristic root of $q(T)$.

Or

- (b) Let V be the vector space of all polynomials over F of degree 3 or less and let D be the differentiation operator defined on V . Find the matrix of D w.r.t. the basis

(i) $1, x, x^2, x^3$

(ii) $1, 1+x, 1+x^2, 1+x^3$

13. (a) If $W \subset V$ is invariant under T , prove that T induces a linear transformation \overline{T} on V/W defined by $(V+W)\overline{T} = vT+w$.

Or

- (b) If $T \in A(V)$ is nilpotent, prove that $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 T + \dots + \alpha_m T^m$, where the $\alpha_i \in F$, is invertible if $\alpha_0 \neq 0$.

14. (a) If V is cyclic relative to T and if the minimal polynomial of T in $F[x]$ is $p(x)$, then prove that for some basis of V , the matrix of T is $C(p(x))$, the companion matrix of $p(x)$.

Or

- (b) If A is invertible, prove that $\det A \neq 0$, $\det(A^{-1}) = (\det A)^{-1}$ and $\det(ABA^{-1}) = \det B$ for all B .

15. (a) If $T \in A(V)$, prove that $T^* \in A(V)$ and $(T^*)^* = T$.

Or

- (b) Let N be a normal transformation and suppose that λ and μ are two distinct characteristic roots of N . If V, W are in V are such that $VN = \lambda v, wN = \mu w$ prove that $(v, w) = 0$.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) If V and W are of dimensions m and n respectively exhibit a basis of $\text{Hom}(V, W)$ over F consisting of mn elements.

Or



- (b) Let R be a Euclidean ring. Prove that any finitely generated R -module M is the direct sum of a finite number of cyclic submodules.

17. (a) For arbitrary algebras A with unit element over a field F , state and prove the analog of Cayley's theorem for groups.

Or

- (b) What relation, if any, must exist between characteristic vectors of T belonging to different characteristic roots? Explain your answer.

18. (a) If V is n -dimensional over F and if $T \in A(V)$ has all its characteristic roots in F , prove that T satisfies a polynomial of degree n over F .

Or

- (b) Let $T \in A(V)$ and suppose that $p(x) = q_1(x)^{l_1} q_2(x)^{l_2} \dots q_k(x)^{l_k}$ in $F[x]$ is the minimal polynomial of T over F . For each $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, define $V_i = \{v \in V \mid (V_{q_i}(T))^{l_i} = 0\}$ prove that $v_i \neq 0$ for each i and $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$.

19. (a) Prove that the elements S and T in $A(V)$ are similar in $A(V)$ if and only if they have the same elementary divisors.

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- (b) For $A, B \in F^n$ and $\lambda \in F$, Prove that

(i) $\text{tr}(\lambda A) = \lambda \text{tr} A$

(ii) $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr} A + \text{tr} B$.

(iii) $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$.

20. (a) Prove that a linear transformation T on V is unitary if and only if it takes an orthonormal basis of V into an orthonormal basis of V .

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- (b) State and prove that Sylvester's law of inertia.

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