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M. Sc (Mathematics) (Sem-4)

Preliminary Exam

MATH.EMT-4001: Linear Algebra

[Time: 2.5 Hours]

[Total Marks: 70]

Instructions : (1) All questions are compulsory.

(2) There are 5 questions.

(3) Figures on right side indicate full marks .

1. Attempt any seven :

7X2=14

- (1) Let $T, S \in A_F(V)$. In standard notation verify that $r(ST) \leq r(T)$.
- (2) Let $A, B \in F_n$. In standard notation verify that $\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$, where $\text{tr} : F_n \rightarrow F$ and it is a trace of a matrix .
- (3) Define an algebra over a field F . Also give an example of an algebra over the field F .
- (4) Define similar linear transformations and similar matrices for a finite dimensional vector space V over F .
- (5) Let $n \geq 1$ and $A \in F_n$. Define $\text{tr}(A)$. Verify that the map $\text{tr} : F_n \rightarrow F$ is linear .
- (6) Let $(V, \langle \rangle)$ be an inner product space over \mathbb{C} . If a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow V$ is unitary , then prove that $T^*T = \text{Id}_V$.
- (7) Let $T \in A_F(V)$. When is a subspace W of V is said to be invariant under T ? Verify that $T^2(V)$ is a subspace of V and is invariant under T .
- (8) Let V be a vector space over R . Let $f : V \times V \rightarrow R$ be bilinear . When is f said to be skew-symmetric ? If f is skew-symmetric, then show that $f(v, v) = 0$ for any $v \in V$.

- (9) When is an element $\lambda \in F$ said to be characteristic root of $T \in A_F(V)$?
 Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $T(1,0) = (1,1)$ and $T(0,1) = (1,-1)$.
 Determine the characteristic root of T .
- (10) Let $n \geq 1$ and $A \in F_n$. Define the secular equation of A . Let $A \in F_3$ be any diagonal matrix . Determine the secular equation of A .

2 Answer any two

2X7=14

- (1) If n_1 is the index of nilpotence of a nilpotent $T \in A_F(V)$ and if $v \in V$ is such that $T^{n_1-1}(v) \neq 0$, then prove that $\{v, T(v), \dots, T^{n_1-1}(v)\}$ is linearly independent over F .
- (2) Let V is a n - dimensional vector space over a field F , then prove that $A_F(V)$ and F_n are isomorphic as algebras over F .
- (3) Prove that any $T \in A_F(V)$ satisfies its characteristic polynomial.
- (4) Let $T_1, T_2 \in A_F(V)$ and they both have same invariants. Prove that they are similar .

3 Attempt the following :

1X14 =14

- (1) Let $\text{tr}(T^k) = 0$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that T is nilpotent.
- (2) Let $A, B \in F_n$. Prove that $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$.
- (3) Let $T_1, T_2 \in A_F(V)$ and they both have same invariants. Prove that they are similar .
- (4) Let $A \in F_n$ and suppose that K is the splitting field of minimal polynomial of A over F . Show that there is an invertible matrix $C \in K_n$ such that CAC^{-1} is in Jordan form.

4 Attempt the following :

2X7 = 14

- (1) Let $T \in A_F(V)$. If V is cyclic relative to T , then prove that there exist a basis B of V over F such that the matrix of T in B is $C(p(x))$, where $p(x)$ is the minimal polynomial of T over F .

- (2) Let $A \in \mathbb{C}_n$ be Hermitian .Show that any characteristic root of A is real.
- (3) Let $A \in F_n$.Prove that the interchanging two rows of A change the sign of its determinant.
- (4) Let $A, B \in F_n$. Prove that $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$.

5 Attempt the following :

2X7 =14

- (1) Let $(V, \langle \rangle)$ be a finite dimensional inner product space over \mathbb{C} .Let $T \in A_F(V)$.Then given $v \in V$, prove that there exist an element $w \in V$, depending on v and T such that $\langle T(v), v \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle$, for all $v \in V$.
- (2) Let F be a field of characteristic 0. If $T, S \in A_F(V)$ are such that $ST - TS$ commutes with S , then prove that $ST - TS$ is nilpotent .
- (3) Let $f: V \times V \rightarrow F$ be a bilinear form on an n -dimensional vector space V over F .If B, B' are any two basis of V over F ,then prove that there exist an invertible matrix $C \in F_n$ such that $[f]_{B'} = C [f]_B C'$.
- (4) Let $(V, \langle \rangle)$ be a finite dimensional inner product space over \mathbb{C} . If $N \in A_{\mathbb{C}}$ is normal ,then prove that there exist an orthonormal basis of V consisting of characteristic vectors of N , in which the matrix of N is diagonal

Best Of Luck