

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018
I Year II Semester
Core Major- Paper IV
LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time : 3 Hours

Max.marks :75

Section A ($10 \times 2 = 20$) Marks

Answer any **TEN** questions

1. Define an algebraic element of degree n .
2. Define algebraic extension.
3. When is an element $a \in K$ said to be a root of $p(x) \in f(x)$ of multiplicity m ?
4. Define simple extension.
5. Define fixed field of the group of automorphisms of a field K .
6. Define the Galois group of $f(x) \in F[x]$.
7. Define the index of nilpotence of a linear transformation.
8. Define the invariants of a linear transformation.
9. Define basic Jordan block belonging to λ .
10. Define rational canonical form of T .
11. Define a transcendental number and give an example.
12. Define characteristic polynomial of T .

Section B ($5 \times 5 = 25$) Marks

Answer any **FIVE** questions

13. If a, b in K are algebraic over F , then prove that $a \pm b$, $a.b$ and a/b (if $b \neq 0$) are all algebraic over F .
14. If L is an algebraic extension of K and K is an algebraic extension of F , then prove that L is an algebraic extension of F .
15. Show that if $p(x) \in F(x)$ of degree $n \geq 1$ and is irreducible over F then there is an extension E of F such that $[E : F] = n$ in which $p(x)$ has a root.
16. Define $G(K, F)$. show that $G(K, F)$ is a subgroup of all automorphisms of K .
17. Show that if $T \in A(V)$ is nilpotent then $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 T + \dots + \alpha_m T^m$, where the $\alpha_i \in F$ is invertible if $\alpha_0 \neq 0$.
18. Prove that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is nilpotent and find its invariants.

19. Prove that every linear transformation $T \in A(V)$ satisfies its characteristic polynomial.

Section C ($3 \times 10 = 30$) Marks

Answer any **THREE** questions

20. Prove that the number e is transcendental.
21. If F is of characteristic 0 and if a, b are algebraic over F , show that there exists an element $c \in F(a, b)$ such that $F(a, b) = F(c)$.
22. Show that there is one-to-one correspondence between the sub fields of the splitting field of $f(x)$ and the subgroups of its Galois group.
23. Prove that two nilpotent linear transformations are similar if and only if they have the same invariants.
24. Prove that the elements S and T in $A_F(V)$ are similar in $A_F(V)$ if and only if they have the same elementary divisors.

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