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**(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2011-12 & thereafter)**

**SUBJECT CODE : 11MT/PC/LA24**

**M. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2014**  
**BRANCH I – MATHEMATICS**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**

**COURSE : CORE**  
**PAPER : LINEAR ALGEBRA**  
**TIME : 3 HOURS**

**MAX. MARKS : 100**

**Section-A**  
**Answer ALL the questions** **(5x2=10)**

1. Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.
2. Define  $R$ -module and finitely generated  $R$ -module.
3. Prove that if  $u \in V_1$  is such that  $u T^{n_1-k} = 0$ , where  $0 < k \leq n_1$ , then  $u = u_0 T^k$  for some  $u_0 \in V_1$ .
4. Show that the linear operator  $U$  on  $V$  is unitary iff the adjoint  $U^*$  of  $U$  exists and  $UU^* = U^*U = 1$ .
5. Define Sesqui – linear form.

**Section-B**  
**Answer any FIVE questions** **(5x6=30)**

6. Show that the characteristic and minimal polynomials for a linear operator  $T$  on  $n$  – dimensional vector space  $V$  have the same roots except for multiplicities.
7. Prove that a linear operator  $T$  is triangulable iff the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is a product of linear polynomials over  $F$ .
8. If  $A$  &  $B$  are sub modules of a module  $M$ , prove that  $\frac{A+B}{B} \approx \frac{A}{A \cap B}$ .
9. If  $T \in A(V)$  is nilpotent of index  $n_1$  then show that basis of  $V$  can be found such that the matrix of  $T$  in this basis has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{n_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & M_{n_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & M_{n_r} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $n_1 \geq n_2 \dots \geq n_r$  and  $n_1 + n_2 \dots + n_r = \dim_F V$ , stating required results.

10. Prove that if  $T \in A(V)$ , has a minimal polynomial over  $F$  given by  $p(x) = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 x + \dots + \gamma_{r-1} x^{r-1} + x^r$  and further that  $V$  as a module is a cyclic module then there is a basis of  $V$  over  $F$  such that in this basis, the matrix of  $T$  is
- $$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -\gamma_0 & -\gamma_1 & \dots & \dots & -\gamma_{r-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$
11. Prove that if  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$ , where  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional inner product space with same dimension over the same fields then the following are equivalent.
1.  $T$  preserves inner products.
  2.  $T$  is an (inner product space) isomorphism.
  3.  $T$  carries every orthonormal basis for  $V$  onto an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .
  4.  $T$  carries some orthonormal basis for  $V$  onto an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .
12. Prove that for a finite dimensional inner product space  $V$  and form  $f$  there exist a unique linear operator  $T$  on  $V$  such that  $f(\alpha, \beta) = (T\alpha | \beta)$  for all  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $V$  and  $f \rightarrow T$  is an isomorphism.

### Section-C

Answer any THREE questions

(3x20=60)

13. State and prove Cayley Hamilton theorem and prove that the minimal polynomial for  $T \in A(V)$  divides the characteristic polynomial for  $T \in A(V)$ .
14. State and prove fundamental theorem on finitely generated modules .
15. Prove that for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k, V_i \neq 0$  and  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ , the minimal polynomial of  $T_i$  is  $q_i(x)^{l_i}$ .
16. Prove that for every invertible complex  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  there exists a unique lower triangular matrix  $M$  with positive entries on the main diagonal such that  $MB$  is unitary.
17. Prove: There exists a subspace  $W$  of  $V$ , invariant under  $T$ , such that  $V = V_1 \oplus W$  .

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