

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Category-I

B.Sc. (Hons.) Mathematics, Semester-VI

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 16: ADVANCED GROUP THEORY

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Advanced Group Theory	4	3	1	0	Class XII pass with Mathematics	DSC-7: Group Theory

Learning Objectives: The objective of the course is to introduce:

- The concept of group actions.
- Sylow's Theorem and its applications to groups of various orders.
- Composition series and Jordan-Hölder theorem.

Learning Outcomes: This course will enable the students to:

- Understand the concept of group actions and their applications.
- Understand finite groups using Sylow's theorem.
- Use Sylow's theorem to determine whether a group is simple or not.
- Understand and determine if a group is solvable or not.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-16

UNIT – I: Group Actions

(18 hours)

Definition and examples of group actions, Permutation representations; Centralizers and Normalizers, Stabilizers and kernels of group actions; Groups acting on themselves by left multiplication and conjugation with consequences; Cayley's theorem, Conjugacy classes, Class equation, Conjugacy in S_n , Simplicity of A_5 .

UNIT – II: Sylow Theorems and Applications

(15 hours)

p -groups, Sylow p -subgroups, Sylow's theorem, Applications of Sylow's theorem, Groups of order pq and p^2q (p and q both prime); Finite simple groups, Nonsimplicity tests.

UNIT – III: Solvable Groups and Composition Series

(12 hours)

Solvable groups and their properties, Commutator subgroups, Nilpotent groups, Composition series, Jordan-Hölder theorem.

Essential Readings

1. Dummit, David S., & Foote, Richard M. (2004). Abstract Algebra (3rd ed.). John Wiley & Sons. Student Edition, Wiley India 2016.
2. Gallian, Joseph. A. (2017). Contemporary Abstract Algebra (9th ed.). Cengage Learning India Private Limited, Delhi. Indian Reprint 2021.
3. Beachy, John A., & Blair, William D. (2019). Abstract Algebra (4th ed.). Waveland Press.

Suggestive Readings

- Fraleigh, John B., & Brand Neal E. (2021). A First Course in Abstract Algebra (8th ed.). Pearson.
- Herstein, I. N. (1975). Topics in Algebra (2nd ed.). Wiley India. Reprint 2022.
- Rotman, Joseph J. (1995). An Introduction to the Theory of Groups (4th ed.). Springer.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 17: ADVANCED LINEAR ALGEBRA

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Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Advanced Linear Algebra	4	3	1	0	Class XII pass with Mathematics	DSC-4: Linear Algebra

Learning Objectives: The objective of the course is to introduce:

- Linear functionals, dual basis and the dual (or transpose) of a linear transformation.
- Diagonalization problem and Jordan canonical form for linear operators or matrices using eigenvalues.
- Inner product, norm, Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, and orthogonality on real or complex vector spaces.
- The adjoint of a linear operator with application to least squares approximation and minimal solutions to linear system.
- Characterization of self-adjoint (or normal) operators on real (or complex) spaces in terms of orthonormal bases of eigenvectors and their corresponding eigenvalues.

Learning Outcomes: This course will enable the students to:

- Understand the notion of an inner product space in a general setting and how the notion of inner products can be used to define orthogonal vectors, including to the Gram-Schmidt process to generate an orthonormal set of vectors.
- Use eigenvectors and eigenspaces to determine the diagonalizability of a linear operator.
- Find the Jordan canonical form of matrices when they are not diagonalizable.