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**B. Sc. (General) Degree in Applied Sciences  
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MAP 1301 – LINEAR ALGEBRA**

**Time: Three (03) hours**

**Answer All (06) questions**

1. a) Let  $V$  be the set of all ordered triples  $(a, b, c)$  of real numbers. Determine whether the set  $V$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  under the following vector addition  $\oplus$  and scalar multiplication  $\otimes$ :
 
$$(a_1, b_1, c_1) \oplus (a_2, b_2, c_2) = (a_1 + a_2 + a_3, b_1 + b_2 + b_3, c_1 + c_2 + c_3),$$

$$\alpha \otimes (a, b, c) = (\alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c), \text{ where } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**(45 Marks)**
- b) Let  $W$  be non-empty subset of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Prove that  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  over  $\mathbb{F}$  if and only if for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $x, y \in W$ ,  $\alpha x + \beta y \in W$ .
 

**(35 Marks)**
- c) Determine which of the following are subspaces of the given vector spaces:
  - i. The set of vectors of the form  $\{(a, 0, 0) | a \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is the vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - ii. The set of matrices of the form  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (Natural numbers)} \right\} \subseteq M_{22}$ , where  $M_{22}$  is the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**(20 Marks)**
2. a) Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$  be a subset of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Explain the following briefly:
  - i.  $V$  is spanned by  $S$ .
  - ii.  $S$  is linearly independent.
  - iii.  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ .
  - iv. Dimension of  $V$ .

**(20 Marks)**
- b) Determine whether the given set of vectors spans the given vector space:
  - i.  $S = \{(1, -1, 2), (1, 1, 2), (0, 0, 1)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - ii.  $S = \{1 - x, 3 - x^2, x\} \subseteq P_2$ .  $P_2$  is the vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $P_2 = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

**(20 Marks)**
- c) i. If  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  are linearly independent vectors in a vector space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ , then prove that the set  $\{u_1 + u_2, u_2 + u_3, u_3\}$  is also a linearly independent set in  $V$ .
- ii. Determine the value of  $q$  such that the following set of vectors  $S$  is linearly independent.
 
$$S = \{(1, 1, 2, 1), (2, 1, 2, 3), (1, 4, 2, 1), (-1, 3, 5, q)\}.$$

**(20 Marks)**

d) Let  $W$  be the subset of  $P_3$  with usual notations, where

$$W = \{x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 1, 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 9x - 1, x^3 + 6x - 5, 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x + 5\}.$$

Find a basis for  $W$ .

(Hint: Form a matrix then reduced to row echelon form).

**(40 Marks)**

3. a) Using Gauss-Jordan elimination method, find the inverse of the following matrix  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**(40 Marks)**

b) Discuss the nature of all solutions of the following linear system, depending on constants

$$b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$x - 2y - 2z = b_1$$

$$2x - 5y - 4z = b_2.$$

$$4x - 9y - 8z = b_3$$

**(60 Marks)**

4. a) Define a linear transformation.

Show that the following mappings are linear transformations.

i.  $T((x, y)) = (x - y)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

ii.  $T((a, b, c)) = (c, a + b)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

iii.  $T((a, b)) = (a + b, a - b, b)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

**(40 Marks)**

b) Define the kernel and image of a linear transformation.

Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, where  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ .

Show that, the kernel of  $T$  is a subspace of  $V$  and the image of  $T$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

**(40 Marks)**

c) Find the kernel and image of the following linear transformations:

i.  $T((x, y)) = (x - y)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

ii.  $T((a, b, c)) = (c, a + b)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**(20 Marks)**

5. a) State and prove the Rank-Nullity theorem.

**(40 Marks)**

b) For each of the following linear mappings  $T$ , find a basis and the dimension of their Kernel and Image spaces.

i.  $T((a, b, c, d)) = (a - b + c + d, a + 2c - d, a + b + 3c - 3d)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

ii.  $T((x, y, z)) = (x + y, y + z)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**(60 Marks)**

6. a) Define an inner product space.

Show that  $\langle u, v \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i$  is an inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  
where  $u = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $v = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ , where  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

**(35 Marks)**

b) Let  $V$  be an inner product space over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then show that,

i.  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

ii.  $|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

**(30 Marks)**

c) Define an eigenvalue of a matrix of order  $n$ .

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  be a  $2 \times 2$  matrix. Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .

**(35 Marks)**

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