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

**Time: Three (03) hours**

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**Answer All (06) questions**

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1. a) Let  $V$  be the set of ordered triples of real numbers defines as  $V = \{(x_1, x_2, 0) \mid x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Determine whether the set  $V$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  under the following vector addition  $\oplus$  and scalar multiplication  $\otimes$ :

$$(x_1, x_2, 0) \oplus (y_1, y_2, 0) = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, 0),$$
$$\alpha \otimes (x_1, x_2, 0) = (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, 0), \text{ where } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**(45 Marks)**

- b) Define a subspace of a vector space.

Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Prove that

$W_1 + W_2 = \{x_1 + x_2 \mid x_1 \in W_1, x_2 \in W_2\}$  is a subspace of  $V$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**(35 Marks)**

- c) Determine which of the following are subspaces of the given vector spaces:

- i. The set of vectors of the form  $\{(a, b, 1) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- ii. The set of matrices of the form  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid ad - bc \neq 0, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subseteq M_{22}$ , where  $M_{22}$  is a 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  $F$ .

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:

- In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $S = \{(1, -1, 2), (1, 1, 2), (0, 0, 2)\}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- In  $P_2$ :  $S = \{(1 - x^2), (1 - 2x), (x + x^2)\}$ ,  $P_2$  is the vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $P_2 = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 | a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

(20 Marks)

c) 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  $\{u_1 - u_2, u_2 - u_3, u_3 - u_1\}$  is also a linearly independent set in  $V$ .

(20 Marks)

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

$W = \{x^3 + 2x + 1, 2x^3 - 3x - 1, x^3 + 2x - 5, 2x^2 - 2x\}$ . Find the dimension of the subspace spanned by  $W$ .

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

(40 Marks)

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

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

(40 Marks)

b) Find all solutions of the following system of equations, depending on  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 2x_2 - 2x_3 &= a_1 \\ 2x_1 - 5x_2 - 4x_3 &= a_2 \\ 4x_1 - 9x_2 - 8x_3 &= a_3 \end{aligned}$$

(60 Marks)

4. a) Define a rank of a matrix.

Using echelon form find the rank of the following matrix,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(40 Marks)

a) Define a linear transformation.

Show that the following mappings are linear transformations.

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

(40 Marks)

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

- i.  $T((x, y)) = (x - 2y, 2x + y)$ , where  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- ii.  $T((a, b, c)) = (a - c, a + b)$ , 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. Also verify the Rank-Nullity theorem.

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

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

(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  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with

$$u = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), v = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n).$$

(35 Marks)

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

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \text{ for all } x, y \in V.$$

(30 Marks)

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

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix. Find eigenvalues and corresponding to eigenvectors of  $A$ .

(35 Marks)

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