



**DHANALAKSHMI SRINIVASAN COLLEGE
OF ARTS & SCIENCE FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS)**

(For Candidates admitted from 2020-2021 onwards)



PG DEGREE EXAMINATIONS APRIL – 2021

M.SC - MATHEMATICS

LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time: 3 Hrs

Max.Marks: 75

PART - A

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

(10×1 = 10)

1. The system of equation $AX=0$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then
 - a) $ad - bc = 0$
 - b) $ad - bc \neq 0$
 - c) $ad + bc = 0$
 - d) $ad + bc \neq 0$
2. An $n \times n$ matrix A is called upper triangular
 - a) $A_{ij} = 0$
 - b) $A_{ji} = 0$
 - c) $A_{ii} = 0$
 - d) $A_{jj} = 0$
3. The space V^* is denoted by
 - a) $L(V, V)$
 - b) $L(F, F)$
 - c) $L(V, F)$
 - d) $L[V, F]$
4. If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with entries in the field F then
 - a) row rank \neq column rank
 - b) row rank = column rank
 - c) row rank + column rank = $2n$
 - d) None of the above
5. A polynomial f of degree n over a field has
 - a) n roots
 - b) exactly n roots
 - c) at least n roots
 - d) at most n roots
6. A linear combination of n -linear functions is
 - a) n linear
 - b) $(n-1)$ linear
 - c) $(n+1)$ linear
 - d) linear
7. An $n \times n$ matrix A over a field F is skew symmetric if
 - a) $A = A'$
 - b) $A \equiv A'$
 - c) $-A = A'$
 - d) $A = (A')'$
8. If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ then the characteristic polynomial is
 - a) $x^2 - 1$
 - b) $x^3 - 1$
 - c) $x^2 + 1$
 - d) $x^3 + 1$
9. If E is a projection on R along N then $(I-E)$ is
 - a) projection on N along R
 - b) projection on N along E
 - c) projection on R along E
 - d) is not a projection
10. If T is a linear operator on an arbitrary vector space and if there is a monic polynomial P such that
 - a) $P(T)=1$
 - b) $P(T)=0$
 - c) $P(T)=-1$
 - d) $P(T)=0, 1$

PART - B

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

(5×7 = 35)

11. a) If A,B,C are matrices over the field F such that the products BC and A(BC) are defined prove that the products AB, (AB)C are also defined and $A(BC) = (AB)C$.

(OR)

b) If W is a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space V show that every linearly independent set of W is finite and is part of a basis for W.

12. a) Let F be a field and T be a linear operator on F^2 defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1)$ prove that T is non-singular.

(OR)

b) If W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space show that $W_1 = W_2$ if and only if $W_1^0 = W_2^0$.

13. a) State and prove Lagrange's interpolation formula.

(OR)

b) Let K be a commutative ring with identity and let n be a positive integer prove that there exists at least one determinant function on $K^{n \times n}$.

14. a) Let K be a commutative ring with identity, A and B be $n \times n$ matrices over K prove that $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$.

(OR)

b) Define Characteristic value, Characteristic vector, Characteristic space, Characteristic value of A in F, Characteristic polynomial.

15. a) Show that the range of T and the null space of T is invariant under T.

(OR)

b) Let F be a commuting family of diagonalizable linear operators on the finite dimensional vector space V prove that there exists an ordered basis for V such that every operator in F represented in that basis by a diagonal matrix.

PART - C

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

(3×10 = 30)

16. If W_1 and W_2 are finite dimensional subspaces of a vector space V prove that $W_1 + W_2$ is finite dimensional and $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 = \dim (W_1 \cap W_2) + \dim (W_1 + W_2)$.

17. Let V be a n-dimensional vector space over the field F and W be m-dimensional vector space over the field F show that the space $L(V, W)$ is finite dimensional with dimension mn.

18. Let D be an n-linear function on $n \times n$ matrix over K. Suppose D has the property that $D(A) = 0$ whenever two adjacent rows of A are equal prove that D is alternating.

19. State and prove Cayley Hamilton theorem.

20. State and prove primary decomposition theorem.