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*Candidates are required to give their answer in their own words as far as practicable.  
Questions are of equal value.*

Answer any **one question**

from the following:

1. (a) State Eisenstein criterion. Prove that this is a sufficient criterion for irreducibility of a polynomial over  $\mathbb{Z}$  (the set of all integers).
- (b) Check whether the polynomial  $x^4 - 5x^2 + x + 1$  is irreducible or not over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (c) In an integral domain, prove that any prime element is irreducible. Show that the converse of this result is not true in an integral domain.
2. (a) Consider the integral domain  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-3}]$ . Then Show that
  - (i) 1 and  $-1$  are the only units in this integral domain.
  - (ii)  $1 + \sqrt{-3}$ , 2 are irreducible elements in this integral domain.



- (iii) But none of  $1 + \sqrt{-3}$  and 2 is prime there.
- (b) Prove that the ring of Gaussian integers is a Euclidean domain.
3. (a) Give example of an integral domain which is not a factorization domain with justification.
- (b) If  $K$  is a field then prove that  $K[x]$  is a Euclidean domain.
- (c) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity such that  $R[x]$  is a PID (Principal Ideal Domain). Then prove that  $R$  is a field.
- (d) Check the irreducibility of a cyclotomic polynomial over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (e) Show that  $R[x]/(x) \cong R$  where  $R$  is a commutative ring with identity.
4. (a) Define diagonalizability of a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a vector space  $V$  over  $F$  such that  $T^2 = T$ . Prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable.
- (b) Find all possible invariant factors and hence write down all possible Jordan canonical forms of a matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$  (the field of all real numbers) whose characteristic polynomial is
- $$(x-4)^4(x-1)(x-5)^5$$
- and the minimal polynomial is
- $$(x-4)^2(x-1)(x-5)^2.$$
5. (a) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomial functions  $p$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  which have degree two or less:  $p(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2$ . Let us define the following three linear functionals on  $V$  by
- $$f_1(p) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx \text{ for all } p \in V,$$
- $$f_2(p) = \int_0^2 p(x) dx \text{ for all } p \in V,$$
- $$f_3(p) = \int_0^{-1} p(x) dx \text{ for all } p \in V.$$



Show that  $\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$  forms a basis for  $V^*$  by exhibiting the basis for  $V$  of which it is the dual.

(b) Define transpose of a linear transformation. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by  $T(x, y) = (0, x, y)$ . Find  $T^t$  (transpose of  $T$ ).

(c) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with real entries. Prove that each entry of  $A$  is zero if and only if  $\text{trace}(A^t A) = 0$ .

(d) Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomial functions over the field of real numbers which have degree at most  $n$ , i.e., the functions of the form

$$f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_nx^n.$$

Let  $D$  be the differentiation operator on  $V$ . Find a basis for the null space of the transpose operator  $D^t$ .

6. (a) Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with the standard inner product. Applying Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process, orthonormalize the following set of vectors:

$$\{(1, 0, 1), (1, 0, -1), (0, 3, 4)\}.$$

(b) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space and  $f$  be a linear functional on  $V$ . Then prove that there exists a unique vector  $\beta$  in  $V$  such that  $f(\alpha) = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$  for all  $\alpha \in V$ .

(c) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional inner product space  $V$ . Show that there exists a unique linear operator  $T^*$  on  $V$  such that

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle \text{ for all } x, y \in V.$$

(d) Define self-adjoint operator and normal operator on a finite dimensional inner product space. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space and  $T$  be a normal operator on  $V$ . Then prove that  $\alpha$  is a characteristic vector for  $T$  with characteristic value  $c$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is a characteristic vector for  $T^*$  with characteristic value  $\bar{c}$ .



7. (a) Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find all the invariant subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which are invariant under  $T$ .

- (b) Let  $T$  be the linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over the field  $F$ . Define minimal polynomial of  $T$ . Prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable if and only if the minimal polynomial  $p$  of  $T$  has the form  $p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^k (x - c_i)$  where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are distinct elements of  $F$ .

- (c) Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -9 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 3 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exhibit a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to which the matrix representation of  $T$  is diagonal.

8. (a) If  $f(x)$  is a polynomial in  $F[x]$  of degree 2 or 3, then show that  $f(x)$  is reducible over the field  $F$  if and only if it has a zero in  $F$ .

Let  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + x + 1$ . Show that  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

- (b) Define an irreducible element and a prime element in an integral domain  $D$ . Show that every irreducible element is a prime element in a unique factorization domain.

- (c) Show that 2 is an irreducible element in the domain  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-6}]$ . Using the equality  $2 \cdot 5 = (2 + \sqrt{-6})(2 - \sqrt{-6})$ , establish that 2 is not a prime element in  $D$ .

9. (a) Define a unique factorization domain. Give an example of it with explanation.

- (b) Let  $D$  be a PID (principal ideal domain) and  $\langle p \rangle$  be a nonzero ideal in  $D$ . Show that  $\langle p \rangle$  is a maximal ideal if and only if  $p$  is irreducible.



(c) (i) Define a Euclidean domain. Prove that every Euclidean domain is a PID.

(ii) Find a  $gcd(d)$  of the elements  $a = 7+4i$  and  $b = 4+3i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  with a Euclidean valuation  $v$  defined by  $v(m+in) = m^2 + n^2$  for  $m+in \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ . Also express  $d$  as  $d = au + bv$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

10. (a) State and prove Cayley-Hamilton theorem. Use the theorem to find  $A^{100}$ ,

$$\text{where } = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix, where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

11. (a) Define the dual space of a vector space  $V$ .

If  $V$  is a vector space of dimension  $n$  over a field  $F$ , then the dimension of its dual space is also  $n$ .

(b) Let a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by

$T(x, y, z) = (2x + y - 2z, 2x + 3y - 4z, x + y - z)$ . Find all eigen values of  $T$  and find a basis of each eigen space.

(c) Reduce the following quadratic form into Canonical form and examine whether it is positive definite or not:  $6x^2 + y^2 + 18z^2 - 4yz - 12zx$ .

12. (a) Find the value of  $k$  so that the following expression forms an inner product:

$$(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = a_1b_1 - 3a_1b_2 - 3a_2b_1 + ka_2b_2, \text{ where } \vec{a} = (a_1, a_2), \vec{b} = (b_1, b_2).$$

Use the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation process to find the orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  generated by the set of vectors  $\{(1, -1, 1), (2, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$ .



- (b) If  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_r\}$  is an orthonormal set of vectors in a Euclidean space  $V$ , then for any vector  $\alpha$  in  $V$ , show that  $\|\alpha\|^2 \geq c_1^2 + c_2^2 + \dots + c_r^2$ , where  $c_i$  is the scalar component of  $\alpha$  along  $\beta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . When does the equality occur?
- (c) Find the orthogonal complement of the subspace  $P$ , generated by the vectors  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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