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RING THEORY AND LINEAR ALGEBRA II

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

Answer Question No. 1 and any *five* from the rest

1. Answer any *five* questions from the following: 2×5 = 10
 - (a) In the ring $\mathbb{Z}_8[x]$, show that $[1] + [2]x$ is a unit.
 - (b) Let R be an integral domain and p be a prime element in R . Then show that p is irreducible.
 - (c) Prove that $[2]$ is not an irreducible element in \mathbb{Z}_6 .
 - (d) Find all associates of $1 + i$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.
 - (e) Let T be a linear operator on $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $T(a, b) = (-2a + 3b, -10a + 9b)$. Find the eigen values of T .
 - (f) Let S be a subset of a vector space V over a field F . Show that S^0 is a subspace of V^* , where S^0 denotes the annihilator of S and V^* denotes the dual space of V .
 - (g) Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be the standard inner product on \mathbb{R}^2 . Let $\alpha = (1, 2)$ and $\beta = (-1, 1)$. If γ is a vector such that $\langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle = -1$ and $\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle = 3$, find γ .
 - (h) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space. What is the minimal polynomial of the identity operator on V ?

2. (a) If D is an integral domain, show that $D[x]$ is an integral domain. Also show that if D is a field, then $D[x]$ can never be a field. 3+1
- (b) Let F be a field and $\alpha : F[x] \rightarrow F[x]$ be an automorphism such that $\alpha(a) = a$ for all $a \in F$. Show that $\alpha(x) = ax + b$ for some $a, b \in F$. 4

3. (a) Prove that every irreducible element in a UFD is a prime element. 4
- (b) Test for the irreducibility of the following polynomials: 2+2
 - (i) $x^3 - [9]$ over \mathbb{Z}_{11}
 - (ii) $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ over \mathbb{Z} .

4. (a) Prove that every Euclidean domain is a PID. 4
 (b) Find a gcd of the elements $3+i, 5+i$ in the Euclidean domain $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ with a Euclidean valuation v defined by $v(m+ni) = m^2 + n^2$ for $m+ni \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$. If d is the gcd, express d as $d = (3+i)u + (5+i)v$ for some u, v in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. 4

5. (a) Find the dual basis for the ordered basis 4
 $\mathcal{B} = \{(1, -2, 3), (1, -1, 1), (2, -4, 7)\}$ of $V_3(\mathbb{R})$.

- (b) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over a field \mathbb{F} . Define $\psi : V \rightarrow V^{**}$ by $\psi(x) = \hat{x}, \forall x \in V$, where $\hat{x} : V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is defined by $\hat{x}(f) = f(x), \forall f \in V^*$. Show that ψ is an isomorphism from V to V^{**} . 4

6. (a) Apply Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors $\beta_1 = (1, 0, 1), \beta_2 = (1, 0, -1), \beta_3 = (0, 3, 4)$, to obtain an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 with the standard inner product. 4

- (b) Find a matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is in Jordan Canonical form, where 4

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

7. (a) Let W be a subset of a vector space V over a field K . Define the annihilator of W . If U and W are subspaces of a vector space V over a field K , then show that $(U+W)^0 = U^0 \cap W^0$, where U^0, W^0 are annihilators of U, W respectively. 1+4

- (b) If W is a subspace of R^4 , generated by $(1, 2, 3, 4)$ and $(1, 1, 1, 1)$, then find a basis of the annihilator of W . 3

8. (a) Let T be a linear operator on a complex inner product space V . Prove that T is normal if and only if $\|T^*(u)\| = \|T(u)\|, \forall u \in V$. 4

- (b) Prove that the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not diagonalizable over the field \mathbb{C} . 4

9. Let $V = P_3(\mathbb{R})$ and T be a linear operator on V defined by $T(p(x)) = xp'(x) + p''(x) - p(2)$. $\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ is the standard ordered basis for V . Find the matrix representation of T relative to the basis \mathcal{B} for V . Find the characteristic polynomial of $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$. Show that T is diagonalizable. Also find the minimal polynomial of T . 1+2+4+1

(Here $p'(x)$ and $p''(x)$ denote the first and second order derivative of $p(x)$)

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