

Name of Course	: CBCS B.Sc. (H) Mathematics
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Name of Paper	: C14-Ring Theory and Linear Algebra-II
Semester	: VI
Duration	: 3 hours
Maximum Marks	: 75 Marks

*Attempt any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.*

1. Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is not a principal ideal domain. Also show that  $2x^2 + x + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . Construct a field of order 16.
2. Prove that in a unique factorization domain, an element is irreducible if and only if it is prime. Prove or disprove that a subdomain of a principal ideal domain is a principal ideal domain. Show that  $x^4 + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  but reducible over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

3. Let  $T: P_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbb{R})$  be a linear operator such that

$$T(f(x)) = f'(x) + f''(x).$$

Find the eigenvalues of  $T$  and their corresponding eigenspaces. Is  $T$  a diagonalizable linear operator? Find the minimal polynomial of  $T$ . Now suppose that  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\beta = \{(1,0,2), (0,1,1), (1,1,0)\}$  be an ordered basis for  $V$ . Find an ordered basis  $\beta^*$  of  $V^*$  which is the dual basis corresponding to  $\beta$ .

4. Find an ordered basis for the  $T$ -cyclic subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generated by the vector  $z$  where  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  is a linear operator such that

$$T(a, b, c, d) = (c + d, -b, a + b, 2a + b)$$

and  $z = e_1$ . Is  $W$  a  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Find the characteristic polynomial of  $T_W$ . Show that the characteristic polynomial of  $T_W$  obtained above divides the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ . Verify Cayley-Hamilton Theorem for  $T_W$ .

5. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the subset

$$S = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$$

of the inner product space  $V = C[-\pi, \pi]$  with the inner product given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)g(t) dt$$

to obtain an orthogonal basis for  $\text{span}(S)$ , i.e., the subspace of  $V$  spanned by the functions in  $S$ , where  $f_1(x) = 1$ ,  $f_2(x) = \sin x$  and  $f_3(x) = \cos x$ . Then normalize the vectors in this basis to obtain an orthonormal basis  $\beta$  for  $\text{span}(S)$ .

6. Use the least squares approximation to find the best fit quadratic function for the set

$$\{(-1,5), (1,1), (2,1), (3,-3)\}.$$

Also compute the corresponding error  $E$ . Also find the minimal solution to the following system of linear equations:

$$x + y + z - w = 1$$

$$2x - y + w = 1$$

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