

B.SC. THIRD SEMESTER (HONS.) EXAMINATION 2021

Subject: Mathematics

Course ID: 32114

Course Title: Algebra

Course Code: SH/MTH/304/GE-3

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hour

The figures in the margin indicate full marks

Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.

1. Answer *any five* of the following questions: (2x5=10)

a) Prove that  $\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n.(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$ .

b) Prove that  $\frac{(n+1)^n}{2^n} > n!$ .

c) Show that the product of all values of  $(\sqrt{3} + i)^{\frac{3}{5}}$  is  $8i$ .

d) Apply Descartes' rule of sign to examine the nature of roots of the equation

$$x^4 - 4x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0.$$

e) What is the smallest equivalence relation on the set  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ .

f) Show that the function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = |x| + x$  is neither injective nor surjective.

g) Find the dimension of the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3: 2x + y - z = 0\}.$$

h) Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to compute  $A^{2020}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. Answer *any four* of the following questions: (5x4=20)

a) If  $(1 + x)^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$ , prove that

$$a_0 + a_4 + a_8 + \dots = 2^{n-2} + 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4}.$$

b) If one root of the equation  $x^3 + ax + b = 0$  is twice the difference of the other two, then prove that one root is  $\frac{13b}{3a}$ .

c) (i) Show that  $1! . 3! . 5! \dots (2n - 1)! > (n!)^n$ .

(ii) Prove that the number of primes is infinite. 3 + 2

d) Determine the conditions of  $a$  and  $b$  for which the system of equations has (i) only one solution, (ii) no solution, (iii) many solutions:

$$x + 2y + z = 1$$

$$2x + y + 3z = b$$

$$x + ay + 3z = 1 + b.$$

e) A mapping  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x + y + z, 2x + y + 2z, x + 2y + z), (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Show that  $T$  is a linear mapping. Find  $\text{Ker } T$  and the dimension of  $\text{Ker } T$ .

f) Find the real eigen values (if any) and the corresponding eigen vectors of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Answer *any one* of the following questions:

(1x10=10)

a) (i) Let  $z$  be a variable complex number such that the amplitude of  $\frac{z-i}{z+1}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ . Show that the point  $z$  lies on a circle in the complex plane.

(ii) Prove that the product of any  $m$  consecutive integers is divisible by  $m$ .

(iii) Show that the mapping  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-|x|}$ , where  $S = (-1, 1)$ , is

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b) (i) Prove that the eigen values of a real symmetric matrix are all real.

(ii) Determine the linear mapping  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  that maps the basis vectors

$(0,1,1), (1,0,1), (1,1,0)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to the vectors  $(2,1,1), (1,2,1), (1,1,2)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  respectively. Also

find  $\text{Ker } T$  and  $\text{Im } T$ .

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