

M.Sc. (MATHEMATICS WITH
APPLICATIONS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE)
M.Sc. (MACS)

Term-End Examination

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MMT-003 : (ALGEBRA)

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Question No. 1 is compulsory. Also do any four questions from q. no. 2 to q. no. 6. Calculators are not allowed.

1. Which of the following statements are **true** and which are **false**. Give reasons for your answer.

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- (a) There is a simple group of order 20.
- (b) If K/F is a field extension of degree 3, then $K = F(\alpha)$ for any $\alpha \in K - F$.
- (c) If χ is a character of a finite group G and $\bar{\chi}$ is defined by $\bar{\chi}(g) = \overline{\chi(g)}$, then $\bar{\chi}$ is also a character.
- (d) The field of order 64 has a sub field of order 32.
- (e) If ρ is a representation of a group G over \mathbf{R} , then there is one and only one $g \in G$ for which $\rho(g) = I$.

2. (a) Let $K \subset H \subset G$ be groups where G is a finite group. Prove the formula. 4
 $[G : K] = [G : H] [H : K]$
- (b) Solve the set of congruences 3
 $x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$
 $x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
 $x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$.
- (c) Let G be a group of order n which operates non-trivially on a set of order r . If $n + r!$, then show that G has a proper normal subgroup $\neq \{e\}$. 3

3. (a) Reduce the matrix given below to diagonal form by integer row and column operations : 3

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

- (b) Evaluate the Legendre symbol. 3
 $\left(\frac{13}{227} \right)$
- (c) Let $V = \{e, a, b, c\}$ be the Klein four group with the group operation given below : 4

.	e	a	b	c
e	e	a	b	c
a	a	e	c	b
b	b	c	e	a
c	c	b	a	e

Let $\rho : V \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ be defined as

$$\rho(e) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \rho(a) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho(b) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \rho(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Check that ρ is a representation of V .
- (ii) Find the character of ρ .
- (iii) Is ρ irreducible? Justify.

4. (a) Let $g \in A_n$ be an even permutation. Let C_1 and C_2 , respectively denote the conjugacy classes of g in S_n and A_n . Further, let H_1 denote the centralizer of g in S_n . Show that if $|C_1| = |C_2|$, then H_1 contains odd permutations and if $|C_1| = 2|C_2|$ then H_1 does not contain any odd permutation. 4
- (b) Check if the ISBN number 978-81-224-3129-2 is a valid ISBN number. 2
- (c) Determine the irreducible polynomial for $\alpha = \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{5}$ over each of the following fields (i) \mathbb{Q} (ii) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$. 2+2
5. (a) Let F be a field and H be a finite subgroup of the multiplicative group F^* of non-zero elements of F . Prove that H is a cyclic group. 6

- (b) The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has order 3 and 4

therefore, it defines a matrix representation $\{I, A, A^2\}$ of the cyclic group G of order 3. Find a G -invariant form on \mathbb{C}^2 .

6. (a) Let α be a complex root of the irreducible polynomial $x^3 - 3x + 4$. Find the inverse of $\alpha^2 - \alpha + 1$ in $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ explicitly in the form $a + b\alpha + c\alpha^2$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$. 3
- (b) Decide whether or not i is in the field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$. 2
- (c) Prove that the only one dimensional complex representations of S_5 are trivial representation defined by $\rho(g) = 1 \forall g \in S_5$ and the sign representation. 5
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