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Multiple-Choice Test

Time: 2 hours

**Notation.**

$\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of all real numbers.

$\mathbb{C}$  denotes the set of all complex numbers.

1. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and let  $W$  be a proper subspace of  $V$ . Let  $W'$  be another subspace of  $V$  such that  $V = W \oplus W'$ , i.e.  $V = \text{span}(W \cup W')$  and  $W \cap W' = \{0\}$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be an invertible linear map such that  $T(W) \subset W$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?
  - (a)  $T(W') \subset W'$ ;
  - (b)  $W' \subset T(W')$ ;
  - (c)  $T(W') \cap W = \{0\}$ ;
  - (d)  $W' \subset \ker(T)$ .
  
2. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional real vector space, and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map such that  $\text{Range}(T) = \ker(T)$ . Which of the following statements is not necessarily true ?
  - (a)  $T = 0$ ;
  - (b)  $T^2 = 0$ ;
  - (c) 0 is an eigenvalue of  $T$ ;
  - (d) All eigenvalues of  $T$  are equal to 0.

3. Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  equipped with the Euclidean metric  $d$  defined by

$$d(x, y) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Let  $W$  be a proper subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?

- (a)  $W$  is closed.
- (b)  $W$  is open.
- (c)  $W$  is not closed.

- (d)  $W$  is neither closed nor open.
4. Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 5$  real matrix. If  $A = (a_{ij})$ , let  $A_{ij}$  denote the cofactor of the entry  $a_{ij}$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 5$ . Let  $A$  denote the matrix whose  $(i, j)$ -th entry is  $A_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 5$ . Suppose the rank of  $A$  is 3. What is the rank of  $A$ ?
- (a) 1;  
(b) 3;  
(c) 5;  
(d) 0.
5. For  $n \geq 2$ , the determinant of the  $n \times n$  permutation matrix
- (a)  $(-1)^n$ ;  
(b)  $(-1)^{n(n-1)/2}$ ;  
(c)  $-1$ ;  
(d) 1.
6. Let  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  denote the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field of real number i.e.

$$M_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Let  $S \subset M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the subspace defined by

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) : a + c = 0 \right\}.$$

Then the dimension of  $S$  is

- (a) 1;  
(b) 2;  
(c) 3;  
(d) 4.
7. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional real vector space of dimension  $n > 1$  and let  $W \subset V$  be a subspace of dimension  $n - 1$ . A linear map from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is called a linear functional on  $V$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?

- (a) There does not exist any linear functional on  $V$  such that  $W$  is the kernel of that linear functional;
- (b)  $W$  is the kernel of unique linear functional on  $V$ ;
- (c)  $W$  is the kernel of a linear functional on  $V$ ;
- (d) There exist a non-zero linear functional on  $V$  whose kernel strictly contains  $W$ .
8. Let  $\langle \cdots \rangle_n$  denote the standard inner product on the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e.

$$\langle x, y \rangle_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

for vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear map such that

$$\langle Tx, Ty \rangle_m = \langle x, y \rangle_n$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . which of the following statements is necessarily true ?

- (a)  $n \geq m$ .
- (b)  $n \leq m$ .
- (c)  $n = m$ .
- (d) The map  $T$  is onto
9. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional real inner product space and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map such that  $\langle TxTy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in V$ . Suppose  $W \subset V$  is a proper subspace of  $V$  such that  $T(W) \subset W$ . Define a subspace  $W^\perp$  of  $V$  by

$$W^\perp := \{v \in V \mid \langle v, w \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } w \in W\}$$

- (a)  $T(W^\perp)$  is not contained in  $W^\perp$ .
- (b)  $T(W^\perp)$  is contained in  $W^\perp$ .
- (c)  $T(W^\perp) \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$ .
- (d)  $W^\perp$  is contained in  $T(W^\perp)$
10. Let  $R$  be a ring with unit such that  $a^2 = a$  for all  $a \in R$ . Which of the following statements is not necessarily true ?
- (a)  $ab = -ba$  for all  $a, b \in R$ ,
- (b)  $a = -a$  for all  $a \in R$ ,

(c)  $R$  is commutative,

(d)  $R = \{0, 1\}$ .

11. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set, and let  $p(S)$  be the power set of  $S$ , i.e.  $p(S) = \{A \mid A \subset S\}$ . Define a binary operation  $\triangleleft$  on  $P(S)$  by  $A \triangleleft B := (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$  for  $A, B \in P(S)$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?

(a)  $(P(S), \triangleleft)$  is not a group as  $\triangleleft$  is not associative.

(b)  $(P(S), \triangleleft)$  is not a group as there is no identity.

(c)  $(P(S), \triangleleft)$  is an abelian group.

(d)  $(P(S), \triangleleft)$  is a non-abelian group.

12. Let  $I_1, I_2$  be ideals of a commutative ring  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define the set

$$I_1 + I_2 := \{a + b \mid a \in I_1, b \in I_2\}.$$

Which of the following statements is not necessarily true ?

(a)  $I_1 + I_2$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(b)  $I_1 \subset I_1 + I_2$ .

(c)  $|I_1 + I_2| = |I_1| + |I_2|$  if  $\mathbb{R}$  is finite.

(d)  $|I_1 + I_2| = |I_1| \cdot |I_2|$  if  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  is finite.

13. Let  $I$  be an ideal of a commutative ring  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define the set

$$\sqrt{I} := \{a \in \mathbb{R} \mid \text{There exists } n \geq 1 \text{ such that } a^n \in I\}.$$

Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?

(a)  $\sqrt{I}$  is an ideal.

(b)  $\sqrt{I}$  is not an ideal.

(c)  $\sqrt{I} = I$ .

(d)  $\sqrt{I} \subset I$ .

14. How many non-isomorphic groups are there of order 15?

(a) 1;

(b) 2;

- (c) 3;  
 (d) 5.
15. Suppose  $G$  is a group and  $a, b \in G$ . which of the following statements is necessarily true ?
- (a) There exist a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = b^n$ ;  
 (b)  $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ ;  
 (c)  $o(ab) = o(ba)$ .  
 (d) None of the above statements is necessarily true.
16. Let  $H_1, H_2$  be distinct subgroups of a finite abelian group  $G$ . Define the subgroup  $H_1H_2$  by  $H_1H_2 = \{h_1h_2 \mid h_1 \in H_1, h_2 \in H_2\}$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?
- (a)  $|G| \leq |H_1| + |H_2|$ ;  
 (b)  $|G \setminus (H_1 \cap H_2)| = |GH_1| \cdot |G \setminus H_2|$ ,  
 (c)  $|G \setminus H_1| = |G \setminus H_2| \cdot |H_2 \setminus (H_1 \cup H_2)|$ .  
 (d)  $|(H_1H_2) \setminus H_1| = |H_2 \setminus (H_1 \cup H_2)|$ .
17. Let  $P > 3$  be a prime number and let  $s_p$  denote the symmetric group on  $P$  symbols. How many  $p$ -Sylow subgroup are there in  $S_p$ ?
- (a) 1;  
 (b)  $p$ ;  
 (c) 2;  
 (d)  $(P - 2)!$ .
18. Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be a commutative ring with unit and let

$$\mathbb{N} = \{a \in \mathbb{R} \mid a^n = 0 \text{ for some integer } n \geq 0\}.$$

Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?

- (a) Any prime of  $\mathbb{R}$  contains  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  
 (b)  $\mathbb{N}$  is not an ideal,  
 (c)  $\mathbb{N}$  is a prime ideal,  
 (d)  $\mathbb{N} = \{0\}$ .

19. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be twice continuously differentiable, and suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f''(x) = 1$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily true ?

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 1$ ,

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$  does not exist,

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 2$ ,

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 1 \setminus 2$ .

20. Let  $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be define by  $f_n(x) = (\cos(\pi x))^{2n}$ . Which of the following statements is true ?

(a) The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ ,

(b) The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  converges pointwise on  $[0, 1]$  to a function  $f$  such that  $f$  has exactly one point of discontinuity,

(c) The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  converges pointwise on  $[0, 1]$  to a function  $f$  such that  $f$  has exactly two points of discontinuity,

sequence  $\{f_n\}$  does not converge pointwise on  $[0, 1]$ .

21. Let  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x)x^{2n}dx = 0$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily false ?

(a)  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x)^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(-x)^2 dx$ .

(b)  $\left( \sup_{x \in [-1, 1]} f(x) \right) + \left( \inf_{x \in [-1, 1]} f(x) \right) = 0$ .

(c)  $f(0) \neq 0$ .

(d)  $f(1 \setminus 2)f(-1 \setminus 2) \leq 0$ .

22. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that  $f(x+1) = f(x) + 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily false ?

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} = 0$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x}$  does not exist,

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = 1$ ,

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} = +\infty$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .

23. Let  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  denote the set of all sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_n \in \{0, 1\}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Define a map  $f : \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(\{x_n\}) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{2^n}.$$

Which of the following statements is true ?

- (a) The map  $f$  is one-to-one and onto from  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  to  $[0, 1]$ .
- (b) The map  $f$  is one-to-one and onto from  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  to  $[0, 1)$ .
- (c) The map  $f$  is onto from  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  to  $[0, 1]$  and  $|f^{-1}(1 \setminus 2)| = 2$ .  
The map  $f$  is onto from  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  to  $[0, 1]$  and  $|f^{-1}(1)| = 2$ .

24. Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a monotone increasing functions, and define  $f_n : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f_n(x) = f(x + n), x \in [0, \infty)$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . Suppose that for some  $x_0 \in [0, \infty)$ , the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x_0)$ , exists. Which of the following statements is necessarily false ?

- (a) The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  converges pointwise on  $[0, \infty)$ .
- (b) The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly on  $[0, \infty)$ .
- (c) The limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  exists.
- (d) The function  $f$  is unbounded on  $[0, \infty)$ .

25. Let  $X, Y$  be set and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Let  $\{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of subsets of  $X$ , i.e.  $S_i \subset X$  for all  $i \in I$ , Where  $I$  is an index set. Which of the following statements is not necessarily true ?

- (a)  $f(\cup_{i \in I} S_i) \subset \cup_{i \in I} f(S_i)$ .
- (b)  $f(\cup_{i \in I} S_i) \supset \cap_{i \in I} f(S_i)$ .
- (c)  $f(\cap_{i \in I} S_i) \subset \cap_{i \in I} f(S_i)$ .
- (d)  $f(\cup_{i \in I} S_i) \supset \cup_{i \in I} f(S_i)$ .

26. Let  $S$  be the set of all those nonnegative real numbers  $\alpha$  with the following property: if  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of nonnegative real number such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n < +\infty$ , then we also have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x_n}}{n^\alpha} < +\infty$ . Which of the following statements is true ?

- (a)  $S = \emptyset$ .
- (b)  $S \supset (1/4, \infty)$ .
- (c)  $S \supset (1/2, \infty)$ .
- (d)  $S \subset (3/4, \infty)$ .

27. Let  $X$  be a finite set. Let  $P(X)$  be the power set of  $X$ , i.e. the set whose elements are all subset of  $X$ . Which of the following defines a metric on the power set  $P(X)$ ?

- (a)  $d(V, W) = |(V \cup W) \setminus (V \cap W)|$ .
- (b)  $d(V, W) = |V \cap W|$ .
- (c)  $d(V, W) = |V \setminus W|$ .
- (d)  $d(V, W) = |V \cup W|$ .

28. The tangent line to the curve  $2x^6 + y^4 = 9xy$  at the point  $(1, 2)$  has slope

- (a)  $3/23$ ,
- (b)  $6/23$ ,
- (c)  $9/23$ ,
- (d)  $4/7$ .

29. Consider the following statements:

- (a) If  $\sum_n a_n$  and  $\sum_n b_n$  are convergent, then  $\sum_n a_n b_n$  is convergent.
  - (b) If  $\sum_n a_n$  is convergent and  $\sum_n b_n$  is absolutely convergent, then  $\sum_n a_n b_n$  is absolutely convergent.
  - (c) If  $a_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$ ,  $\sum_n a_n$  is convergent, and  $\{b_n\}$  is bounded sequence, then  $\sum_n a_n b_n$  is absolutely convergent, then  $\sum_n a_n b_n$  is absolutely convergent. Which of the following statements is true ?
- (a) All of the statements are true,
  - (b) Statement is true but statement is false,
  - (c) Only statements and are true,
  - (d) Only statements and are true.



30. Consider the metric space  $(\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}, d)$ , Where the metric  $d$  is define by  $d(m, n) = |\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{n}|$  for  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $d(n, \infty) = 1/n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function between metric space (Where  $\mathbb{R}$  is equipped with its usual metric). Which of the following statements is necessarily false ?

- (a) The metric space  $\mathbb{N}$  is compact,
- (b) The function  $f$  is unbounded,
- (c) The function  $f$  is uniformly continuous,
- (d) For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set  $f^{-1}(\{x\})$  is compact.

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