## Math H110 Definitions.

- 1. **Endomorphism.** An endomorphism is a group homomorphism from a set to itself (NOTE: does not have to be invertible.)
- 2. **End V.** The symbol End V is the set of all endomorphisms on V (and multiplication on End V is defined to be function composition).
- 3. **F-Module.** An F-module is a generalization of vector spaces over rings.
- 4. **Subspace.** Let V be a vector space. X is a subspace of V if  $X \subseteq V$  and closed under all relevant operations of V,  $X \neq \emptyset$ , and  $X \ni 0$ .
- 5. **Linear Map / Linear Transformation.** Let V be a vector space over a field F with  $v, w \in V$ . Let T be a map on V with T(v + w) = T(v) + T(w) and  $T(\lambda v) = \lambda T(v)$  for all  $\lambda \in F$ . Then, T is called a linear map or linear transformation.
- 6. **Linear Operator.** If T is a linear transformation on a vector spaces V with  $T: V \to V$ , then T is linear operator on V.
- 7. **Spans.** The list  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  spans V iff  $T: F^n \to V$  is onto.
- 8. **Linearly Independent.** The list  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is linearly independent iff  $T: F^n \to V$  is 1-1. Equivalently, the list  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is linearly independent if  $\lambda_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n v_n = 0$  implies  $\lambda_i = 0$  for all i.
- 9. **Linearly Dependent.** The list  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is linearly dependent iff  $\lambda_1 v_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n v_n = 0$  implies  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  for some i.
- 10. **Basis.** The list  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is a basis of V if span $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\} = V$  and  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  is linearly independent.
- 11. **Finite-dimensional.** V is finite-dimensional if V is spanned by a finite list of vectors.
- 12. **Sum of Subspaces.** Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_t$  be subspaces of V. Then, we define their sum as  $X_1 + \cdots + X_t = \{x_1 + \cdots + x_t \mid x_1 \in X_1, \ldots, x_t \in X_t\}$ .
- 13. **Direct Sum of Subspaces.** Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_t$  be subspaces of V. Then, their direct sum,  $X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_t$ , is given by a 1-1 linear map T, with  $T: X_1 \times \cdots \times X_t \to V$ .
- 14. Complement of Subspace. Let X, Y be subspaces of Y. Then, Y is a complementary subspace of X iff X + Y = V and  $X + Y = X \oplus Y$ .
- 15. Rank, Nullity. The rank of a linear map is the dimension of the range of the linear map. The nullity is the dimension of the null space of the linear map.
- 16. Null Space. The null space is the set of vectors that are mapped to 0.
- 17. **Isomorphic Vector Spaces.** Two vector spaces V, W are isomorphic if there exists a linear map  $T: V \to W$  that is 1-1 and onto.

- 18. Quotient Space. Suppose U is a subspace of V. Then, the quotient space V/U is the set  $V/U = \{v + U \mid v \in V\}$ .
- 19. Column Rank. The column rank (rank of the column span of a matrix) is defined to be  $\operatorname{rank} T_A$ .
- 20. Conjugation. Let A be an  $n \times n$  matrix (over F) and let Q be an  $n \times n$  matrix (over F). Then, the conjugation of A by Q is  $Q^{-1}AQ$ .
- 21. **Dual Space.** Let V be an F-vector space. Then the dual space of V is  $V' = \mathcal{L}(V, F)$  where the elements of V' are called linear functionals.
- 22. **Annihilator.** For a subspace  $U \subseteq V$ , we define the annihilator of U to be  $U_0 = \{ \phi \in V' \mid \phi(u) = 0 \forall u \in U \}.$
- 23. **Double Dual.** Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space with dual V'. Then the double dual of V is (V')' = V'' = V. Also, dim  $V = n = \dim V' = \dim V''$ .
- 24. **Eigenvector** / **eigenvalue.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Then an eigenvector of T is a  $v \in V$  ( $v \neq 0$ ) such that  $Tv = \lambda v$  ( $\lambda \in F$  is called an eigenvalue), and v is an eigenvector of T.
- 25. **Eigenspace.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and take  $\lambda$  to be an eigenvalue of T. Then,  $E(\lambda, T) = \{v \in V \mid Tv = \lambda v\} \neq \emptyset$  is written as  $V_{\lambda}$  and is called the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ , which is a subspace of V.
- 26. **Invariant subspace.** E is a T-invariant subspace if  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  with  $T(E) \subseteq E$ .
- 27. textbfIdempotent. If  $e = e^2$ , then e is called idempotent.
- 28. **Generalized Eigenvector.** Consider a minimal polynomial  $(x \lambda_1)^{e_1} \cdot \cdots \cdot (x \lambda_m)^{e_m}$  on X with  $(T \lambda_1 I)^{e_1} v = 0$ . Then, v is called a generalized eigenvector for  $\lambda = \lambda_1$ .
- 29. Characteristic polynomial. The characteristic polynomial of  $T: V \to V$  (with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_t$ ) is the polynomial  $\prod_{i=1}^t (x \lambda_i)^{\dim X_i}$ , where  $V = X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_t$ .
- 30. Simultaneously diagonalizable. Operators S and T on V are simulatenously diagonalizable if there is a basis of V that consts of vectors that are eigenvectors for both S and T (i.e. there exists a basis  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  of V so that for  $i, 1 \le i \le n$ , there are  $\lambda_i$  and  $\mu_i$  so that  $Sv_i = \lambda_i v_i$  and  $Tv_i = \mu_i v_i$ ).