

1a

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{R}
Let $\dim V = n$
Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation
Prove: $\exists B, C$ bases of $V : [T]_C^B = 0 \implies T = 0$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Let } B, C : [T]_C^B = 0 \\ &\forall v \in V : [T(v)]_C = [T]_C^B [v]_B = 0 \cdot [v]_B = 0 \\ &[T(v)]_C = 0 \iff T(v) = 0 \\ &\implies \forall v \in V : T(v) = 0 \implies \boxed{T = 0} \end{aligned}$$

1b

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{R}
Let $\dim V = n$
Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation
Prove: $\exists B, C$ bases of $V : [T]_C^B = D$ where D is diagonal

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Let } \ker T = \text{sp}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\} \\ &\text{Let } B = \{v_1, \dots, v_k, \dots, v_n\} \\ &\implies \text{Im} T = \text{sp}\{T(v_{k+1}), \dots, T(v_n)\} \\ &\text{Let } C = \{u_1, \dots, u_k, T(v_{k+1}), \dots, T(v_n)\} \\ &\implies \begin{cases} \forall i \in [1, k] : [T(v_i)]_C = [0]_C = 0 \\ \forall i \in [k+1, n] : [T(v_i)]_C = e_i \end{cases} \\ &\implies \boxed{[T]_C^B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-k-1} \end{pmatrix} = D} \end{aligned}$$

1c

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{R}
Let $\dim V = n$
Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation
Prove: $\forall B, C$ bases of $V : ([T]_C^B)^2 = 0 \implies T = 0$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Let } \forall B, C \text{ bases of } V : ([T]_C^B)^2 = 0 \\ &\text{As proved in 1b: } \exists B, C \text{ bases of } V : [T]_C^B = D \\ &([T]_C^B)^2 = 0 \implies D^2 = 0 \implies D = 0 \xrightarrow{1a} \boxed{T = 0} \end{aligned}$$

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Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $T \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p + nq \\ q + np \end{pmatrix}$
Let $T^{17} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3^{17} \\ 3^{17} \end{pmatrix}$
Find n

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
T^N \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ n & 1 \end{pmatrix}^N \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} \\
\text{Let } A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ n & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
P_A(\lambda) &= (\lambda - 1)^2 - n^2 = (\lambda - (n + 1))(\lambda - (1 - n)) \\
\lambda = n + 1 &\implies \begin{pmatrix} n & -n \\ -n & n \end{pmatrix} \implies E_{n+1} = sp \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\
\lambda = 1 - n &\implies \begin{pmatrix} -n & -n \\ -n & -n \end{pmatrix} \implies E_{1-n} = sp \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\
\implies A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n+1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \\
\implies A^N &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (n+1)^N & 0 \\ 0 & (1-n)^N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \\
&\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (n+1)^N + (1-n)^N & (n+1)^N - (1-n)^N \\ (n+1)^N - (1-n)^N & (n+1)^N + (1-n)^N \end{pmatrix} \\
T^N \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} &= A^N \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (n+1)^N + (1-n)^N & (n+1)^N - (1-n)^N \\ (n+1)^N - (1-n)^N & (n+1)^N + (1-n)^N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2(1-n)^N \\ -2(1-n)^N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1-n)^N \\ -(1-n)^N \end{pmatrix} \\
\implies T^{17} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} (1-n)^{17} \\ -(1-n)^{17} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3^{17} \\ 3^{17} \end{pmatrix} \\
\implies 1 - n &= -3 \implies \boxed{n = 4}
\end{aligned}$$

3a

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation

Let $\forall \lambda$ eigenvalue of $T : g_\lambda = k_\lambda$

Prove or disprove: T is diagonalizable

Disproof:

Let B be a basis of $V : P_{[T]_B^B}(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{n-2} (\lambda - \lambda_i)(\lambda^2 + 1)$

$\implies \forall i \in [1, n-2] : \lambda_i$ is an eigenvalue of T and $g_{\lambda_i} = k_{\lambda_i}$

However, T is not diagonalizable, as $P_T(\lambda)$ is not factorizable into linear factors

An example would be $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$

3b

Prove or disprove: $\exists A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha \notin \{-1, 0, 1\} : \forall \lambda$ eigenvalue of $A :$

$\alpha \lambda$ is also an eigenvalue of A

Proof:

Let $A = 0$

$\implies P_A(\lambda) = \lambda^n \implies$ Eigenvalues of A are $\{0\}$

$\implies \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha 0 = 0$ is also an eigenvalue of A

3c

Prove or disprove: $\exists A \text{ invertible } \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha \notin \{-1, 0, 1\} : \forall \lambda \text{ eigenvalue of } A : \alpha \lambda \text{ is also an eigenvalue of } A$

Disproof:

$A \text{ is invertible} \implies \forall \lambda \text{ eigenvalue of } A : \lambda \neq 0$

Let A, α such that the statement holds

$\lambda \neq 0, \alpha \notin \{-1, 0, 1\} \implies \alpha \lambda \neq \{\lambda, 0, -\lambda\}$ and is an eigenvalue of A

$\implies \alpha^2 \lambda$ is also an eigenvalue of A

$\alpha^2 \lambda \notin \{\lambda, 0, -\lambda, \alpha \lambda, -\alpha \lambda\}$

We can show by induction that $\forall n \neq m \in \mathbb{N} : \alpha^n \lambda \neq \alpha^m \lambda$

$\implies A$ has an infinite number of eigenvalues $\{\alpha \lambda\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ – Contradiction!