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Let $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be a linear operator

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ T \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= T \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2a

Find an orthonormal basis B and diagonal matrix D such that $[T]_B^B = D$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } E = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ be a basis of } \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$T(v_1) = 2v_1$$

$$T(v_2) = 3v_2$$

$$T(v_3) = T(v_4) = 0$$

$$\implies v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \text{ are eigenvectors of } T \text{ and } P_T(x) = x^2(x-2)(x-3)$$

$$\dim E_0 = 2 \implies T \text{ is diagonalizable}$$

Let us apply Gram-Schmidt to E_0

$$u_1 = v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|} = \frac{u_1}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$u_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, u_1 \rangle}{\|u_1\|^2} u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{6}{10} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} -10+12 \\ -10+6 \\ 10-12 \\ 10-6 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|u_2\| = \frac{2}{10} \cdot \sqrt{10} \implies \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|} = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2} u_2$$

$$\implies D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & & & \\ & 3 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \frac{\sqrt{10}}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

2b

Find the vector in $\ker T$ which is closest to $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution:

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \|v - u\| \geq \|v - P_{\ker T}(v)\|$$

An orthogonal basis of $\ker T$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\ker T}(v) = \frac{\langle v, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 + \frac{\langle v, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2 = \frac{6}{10} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3a

Let $A, B \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$

Prove or disprove: A is diagonalizable and $P_A(B) = 0 \implies B$ is diagonalizable

Disproof:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_A(B) = (B - I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^2 = 0$$

But B is not diagonalizable

3b

Let $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$

Let $C = AB - BA$

Prove or disprove: C is not nilpotent $\implies C$ is diagonalizable

Proof:

$$\text{tr}(C) = \text{tr}(AB - BA) = \text{tr}(AB) - \text{tr}(BA) = 0$$

Let C be not nilpotent

$$\Rightarrow P_C(x) = \begin{cases} x(x - \lambda) & \lambda \neq 0 \\ (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2) & \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \neq 0 \\ (x - \lambda)^2 & \lambda \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

First two options guarantee a diagonalizable matrix

$$\text{Let } P_C(x) = (x - \lambda)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(C) = 2\lambda = 0 \implies \lambda = 0 - \text{Contradiction!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C \text{ is diagonalizable}}$$

3c

Let $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$

Prove or disprove: $(A - 3I)(A + 2I) = 0 \implies \exists v \neq 0 \in \mathbb{F}^n : Av = 3v$

Disproof:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \implies A + 2I = 0$$

3 is not an eigenvalue of $A \implies \forall v \in \mathbb{F}^n : Av \neq 3v$

3d

Let $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$ be invertible

Prove or disprove: $\forall v \in \mathbb{F}^n : v$ is an eigenvector of $A \implies v$ is an eigenvector of A^{-1}

Proof?:

Let v be an eigenvector of A

A is invertible $\implies \lambda \neq 0$

$$\implies Av = \lambda v \implies v = \frac{1}{\lambda} Av$$

$$\implies A^{-1}v = A^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} Av \right) = \frac{1}{\lambda} A^{-1} Av = \frac{1}{\lambda} v$$

$$\implies v \text{ is an eigenvector of } A^{-1}$$

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Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{9 \times 9}$

Let $A^3 = 0, \text{rank}(A^2) = 2$

Find all possible Jordan forms of A

Solution:

$$A^3 = 0 \implies A \text{ is nilpotent} \implies P_A(x) = x^9$$

$$\text{rank}(A^2) = 2 \implies A^2 \neq 0 \implies m_A(x) = x^3$$

\implies Largest block in Jordan form of A is of size 3

$$J_A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & B \end{pmatrix} \implies J_A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ & 0 & 0 & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & B^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = PJ_AP^{-1} \implies A^2 = PJ_A^2P^{-1}$$

$$\implies \text{rank}(PJ_A^2P^{-1}) = 2 \implies \text{rank}(J_A^2) = 2$$

$$\implies \text{rank}(B^2) = 1$$

$$J_1(0)^2 = 0, J_2(0)^2 = 0 \implies B \text{ contains exactly one Jordan block of size 3}$$

$$\implies B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & C \end{pmatrix} \implies B^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ & 0 & 0 & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & C^2 \end{pmatrix} \implies \text{rank}(C^2) = 0$$

$\implies C$ can only contain blocks of size 2 or 1

\implies Possible Jordan forms are:

$$J_A = J_3(0) \oplus J_3(0) \oplus \begin{bmatrix} J_2(0) \oplus J_1(0) \\ J_1(0) \oplus J_1(0) \oplus J_1(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

5a

Prove: $\forall M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : M$ is invertible $\implies M^T M$ is positive symmetric

Proof:

$$(M^T M)^T = M^T M \implies M^T M \text{ is symmetric}$$

Let λ be an eigenvalue of $M^T M$

$$\implies M^T M v = \lambda v$$

$$\implies \lambda \|v\| = \langle \lambda v, v \rangle = \langle M^T M v, v \rangle = \langle M v, M v \rangle = \|M v\|^2$$

$$v \neq 0 \implies M v \neq 0 \implies \|M v\| > 0 \implies \boxed{\lambda > 0}$$

5b

Let $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be positive symmetric
 Prove: $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ invertible: $B = M^T M$

Proof:

B is symmetric $\implies B$ is orthogonal diagonalizable

$$\implies B = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} P^T$$

$$\forall i \in [1, n] : \lambda_i > 0 \implies \exists \sqrt{\lambda_i} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Let } M = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix} P^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is invertible, } P^T \text{ is invertible} \implies M \text{ is invertible}$$

$$M^T M = P \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix}^2 P^T = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} P^T = B$$

5c

Let $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be positive symmetric
 Prove: $\forall P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ invertible: $P^T B P$ is positive symmetric

Proof:

$$\exists M \text{ invertible: } B = M^T M$$

$$\implies P^T B P = P^T M^T M P = (M P)^T M P \implies P^T B P \text{ is positive symmetric}$$

5d

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be positive symmetric
 Prove: $\exists P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ invertible: $P^T A P = I$

Proof:

A is orthogonal diagonalizable

$$\implies \exists P : A = Q \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} Q^T$$

$$\text{Let } P = Q \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q \text{ is invertible, } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is invertible} \implies P \text{ is invertible}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies P^T A P &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \end{pmatrix} Q^T A Q \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \end{pmatrix} = I \end{aligned}$$

Let $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be positive symmetric

Let $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be invertible

Let $P^T A P = I$

Prove: $\det(A + B) \geq \det(A) + \det(B)$

Proof:

Let us first prove $\det(I + P^T B P) \geq \det(I) + \det(P^T B P)$

B is positive symmetric $\implies P^T B P$ is positive symmetric

$$\implies \begin{cases} \det(I + P^T B P) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i + 1) \\ \det(I) + \det(P^T B P) = 1 + \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \end{cases}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i + 1) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i + \underbrace{\prod_{i=2}^n (\lambda_i + 1)}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\geq 0} + 1 \geq \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i + 1$$

$$\implies \det(I + P^T B P) \geq \det(I) + \det(P^T B P)$$

$$\det(I + P^T B P) = \det(P^T (A + B) P) = \det(P^T) \cdot \det(A + B) \cdot \det(P)$$

$$\det(I) + \det(P^T B P) = \det(P^T A P) + \det(P^T B P) =$$

$$= \dots = \det(P^T) \cdot (\det(A) + \det(B)) \cdot \det(P)$$

$$P \text{ is invertible } \implies \det(P^T) = \det(P) = X > 0$$

$$\implies X^2 \cdot \det(A + B) \geq X^2 (\det(A) + \det(B))$$

$$\implies \det(A + B) \geq \det(A) + \det(B)$$