

# Normal/unitary/Hermitian linear operator and its representation matrix

#lemma

Let  $V$  be an inner space over  $\mathbb{F}$

Let  $B$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$

1.  $T$  is normal  $\iff [T]_B^B$  is normal
- Then 2.  $T$  is unitary  $\iff [T]_B^B$  is unitary
3.  $T$  is hermitian  $\iff [T]_B^B$  is hermitian

Proof for 1:

$$\begin{aligned} T \text{ is normal} &\iff TT^* = T^*T \iff [T]_B^B [T^*]_B^B = [T^*]_B^B [T]_B^B \\ &\iff [T]_B^B ([T]_B^B)^* = ([T]_B^B)^* [T]_B^B \iff [T]_B^B \text{ is normal} \end{aligned}$$

Proof for 2:

$$\begin{aligned} T \text{ is unitary} &\iff TT^* = I = T^*T \iff [T]_B^B [T^*]_B^B = [I]_B^B = [T^*]_B^B [T]_B^B \\ &\iff [T]_B^B ([T]_B^B)^* = I = ([T]_B^B)^* [T]_B^B \iff [T]_B^B \text{ is unitary} \end{aligned}$$

Proof for 3:

$$\begin{aligned} T \text{ is Hermitian} &\iff T = T^* \iff [T]_B^B = [T^*]_B^B \\ &\iff [T]_B^B = ([T]_B^B)^* \iff [T]_B^B \text{ is Hermitian} \end{aligned}$$

## Polar norm equations #lemma

$$\operatorname{Re}(\langle v, u \rangle) = \frac{1}{2}(\|v + u\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|u\|^2)$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(\langle v, u \rangle) = i \frac{1}{2}(\|v + iu\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|u\|^2)$$

## Normal linear operator criterion #theorem

Let  $V$  be a finitely generated inner product space over  $\mathbb{F}$

Let  $B$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator

Then  $T$  is normal  $\iff \forall v \in V : \|T(v)\| = \|T^*(v)\|$

Proof:

$\implies$  Let  $T$  be normal

$$TT^* = T^*T$$

Let  $v \in V$

$$\|T(v)\| = \sqrt{\langle Tv, Tv \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle v, T^*Tv \rangle}$$

$$\|T^*(v)\| = \sqrt{\langle T^*v, T^*v \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle v, TT^*v \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle v, T^*Tv \rangle} = \|T(v)\|$$

$$\implies \boxed{\forall v \in V : \|T^*(v)\| = \|T(v)\|}$$

$\impliedby$  Let  $\forall v \in V : \|T(v)\| = \|T^*(v)\|$

Let  $v, u \in V$

$$\langle u, TT^*v \rangle = \langle T^*u, T^*v \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\|T^*u + T^*v\|^2 - \|T^*u\|^2 - \|T^*v\|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(\|T^*u + iT^*v\|^2 - \|T^*u\|^2 - \|T^*v\|^2)$$

$$\langle u, T^*Tv \rangle = \langle Tu, Tv \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\|Tu + Tv\|^2 - \|Tu\|^2 - \|Tv\|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(\|Tu + iTv\|^2 - \|Tu\|^2 - \|Tv\|^2)$$

$$\implies \langle u, TT^*v \rangle - \langle u, T^*Tv \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\|T^*u + T^*v\|^2 - \|Tu + Tv\|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(\|T^*u + iT^*v\|^2 - \|Tu + iTv\|^2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\|T^*(u + v)\|^2 - \|T(u + v)\|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(\|T^*(u + iv)\|^2 - \|T(u + iv)\|^2) = 0 - 0i = 0$$

$$\implies \forall v, u \in V : \langle u, TT^*v \rangle = \langle u, T^*Tv \rangle \implies \boxed{TT^* = T^*T}$$

## Unitary linear operator criterion #theorem

Let  $V$  be a finitely generated inner product space over  $\mathbb{F}$

Let  $B$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator

Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $TT^* = I = T^*T$  ( $T$  is unitary)
2.  $\forall v, u \in V : \langle v, u \rangle = \langle Tv, Tu \rangle$  (preserves inner product)
3.  $\forall v \in V : \|v\| = \|Tv\|$  (preserves norm)
4.  $\forall v, u \in V : p(v, u) = p(Tv, Tu)$  (preserves metric)

Proof for 1  $\implies$  2 :

Let  $T$  be unitary

Let  $v, u \in V$

$$\langle Tv, Tu \rangle = \langle v, T^*Tu \rangle = \langle v, Iu \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$$

$$\implies \boxed{\forall v, u \in V : \langle v, u \rangle = \langle Tv, Tu \rangle}$$

Proof for 2  $\implies$  1 :

Let  $\forall v, u \in V : \langle v, u \rangle = \langle Tv, Tu \rangle$

$$\forall u, v \in V : \langle u, T^*Tv \rangle = \langle Tu, Tv \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle = \langle u, Iv \rangle$$

$$\implies T^*T = I \implies \boxed{T \text{ is unitary}}$$

Proof for 2  $\implies$  3 :

Let  $\forall v, u \in V : \langle v, u \rangle = \langle Tv, Tu \rangle$

Let  $v \in V$

$$\implies \|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle Tv, Tv \rangle} = \|Tv\|$$

$$\implies \boxed{\forall v \in V : \|v\| = \|Tv\|}$$

Proof for 3  $\implies$  2 :

Let  $\forall v \in V : \|v\| = \|Tv\|$

Let  $v, u \in V$

$$\langle v, u \rangle =$$

$$\langle Tv, Tu \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|Tv + Tu\|^2 - \|Tv\|^2 - \|Tu\|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(\|Tv + iTu\|^2 - \|Tv\|^2 - \|Tu\|^2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\|T(v + u)\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|u\|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(\|T(v + iu)\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|u\|^2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\|v + u\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|u\|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(\|v + iu\|^2 - \|v\|^2 - \|u\|^2) = \langle v, u \rangle$$

$$\implies \boxed{\forall v, u \in V : \langle v, u \rangle = \langle Tv, Tu \rangle}$$

Proof for 3  $\implies$  4 :

Let  $\forall v \in V : \|v\| = \|Tv\|$

Let  $v, u \in V$

$$p(v, u) = \|v - u\| = \|T(v - u)\| = \|Tv - Tu\| = p(Tv, Tu)$$

$$\implies \boxed{\forall v, u \in V : p(v, u) = p(Tv, Tu)}$$

Proof for 4  $\implies$  3 :

Let  $\forall v, u \in V : p(v, u) = p(Tv, Tu)$

$$\|Tv\| = \|Tv - 0\| = \|Tv - T(0)\| = p(Tv, T(0)) = p(v, 0) = \|v - 0\| = \|v\|$$

$$\implies \boxed{\forall v \in V : \|v\| = \|Tv\|}$$

## Unitary linear operator and angles #lemma

$$T : V \rightarrow V$$

$T$  is unitary  $\implies T$  preserves angles

Proof:

Let  $\alpha$  be an angle between  $v, u$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\|v\| \cdot \|u\|} = \frac{\langle Tv, Tu \rangle}{\|Tv\| \cdot \|Tu\|} = \cos \beta$$

$$\implies \text{Angle between } Tv, Tu \text{ is } \beta = \alpha$$

## Examples of unitary operators

$$I, -I, iI, -iI$$

## Operations preserving matrix unitarity #lemma

$$A \text{ is unitary} \iff A^* \text{ is unitary}$$

$$\boxed{\implies} AA^* = I = A^* A$$

$$\boxed{\impliedby} (A^*)^* = A$$

$$A \text{ is unitary} \iff A^T \text{ is unitary}$$

$$\boxed{\implies} A^* A = I \implies \overline{A^* A} = \overline{A^*} \overline{A} = A^T \overline{A} = \overline{I} = I$$

$$A^T (A^T)^* = A^T \overline{A} = I$$

$$\boxed{\impliedby} (A^T)^T = A$$

$$A, B \text{ are unitary} \implies AB \text{ are unitary}$$

$$AB(AB)^* = ABB^* A^* = AIA^* = AA^* = I$$

## Unitary matrix and its row/column spaces #lemma

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

The following are equivalent:

1.  $A$  is unitary
2.  $\{R_1(A)^T, \dots, R_n(A)^T\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  by standard inner product
3.  $\{C_1(A), \dots, C_n(A)\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$  by standard inner product

Proof:

$$1 \implies 2 \text{ and } 1 \implies 3$$

Let  $A$  be unitary

$$\forall i, j \in [1, n] : R_i(A) C_j(A^*) = R_i(A) \cdot \overline{R_j(A)}^T = \langle R_i(A)^T, R_j(A)^T \rangle = I_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\implies \boxed{\{R_1(A)^T, \dots, R_n(A)^T\} \text{ is an orthonormal set} \implies \text{it is an orthonormal basis of } \mathbb{F}^n}$$

$$\forall i, j \in [1, n] : R_i(A^*) C_j(A) = \overline{C_i(A)}^T \cdot C_j(A) \underset{=I_{ij} \in \{0,1\}}{=} \overline{C_i(A)^T} \cdot C_j(A) =$$

$$= C_i(A)^T \cdot \overline{C_j(A)} = \langle C_i(A), C_j(A) \rangle = I_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\implies \boxed{\{C_1(A), \dots, C_n(A)\} \text{ is an orthonormal set} \implies \text{it is an orthonormal basis of } \mathbb{F}^n}$$

$$2 \implies 1 \text{ and } 3 \implies 1$$

Let  $\{R_1(A)^T, \dots, R_n(A)^T\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$

$$\implies \forall i, j \in [1, n] : R_i(A) \cdot C_j(A^*) = R_i(A) \cdot \overline{R_j(A)}^T = \langle R_i(A)^T, R_j(A)^T \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\implies AA^* = I \implies \boxed{A \text{ is unitary}}$$

Let  $\{C_1(A), \dots, C_n(A)\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \forall i, j \in [1, n] : R_i(A^*) \cdot C_j(A) &= \overline{C_i(A)}^T C_j(A) = \overline{C_i(A)^T \cdot C_j(A)} = \\ &= \overline{\langle C_i(A), C_j(A) \rangle} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies A^* A = I \implies \boxed{A \text{ is unitary}}$$

## Orthogonal matrix #definition

$A$  is called orthogonal iff  $A$  is real and unitary

# Following lemmas are also correct for matrices under standard inner product

## Normality after addition with scalar linear operator #lemma

$$T \text{ is normal} \iff T - \lambda I \text{ is normal}$$

Proof:

$$\boxed{\implies} \text{ Let } \lambda \in \mathbb{F}$$

$$T \text{ is normal} \implies \begin{cases} (T - \lambda I)(T - \lambda I)^* = TT^* - \lambda T^* - \bar{\lambda}T + \lambda^2 \\ (T - \lambda I)^*(T - \lambda I) = T^*T - \bar{\lambda}T - \lambda T^* + \lambda^2 \end{cases} \implies (T - \lambda I) \text{ is normal}$$

$$\boxed{\impliedby} (T - \lambda I) \text{ is normal} \implies (T - \lambda I) - (-\lambda)I = T \text{ is normal}$$

## Eigenvalues of adjoint linear operator #lemma

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a normal linear operator

Let  $v$  be an eigenvector of  $T$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$

Then  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $T \iff \bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T^*$  with the same eigenvector

Proof:

$$\exists v \neq 0 \in V : Tv = \lambda v$$

$$\iff Tv - \lambda v = 0 \iff (T - \lambda I)v = 0$$

$$\iff \|(T - \lambda I)v\| = 0 \iff \|(T - \lambda I)^*v\| = 0$$

$$\iff (T - \lambda I)^*v = 0 \iff T^*v = (\lambda I)^*v = \bar{\lambda}v$$

## Orthogonality of eigenvectors of normal linear operator #lemma

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a normal linear operator

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $T$  with eigenvector  $v$

Let  $\alpha \neq \lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $T$  with eigenvector  $u$

Then  $v, u$  are orthogonal,  $\langle v, u \rangle = 0$

Proof:

$$\alpha \neq \lambda$$

$$\exists v \neq 0 \in V : Tv = \lambda v$$

$$\exists u \neq 0 \in V : Tu = \alpha u \implies T^*u = \bar{\alpha}u$$

$$\lambda \langle v, u \rangle = \langle \lambda v, u \rangle = \langle Tv, u \rangle = \langle v, T^*u \rangle = \langle v, \bar{\alpha}u \rangle = \alpha \langle v, u \rangle$$

$$\implies (\lambda - \alpha) \langle v, u \rangle = 0 \xrightarrow{\lambda \neq \alpha} \boxed{\langle v, u \rangle = 0}$$

## Unitary linear operator eigenvalues #lemma

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a unitary linear operator

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $T$

Then  $|\lambda| = 1$

Proof:

$$\|v\| = \|Tv\| = \|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|v\|$$

$$\implies \boxed{|\lambda| = 1}$$