

**Apostol p.20 no.3**

**Claim.**

$$(x, y) = 0 \iff \|x + y\| = \|x - y\|$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\|x + y\| &= \sqrt{(x + y, x + y)} \\ &= \sqrt{(x, x + y) + (y, x + y)} \\ &= \sqrt{(x, x) + (x, y) + (y, x) + (y, y)} \\ &= \sqrt{(x, x) + (y, y) + 2(x, y)} \\ \|x - y\| &= \sqrt{(x, x) + (-y, -y) + 2(x, -y)} \\ &= \sqrt{(x, x) + (y, y) - 2(x, y)}\end{aligned}$$

( $\implies$ ) From above,  $\|x + y\| = \sqrt{(x, x) + (y, y) + 2(0)}$ ,  $\|x - y\| = \sqrt{(x, x) + (y, y) - 2(0)} \implies \|x + y\| = \|x - y\|$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) From  $\sqrt{(x, x) + (y, y) + 2(x, y)} = \sqrt{(x, x) + (y, y) - 2(x, y)} \implies (x, x) + (y, y) + 2(x, y) = (x, x) + (y, y) - 2(x, y) \implies 2(x, y) = -2(x, y) \implies 4(x, y) = 0 \implies (x, y) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Apostol p.20 no.4**

**Claim.**

$$(x, y) = 0 \iff \|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$$

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) From above, we have that  $\|x + y\|^2 = (x, x) + (y, y) + 2(x, y) = (x, x) + (y, y) = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) From above, we have that  $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \implies (x, x) + (y, y) + 2(x, y) = (x, x) + (y, y) \implies 2(x, y) = 0 \implies (x, y) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Apostol p.20 no.5**

**Claim.**

$$(x, y) = 0 \iff \forall c \in \mathbb{R}, \|x + cy\| \geq \|x\|$$

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) From above,  $\|x + cy\| = \sqrt{(x, x) + (cy, cy) + 2(x, cy)} = \sqrt{(x, x) + c^2(y, y)}$ . Since we have from the axioms that  $(y, y) \geq 0$ ,  $(x, x) + c^2(y, y) \geq 0 \implies \sqrt{(x, x) + c^2(y, y)} \geq \sqrt{(x, x)} \implies \|x + cy\| \geq \|x\|$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) From above,  $\sqrt{(x, x) + c^2(y, y) + 2(x, cy)} \geq \sqrt{(x, x)} \implies (x, x) + c^2(y, y) + 2(x, cy) \geq (x, x) \implies c^2(y, y) + 2c(x, y) \geq 0$ .

If  $y = 0$ , then  $(x, y) = (x, 0) = 0(x, 0) = 0$ . Otherwise,  $(y, y) > 0$ . Take  $c = -\frac{(x, y)}{(y, y)}$ , such that  $\frac{(x, y)^2}{(y, y)} - 2\frac{(x, y)^2}{(y, y)} = -\frac{(x, y)^2}{(y, y)} \geq 0$ . Since  $(y, y) > 0$ , we must have that  $-(x, y)^2 \geq 0 \implies (x, y)^2 \leq 0 \implies (x, y) = 0$ .  $\square$

## Problem 1

**a**

**Claim.** Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ ,  $A_{ij}$  the  $i, j$  element of  $A$ , and  $A^{ij}$  be the submatrix of  $A$  with the  $i$  row and  $j$  column removed. Then,

$$p_A(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda - A_{ii}) + g(\lambda)$$

where the degree of  $g$  is at most  $n - 2$ .

*Proof.* Induct on  $n$ .

For  $n = 1$ , we have that  $\lambda I_1 - A = [\lambda - a_{11}]$ , and that  $\det(\lambda I_1 - A) = \lambda - a_{11}$ .

Now assume the hypothesis for  $n = k$ . Since we have that  $p_A(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I_{k+1} - A)$ , cofactor expansion gives that

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I_{k+1} - A) = (\lambda - A_{11}) \det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{11}) + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} A_{1i} \det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1i})$$

Now, we have that the  $1, 1$  minor of  $I_n \in M_{n \times n}$  is  $I_{n-1} \in M_{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$ . To see this, consider that  $(I_n^{11})_{ij} = (I_n)_{(i+1)(j+1)}$  (as for the  $i, j$  cofactor matrix, we have that  $A_{ij}^{kl} = A_{(i+1)(j+1)}$  for  $i \geq k, j \geq l$ ). Then, since we have that  $(I_n)_{(i+1)(j+1)} = \delta_{(i+1)(j+1)} = \delta_{ij}$ , then  $I_n^{11} = I_{n-1}$ .

Now,  $(\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{11} = \lambda I_{k+1}^{11} - A^{11} = \lambda I_k - A^{11}$ . Then, by the inductive hypothesis,  $p_{A^{11}}(\lambda) = \det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{11}) = \prod_{i=2}^{k+1} (\lambda - a_{ii}) + g_{11}(\lambda)$ , where  $g_{11}$  is of degree at most  $k - 2$  by assumption. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(\lambda) &= (\lambda - A_{11}) \left( \prod_{i=2}^{k+1} (\lambda - A_{ii}) + g_{11}(\lambda) \right) + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} A_{1i} \det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1i}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} (\lambda - A_{ii}) + (\lambda - A_{11}) g_{11}(\lambda) + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} A_{1i} \det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1i}) \end{aligned}$$

Now, for any  $A_{1i} \det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1i})$ , consider the permutation formula for the determinant; since  $\lambda I_{k+1} - A$  has only  $k + 1$  elements with the form  $\lambda - x$ , i.e. the diagonal elements

(as these are the only nonzero elements in the identity matrix). Then, we have that since removing the 1 row and  $j$  column removes  $(\lambda I_{k+1} - A)_{11}$  and  $(\lambda I_{k+1} - A)_{jj}$ , the resulting cofactor matrix can only have at most  $k - 1$  elements with  $\lambda$  (i.e. elements that have the form  $\lambda - A_{ij}$ ).

Then, since the permutation formula has that

$$\det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1j}) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \prod_{i=1}^k (\lambda I_{k+1} - A)_{i\sigma(i)}^{1j} \text{sgn}(\sigma)$$

any individual  $\prod_{i=1}^k (\lambda I_{k+1} - A)_{i\sigma(i)}^{1j} \text{sgn}(\sigma)$  is a polynomial of  $\lambda$  of at most degree  $k - 1$ , as it is a product of  $k$  distinct elements of  $(\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1j}$ , which has at most  $k - 1$  terms which are binomials of degree 1 in  $\lambda$ . Call  $\det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1j}) = g_{1j}(\lambda)$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(\lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} (\lambda - A_{ii}) + (\lambda - A_{11})g_{11}(\lambda) + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} A_{1i} \det((\lambda I_{k+1} - A)^{1i}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} (\lambda - A_{ii}) + (\lambda - A_{11})g_{11}(\lambda) + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} A_{1i} g_{1j}(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

Since we have that  $g_{11}(\lambda)$  has degree at most  $k - 2$ , and  $A_{1i}$  for  $i \neq 1$  has no  $\lambda$  term, and that  $g_{1j}$  has degree at most  $k - 1$ , we have that  $(\lambda - A_{11})g_{11}(\lambda) + \sum_{i=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{i-1} A_{1i} g_{1j}(\lambda)$  is a polynomial of at most degree  $k - 1$ . Call that  $g(\lambda)$ .

Finally,

$$p_A(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} (\lambda - A_{ii}) + g(\lambda)$$

and the induction is finished. □

## b

**Claim.**  $p_A(\lambda)$  has leading term 1, second term  $-\text{tr}(A)$ , and constant term  $(-1)^n \det(A)$ .

*Proof.* Since we have that

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda - A_{ii}) + g(\lambda)$$

taking  $p_A(0) = \det(0I - A) = \det(-A) = (-1)^n \det(A)$  (the  $(-1)^n$  comes from multiplying  $n$  rows by  $-1$  to get from  $-A$  to  $A$ ). Further, since  $p_A$  is a polynomial,  $p_A(0)$  is only the constant term. Thus, the constant term of  $p_A$  is  $(-1)^n \det(A)$ .

We will now prove the other two via induction on  $n$ ; specifically, if

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x - a_i)$$

then the leading and second terms will be 1 and  $-\sum_{i=1}^n a_i$  respectively.

For the base case of  $n = 1$ , the polynomial is  $x - a_1$ , and the criteria are met.

Assuming the hypothesis for  $n = k$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} p_{k+1}(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (x - a_i) \\ &= (x - a_{k+1}) \sum_{i=1}^k (x - a_i) \\ &= (x - a_{k+1}) \left( x^k - \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right) x^{k-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-2} c_i x^{k-2} \right) \\ &= x^{k+1} - \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right) x^k + \sum_{i=1}^{k-2} c_i x^{k-1} - a_{k+1} x^k + \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right) a_{k+1} x^{k-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-2} a_{k+1} c_i x^{k-2} \\ &= x^{k+1} - \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} a_i \right) x^k + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} c'_i x^i \end{aligned}$$

Now, notice that  $g(\lambda)$  has at most degree  $n - 2$ , while  $\prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda - A_{ii})$  is of degree  $n$ , so  $g$  contributes nothing to the first or second terms. Now, from above we have that the leading coefficient is 1 and the second coefficient is  $-\sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii} = -\text{tr}(A)$ .  $\square$

## Problem 2

**a**

**Claim.** If  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$ , then  $D^k = \text{diag}(d_1^k, \dots, d_n^k)$ .

*Proof.* Induct on  $k$ . For  $k = 1$ , it is immediate.

Now assume the claim for  $k = l$ . Then,

$$D^{l+1} = (D^l)D$$

such that

$$D_{ij}^{l+1} = \sum_{m=1}^n D_{im}^l D_{mj}$$

Note that if  $i \neq j$ , then either  $i \neq m$  or  $m \neq j$ , so  $D_{im}^l = 0$  or  $D_{mj} = 0$ , so the only nonzero entries can be the diagonals. Then,

$$D_{ii}^{l+1} = \sum_{m=1}^n D_{im}^l D_{mi} = D_{ii}^l D_{ii} = d_i^l d_i = d_i^{l+1}$$

And so  $D^{l+1} = \text{diag}(d_1^{l+1}, \dots, d_n^{l+1})$ .

□

**b**

**Claim.** Let  $A = B^{-1}DB$ . Then,

$$A^k = B^{-1}D^k B$$

*Proof.* Induct again on  $k$ . For  $k = 1$ , it is immediate.

Assuming the claim for  $k = l$ , then

$$A^{l+1} = A^l A = (B^{-1}D^l B)(B^{-1}DB) = (B^{-1}D^l)(BB^{-1})(DB) = B^{-1}(D^l D)B = B^{-1}D^{l+1}B$$

□

**c**

We first diagonalize  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - A) &= \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 3 & -2 \\ -3 & \lambda - 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 4) - 6 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 6 \\ &= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 6) \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\lambda = 1$ ,

$$(I - A) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the eigenspace belonging to  $\lambda = 1$  is spanned by  $(1, -1)$ . Taking  $\lambda = 6$ ,

$$(6I - A) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the eigenspace belonging to  $\lambda = 6$  is spanned by  $(2, 3)$ . Finally, inverting  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  we have:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1^k & 0 \\ 0 & 6^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Problem 3

We first compute:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} & a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22}) \\ a_{21}(a_{11} + a_{22}) & a_{22}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

**a**

**Claim.** The real matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has exactly two square roots.

*Proof.* We see that  $a_{22}^2 - a_{11}^2 = 1 \implies (a_{22} - a_{11})(a_{22} + a_{11}) = 1$ . This means that  $a_{11} + a_{22} \neq 0$ , and as  $a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22})$  and  $a_{21}(a_{11} + a_{22})$  are both zero,  $a_{12} = a_{21} = 0$ .

Then, we have that  $a_{11}^2 = 0 \implies a_{11} = 0$ , and  $a_{22}^2 = 1 \implies a_{22} = \pm 1$ . Thus, there are only two square roots and they are  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\square$

**b**

**Claim.** The real matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has exactly four square roots.

*Proof.* Similarly to above, we have that  $a_{11}^2 - a_{22}^2 = 3 \implies (a_{11} - a_{22})(a_{11} + a_{22}) = 3$ , such that now  $a_{12} = a_{21} = 0$ . Further, we have now that  $a_{11} = \pm 2$ ,  $a_{22} = \pm 1$ , so the four square roots are  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\square$

c

**Claim.** The real matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has no square roots.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  is a square root.

We have that  $a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} = a_{22}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} \implies a_{11}^2 = a_{22}^2$ . This means that  $a_{11} = \pm a_{22}$ ; however, if  $a_{11} = -a_{22}$ ,  $a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22}) = 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

However, if  $a_{11} = a_{22}$ , then as  $a_{21}(a_{11} + a_{22}) = 0$ , we need  $a_{21} = 0$ . Then, as  $a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} = a_{11}^2 = 0$ ,  $a_{22}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} = a_{22}^2 = 0$ , we need that  $a_{11} = a_{22} = 0$ . Then,  $a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22}) = 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

Therefore no such square root exists.  $\square$

d

**Claim.** The  $2 \times 2$  zero matrix has infinitely many square roots.

*Proof.* We must have the following:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} = 0 \\ a_{21}(a_{11} + a_{22}) = 0 \\ a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22}) = 0 \\ a_{22}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $a_{21}(a_{11} + a_{22}) = a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22}) \implies (a_{12} - a_{21})(a_{11} + a_{22}) = 0$ .

Since we know in any field,  $ab = 0 \iff a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ , we have two cases.

First, let  $a_{12} = a_{21}$ . Then,  $a_{11}^2 + a_{12}^2 = 0$ . Thus,  $a_{11} = a_{12} = 0$ . Similarly,  $a_{22} = 0$ .

Second, let  $a_{11} = -a_{22}$ . Then,  $a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} = 0 \implies -a_{12}a_{21} = a_{11}^2$ . All such roots are then parameterized by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ -\frac{x^2}{y} & -x \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x & -\frac{x^2}{y} \\ y & -x \end{bmatrix}$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y \neq 0$ .

Thus, we have that all square roots are either the above form, or the zero matrix.  $\square$

## Problem 5

a

The equivalency between the characteristic polynomial and  $\det(\lambda I - A)$  holds only if  $\lambda$  is a scalar in the base field of  $A$ , since this property only holds when  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  where  $x$  is

an eigenvector belonging to  $\lambda \in F$ . Taking  $\lambda = A$  is very obviously not a scalar in the base field of  $A$ , so the proof fails.

**b**

**Claim.** Cayley-Hamilton holds for  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_A(\lambda) &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - a_{11} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & \lambda - a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= (\lambda - a_{11})(\lambda - a_{22}) - a_{12}a_{21} \\
 &= \lambda^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22})\lambda + (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) \\
 p_A(A) &= A^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22})A + (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})I \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} & a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22}) \\ a_{21}(a_{11} + a_{22}) & a_{22}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{11} & (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{12} \\ (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{21} & (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\quad + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} - (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{11} + a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} & a_{12}(a_{11} + a_{22}) - (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{12} \\ a_{21}(a_{11} + a_{22}) - (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{21} & a_{22}^2 + a_{12}a_{21} - (a_{11} + a_{22})a_{22} + a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

## Problem 6

**a**

**Claim.** Cayley-Hamilton holds for diagonal matrices.

*Proof.* The determinant of a diagonal matrix is just the product of the diagonal elements. To see this, consider that

$$\det(D) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \prod_{i=1}^n D_{i\sigma(i)} \text{sgn}(\sigma)$$

There is only one permutation that takes all  $A_{i\sigma(i)}$  to a nonzero entry, and that is when  $\forall i \in [1, n], i = \sigma(i)$ . This is the identity permutation, and thus  $\det(D) = \prod_{i=1}^n D_{ii}$ .

Now take any diagonal matrix  $D$ . For any  $i, j, i \neq j$ ,  $(\lambda I - D)_{ij} = \lambda I_{ij} - D_{ij} = 0 - 0 = 0$ . Thus,  $\lambda I - D$  is also diagonal. Then,



$$p_D(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - D) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda - D_{ii}) \implies p_D(D) = \prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I)$$

We will show that

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \text{diag}(d_{i1}, \dots, d_{in}) = \text{diag}\left(\prod_{i=1}^m d_{i1}, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^m d_{in}\right)$$

.

Induct on  $m$ . For  $m = 1$ , this is immediate.

Assume the above for  $m = k$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} \text{diag}(d_{i1}, \dots, d_{in}) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^k \text{diag}(d_{i1}, \dots, d_{in})\right) \text{diag}(d_{(k+1)1}, \dots, d_{(k+1)n}) \\ &= \text{diag}\left(\prod_{i=1}^k d_{i1}, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^k d_{in}\right) \text{diag}(d_{(k+1)1}, \dots, d_{(k+1)n}) \\ A_{uv} &= \sum_{l=1}^n \left(\text{diag}\left(\prod_{i=1}^k d_{i1}, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^k d_{in}\right)\right)_{ul} \left(\text{diag}(d_{(k+1)1}, \dots, d_{(k+1)n})\right)_{lv} \end{aligned}$$

When  $u \neq v$ , we have that both factors on the right are zero. Otherwise,

$$A_{uu} = \sum_{l=1}^n \left(\text{diag}\left(\prod_{i=1}^k d_{i1}, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^k d_{in}\right)\right)_{ul} \left(\text{diag}(d_{(k+1)1}, \dots, d_{(k+1)n})\right)_{lu}$$

When  $u \neq l$ , both factors are again zero.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\text{diag}\left(\prod_{i=1}^k d_{i1}, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^k d_{in}\right)\right)_{uu} \left(\text{diag}(d_{(k+1)1}, \dots, d_{(k+1)n})\right)_{uu} \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^k d_{iu}\right) d_{(k+1)u} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} d_{iu} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \text{diag}(d_{i1}, \dots, d_{in}) = \text{diag}\left(\prod_{i=1}^m d_{i1}, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^m d_{in}\right)$$

.

Finally, we arrive at that

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I) = \text{diag}\left(\prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I)_{11}, \prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I)_{22}, \dots, \prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I)_{nn}\right)$$

However, note that for any of these diagonal entries  $\prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I)_{jj}$ , we have that  $\prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I)_{jj} = (\prod_{i=1, i \neq j}^n (D - D_{ii}I)_{jj})(D - D_{jj}I)_{jj} = (\prod_{i=1, i \neq j}^n (D - D_{ii}I)_{jj})(0) = 0$ .

Thus, we have that  $p_D(D) = \prod_{i=1}^n (D - D_{ii}I) = 0$ .  $\square$

**b**

**Claim.** Cayley-Hamilton holds for diagonalizable matrices.

*Proof.* Let  $f(A) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i A^i$ . Then, if  $A = P^{-1}BP$ , we will show that  $f(A) = P^{-1}f(B)P$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1}f(B)P &= P^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=0}^n c_i B^i\right)P \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^n P^{-1}(c_i B^i)\right)P \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n P^{-1}(c_i B^i)P \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n c_i P^{-1}B^i P \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n c_i A^i = f(A) \end{aligned}$$

The last line comes from problem 2, part b, which doesn't actually rely on  $D$  being a diagonal matrix.

The first three lines come from the left/right distributivity of matrix multiplication.

Now, let  $A = P^{-1}DP$ , where  $D$  is diagonal. Then, since Apostol shows all similar matrices have the same characterizing polynomial, we put  $p(\lambda)$  for the characterizing polynomials of both  $A$  and  $D$ . Then,  $p(A) = P^{-1}p(D)P = P^{-1}0P = 0$ .  $\square$

## Problem 7

**a**

$$(1+i)^2 = 1^2 + 2i + i^2 = 2i$$

**b**

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{i}{i^2} = -i$$

**c**

$$\frac{1+i}{1-2i} = \frac{(1+i)(1+2i)}{(1-2i)(1+2i)} = \frac{1+3i+2i^2}{1-4i^2} = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{3i}{5}$$

**d**

$$i^5 + i^{16} = (i^4)i + (i^4)^4 = i + 1$$

## Problem 8

Let  $p$  be a polynomial over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**a**

**Claim.**

$$\overline{f(z)} = f(\bar{z})$$

*Proof.* We will show that conjugation is an automorphism on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

First, we show that  $\overline{zw} = \bar{z} \cdot \bar{w}$ . Let  $z = z_1 + z_2i, w = w_1 + w_2i$ . Then,

$$\overline{zw} = \overline{z_1w_1 - z_2w_2 + (z_1w_2 + z_2w_1)i} = z_1w_1 - z_2w_2 - (z_1w_2 + z_2w_1)i$$

and

$$\bar{z} \cdot \bar{w} = (z_1 - z_2i)(w_1 - w_2i) = z_1w_1 - z_2w_2 - (z_1w_2 + z_2w_1)i$$

so we have that  $\overline{zw} = \bar{z} \cdot \bar{w}$ .

Further,

$$\overline{z+w} = \overline{z_1+w_1 - (z_2+w_2)i} = z_1 - z_2i + w_1 - w_2i = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$$

Now, induct on the degree  $n$  of  $f$ . For  $n = 1$ , we have that  $f = c_o$ , which has the desired property immediately.

Now assume the hypothesis for  $n = k$ . Then,

$$\overline{f(z)} = \overline{\sum_{i=0}^{k+1} c_i z^i} = \sum_{i=0}^k \overline{c_i z^i} + \overline{c_{k+1} z^{k+1}} = \sum_{i=0}^k \overline{c_i} \overline{z^i} + \overline{c_{k+1} z^{k+1}} = \sum_{i=0}^k \overline{c_i} \overline{z}^i + \overline{c_{k+1}} \overline{z}^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \overline{c_i} \overline{z}^i = f(\overline{z})$$

□

**b**

**Claim.** Any nonreal zeros of  $f$  must occur in conjugate pairs.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f(z) = 0, z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then,  $f(\overline{z}) = \overline{0} = 0$ . Thus, any nonreal zero of  $f$  must also have that its conjugate is a zero of  $f$ . In particular, if  $z \notin \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z \neq \overline{z}$  and so complex roots come in conjugate pairs. □

**c**

**Claim.** For  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ , any nonreal eigenvectors of  $A$  occur in complex conjugate pairs.

*Proof.* Note that the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  was shown to be a real valued polynomial in problem 1. Then, as  $p_A(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A)$ , the eigenvalues of  $A$  are exactly the roots of  $p_A$ . Thus, from part b, any nonreal eigenvalues must come in conjugate pairs. □

## Problem 9

**Claim.**

$$(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}(\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{4}(\|x+y\|^2 - \|x-y\|^2) &= \frac{1}{4}((x+y, x+y) - (x-y, x-y)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}((x+y, x) + (x+y, y) - ((x-y, x) - (x-y, y))) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}((x, x) + (y, x) + (x, y) + (y, y) - ((x, x) - (y, x) - ((x, y) - (y, y)))) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}((x, x) + (x, y) + (x, y) + (y, y) - (x, x) + (x, y) + (x, y) - (y, y)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(4(x, y)) \\ &= (x, y)\end{aligned}$$

□