

hw 0417

1. a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$0 = \text{Det}(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 5$$

$$\lambda_1 = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -\sqrt{5}$$

index of nullity is 0

index of positivity is 1

b)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-1)^2 - 1 = 0$

$$\lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{index of nullity is 1} \\ \text{index of positivity is 1} \end{cases}$

c)  $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -3 \\ -3 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 7 = 0$

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -7 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{index of nullity is 0} \\ \text{index of nullity is 1} \end{cases}$

2. Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the orthogonal basis for  $V$  s.t.

$$\begin{cases} \langle v_i, v_i \rangle > 0 & i \in [1, r] \cap \mathbb{N}^* \\ \langle v_i, v_i \rangle < 0 & i \in [r+1, s] \cap \mathbb{N}^* \\ \langle v_i, v_i \rangle = 0 & i \in [s+1, n] \cap \mathbb{N}^* \end{cases}$$

$$V_0 = \text{span}\{v_{s+1}, v_{s+2}, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$V^{+'} = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$$

$$V^{-'} = \text{span}\{v_{r+1}, v_{r+2}, \dots, v_s\}$$

obviously  $V = V_0 \oplus V^{+'} \oplus V^{-'}$

$$\forall v = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + a_3 v_3 + \dots + a_r v_r \in V^{+'} \text{ if } v \neq 0$$

$$\langle v, v \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i^2 \langle v_i, v_i \rangle$$

$$\text{Since } \langle v_i, v_i \rangle > 0 \text{ for all } i=1, 2, \dots, r$$

$$\langle v, v \rangle > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } v \in V^+$$

$$\text{It follows that } V^{+'} \subseteq V^+$$

$$\forall v \in V^+ \text{ if } v \neq 0$$

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i$$

$$\langle v, v \rangle > 0$$

$$\langle v, v \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 \langle v_i, v_i \rangle$$

obviously

$$v_1 = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i v_i \in V^+ \quad (\text{since } \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle > 0)$$

Since  $V^+$  is a VS

$$v - v_1 \in V^+$$

$$0 \leq \langle v - v_1, v - v_1 \rangle = \sum_{i=r+1}^n \alpha_i^2 \langle v_i, v_i \rangle \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = v_1 \in V^+$$

$$\text{i.e. } V^+ \subseteq V^{+'}$$

$$\text{Hence } V^+ = V^{+'}$$

$$\text{i.e. } V^+ = \text{span} \{ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \}$$

Similarly

$$V^- = \text{span} \{ v_{r+1}, v_{r+2}, \dots, v_s \}$$

Then  $\dim V^+ = \text{index of positivity}$   
 $\dim V^- = \text{index of negativity}$