

MATB24 Quiz8, tut0022

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(1) [4 marks] In each part, give a complete definition, or mathematical characterization of the word in red

- An **unitary diagonalizable complex matrix**

$A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is unitary diagonalizable if there exists a diagonal
complex matrix $D \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ and an unitary matrix $U \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$
s.t. $A = UDU^*$

(2) [5 marks] Give an example of the described object (with justification) or explain why such an example does not exist.

- A unitarily diagonalizable complex matrix with real eigenvalues

consider the identity matrix I

① $I \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, because $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

② the eigenvalue of I is $1 \in \mathbb{R}$

③ notice $I^* = \bar{I}^T = I$, and $I^*I = II = I$, s.t. I is unitary.

s.t. $I = I^*I \overset{\text{unitary}}{\leftarrow} \overset{\text{diagonal}}{\leftarrow} I$, hence I is unitarily diagonalizable

$A^* = A$
In general, a Hermitian matrix will work for this question.

(3) [6 marks] Answer the following question:

- Prove that if A is unitarily diagonalizable, and it has real eigenvalues, then A is Hermitian

Let A be a unitarily diagonalizable matrix with real eigenvalues

then $A = U^*DU$ where U is unitary and D is diagonal where its entries are the eigenvalues of A , s.t. $D \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$

we are A is Hermitian, i.e. $A^* = A$

$$\begin{aligned} A^* &= (U^*DU)^* = \overline{(U^*DU)}^T = \overline{(U^T D^T (U^*)^T)} \\ &= \overline{U^T} \overline{D^T} \overline{(U^*)^T} = U^* D U = A, \text{ as required} \end{aligned}$$

where $\overline{D^T} = D$, because D is diagonal, s.t. $D^T = D$
and $D \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, s.t. $\overline{D} = D$

$$\text{and } \overline{(U^*)^T} = \overline{(\overline{U^T})^T} = \overline{(\overline{\overline{U^T}})} = \overline{\overline{U}} = U$$