

111-2

Use Theorem 20 to prove the following. If W is a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space V and if $\{g_1, \dots, g_r\}$ is any basis for W^0 , then

$$W = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{Ker} g_i.$$

Proof: Since $h \in \text{Span}\{g_1, \dots, g_r\} \iff \bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{Ker} g_i \subset \text{Ker} h$, so $W^0 = \{h : f(\bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{Ker} g_i) = \{0\}\} = (\bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{Ker} g_i)^0$, hence $W = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \text{Ker} g_i$.

115-1

Let F be a field and let f be the linear functional on F^2 defined by $f(x_1, x_2) = ax_1 + bx_2$. For each of the following linear operators T , let $g = T^t f$ and find $g(x_1, x_2)$.

(a) $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0)$; (b) $T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$; (c) $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - x_2, x_1 + x_2)$.

Proof: (a) $T^t f(x_1, x_2) = f \circ T(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, 0) = ax_1$.

(b) $T^t f(x_1, x_2) = f \circ T(x_1, x_2) = f(-x_2, x_1) = -ax_2 + bx_1$.

(c) $T^t f(x_1, x_2) = f \circ T(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1 - x_2, x_1 + x_2) = (a + b)x_1 + (b - a)x_2$.

115-3

Let V be the space of all $n \times n$ matrices over a field F and let B be a fixed $n \times n$ matrix. If T is the linear operator on V defined by $T(A) = AB - BA$, and if f is the trace function, what is $T^t f$?

Solution: $T^t f = f \circ T$, and $T^t f(A) = \text{tr}(AB - BA) = 0$, hence $T^t f = 0$.

115-4

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F and let T be a linear operator on V . Let c be a scalar and suppose there is a non-zero vector $\alpha \in V$ such that $T\alpha = c\alpha$. Prove that there is a non-zero linear functional $f \in V^*$ such that $T^t f = cf$.

Proof: $T - cI$ is not invertible, and $(T - cI)^t = T^t - cI$. Since $\text{rank}(T^t) = \text{rank}(T)$, $T^t - cI$ is also not invertible, hence c is an eigenvalue and there exists $f \in V^* \setminus \{0\}$ such that $T^t f = cf$.

116-5

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with real entries. Prove that $A = 0$ iff $\text{tr}(A^t A) = 0$.

Proof: Note that $(A^t A)_{i,i} = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{i,j}^t A_{j,i} = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{j,i}^2 \geq 0$, hence $\text{tr}(A^t A) = 0$ implies

$(A^t A)_{i,i} = 0 \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$, hence $A_{j,i} = 0 \forall i, j$ so $A = 0$.

If $A = 0$ clearly $\text{tr}(A^t A) = \text{tr}(0) = 0$.

116-7

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F . Show that $\varphi : \mathcal{L}(V, V) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(V^*, V^*)$, $T \rightarrow T^t$ is an isomorphism.

Proof: Clearly φ is linear, $\text{Ker} \varphi = \{0\}$, and $\dim \mathcal{L}(V, V) = (\dim V)^2 = (\dim V^*)^2 = \dim \mathcal{L}(V^*, V^*)$, so φ is an isomorphism.

116-8

Let V be the vector space of $n \times n$ matrices over the field F .

(a) If B is a fixed $n \times n$ matrix, define a function f_B on V by $f_B(A) = \text{tr}(B^t A)$. Show that f_B is a linear functional on V .

(b) Show that every linear functional on V is of the above form, i.e., is f_B for some B .

(c) Show that $B \mapsto f_B$ is an isomorphism of $V \rightarrow V^*$.

Proof: (a) $\varphi : A \mapsto B^t A \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$, and $\text{tr} \in V^*$, so $f_B = \text{tr} \circ \varphi \in V^*$.

(b) (We can use Riesz representation theorem on the Euclidean inner product.)

Suppose $f(E_{i,j}) = c_{i,j}$ where $E_{i,j}$ is the matrix where only (i, j) is 1 and the other entries are 0. Then for $B = (c_{i,j})_{i,j \leq n}$, $f = f_B$.

(c) $\Phi : V \rightarrow V^*, B \mapsto f(B)$ is an epimorphism, and $\dim V = \dim V^*$, so Φ is an isomorphism.