

Homework 7.1
Linear Algebra
Math 524
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Problem 7.A.1: Suppose n is a positive integer. Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^n)$ by

$$T(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})$$

Find a formula for $T^*(z_1, \dots, z_n)$.

Notice the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle T(x_1, \dots, x_n), (z_1, \dots, z_n) \rangle &= \langle (0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), (z_1, \dots, z_n) \rangle \\ &= x_1 z_2 + \dots + x_{n-1} z_n + x_n(0) \\ &= \langle (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n), (z_2, \dots, z_n, 0) \rangle \\ &= \langle (x_1, \dots, x_n), T^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Thus $T^*(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (z_2, \dots, z_{n-1}, 0)$

Problem 7.A.4: Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Prove that

(a) T is injective if and only if T^* is surjective.

(\Rightarrow). Let T be injective.

Because T is injective, $\text{null } T = (\text{range } T^*)^\perp = \{0\}$. Because $(\text{range } T^*)^\perp = \{0\}$, that means $(\text{range } T^*) = W$, thus proving that T^* is surjective.

(\Leftarrow) Let T^* be surjective.

Because T^* is surjective, $\text{range } T^* = W$, such that $(\text{range } T^*)^\perp = \text{null } T = \{0\}$. Because $\text{null } T = \{0\}$, T is injective.

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(b) T is surjective if and only if T^* is injective.

(\Rightarrow). Let T be surjective.

Because T is surjective, $\text{range } T = W$ and $(\text{range } T)^\perp = \text{null } T^* = \{0\}$. Because $\text{null } T^* = \{0\}$. Thus T^* is injective.

Let T^* be injective.

Because T^* is injective, $\text{null } T^* = (\text{range } T)^\perp = \{0\}$. Because $(\text{range } T)^\perp = \{0\}$, that means $(\text{range } T) = W$, thus proving that T is surjective.

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Problem 7.A.6: Make $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ into an inner product space by defining

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x)$$

Define $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ by $T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_1x$

(a) Show that T is not self-adjoint.

Notice that self adjoint means $\langle Tp, q \rangle = \langle p, Tq \rangle$.

Let $p = p_0 + p_1x + p_2x^2$ and $q = q_0 + q_1x + q_2x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Tp, q \rangle &= \langle p_1x, q_0 + q_1x + q_2x^2 \rangle & \langle p, Tq \rangle &= \langle p_0 + p_1x + p_2x^2, q_1x \rangle \\ &= \int_0^1 p_1q_0x + p_1q_1x^2 + p_1q_2x^3 & &= \int_0^1 q_1p_0x + q_1p_1x^2 + q_1p_2x^3 \\ &= p_1 \left(\frac{q_0x^2}{2} + \frac{q_1x^3}{3} + \frac{q_2x^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^1 & &= q_1 \left(\frac{p_0x^2}{2} + \frac{p_1x^3}{3} + \frac{p_2x^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= p_1 \left(\frac{q_0}{2} + \frac{q_1}{3} + \frac{q_2}{4} \right) & &= q_1 \left(\frac{p_0}{2} + \frac{p_1}{3} + \frac{p_2}{4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

As long as $p_0, q_0 \neq 0$, and $q_i \neq p_i$ for $i = \{0, 1, 2\}$, T is not self-adjoint.

(b) The matrix of T with respect to the basis $(1, x, x^2)$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This matrix equals its conjugate transpose, even though T is not self-adjoint. Explain why this is not a contradiction.

This is an assumption that the basis $(1, x, x^2)$ is an orthonormal basis. Notice:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 1 + x + x^2, 1 + x + x^2 \rangle &= \int_0^1 x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{x^4}{2} + x^3 + x^2 + x \Big|_0^1 \\ &= 3.7 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Because the inner product with itself is not 0, it is not an orthonormal basis, thus allowing the matrix to be equal with its conjugate transpose.

Problem 7.A.14: Suppose T is a normal operator on V . Suppose also that $v, w \in V$ satisfy the equations

$$\|v\| = \|w\| = 2$$

$$Tv = 3v$$

$$Tw = 4w$$

Show that $\|T(v + w)\| = 10$

Because $\|Tv\| \neq \|Tw\|$, we know that v, w are orthogonal, or form a right triangle, in which we can use the Pythagorean theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\|T(v + w)\|^2} &= \sqrt{\|Tv + Tw\|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\|3v + 4w\|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\|3v\|^2 + \|4w\|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9\|v\|^2 + 16\|w\|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9(4) + 16(4)} = 10 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7.B.2: Suppose that T is a self-adjoint operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space and that 2 and 3 are the only eigenvalues of T . Prove that $T^2 - 5T + 6I = 0$.

Because T is self-adjoint, there exists an orthonormal basis e_1, \dots, e_n that consists of eigenvectors such that for any $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $(T - \lambda I)e_i = 0$, for all eigenvalues, λ , of T .

$$(T^2 - 5T + 6I)e_i = (T - 2I)(T - 3I)e_i = 0$$

Because $e_i \neq 0$, then $T^2 - 5T + 6I = 0$.

Problem 7.B.6: Prove that a normal operator on a complex inner product space is self-adjoint if and only if all its eigenvalues are real.

(\Rightarrow). Let T be a complex inner product space that is self-adjoint.

By 7.13, every eigenvalue of a self-adjoint operator is real.

(\Leftarrow) Let all the eigenvalues of some operator, T , be real.

Thus there exists a matrix in respect to its basis, $\mathcal{M}(T)$, with its eigenvalues on its diagonals. Thus $\mathcal{M}(T)$ equals its transpose, thus T is self-adjoint. \square