

MATHS 120 – Assignment 3

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Question One

Consider the subset $B := \{b_1, b_2, b_3\} \subset \mathbb{C}^3$

$$b_1 := \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_2 := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_3 := \begin{bmatrix} 2i \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Prove that B is a basis for \mathbb{C}^3 .

We know by Corollary 2.2.24, 3 vectors will be a basis for \mathbb{C}^3 if they are either linearly independent or span \mathbb{C}^3 .

By definition 2.5.2, we also know that if the determinant of a matrix = 0, then at least two of the columns are equal.

$$\text{Let } Z := \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2i \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, if the determinant of Z is non-zero, then we can be sure that the b_1, b_2, b_3 will be linearly independent, and thus B is a basis for \mathbb{C}^3 .

By Lemma 2.5.7:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(Z) &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2i \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2i \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1+2i \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2i \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1+2i \end{bmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 2.5.17, we can see the determinant is $1 + 2i$, thus the vectors are linearly independent, and B is a basis for \mathbb{C}^3 .

(b) Let $l : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ be the function defined by

$$l(b_1) := \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad l(b_2) := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 - 2i \end{bmatrix}, \quad l(b_3) := \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -i \end{bmatrix},$$

and let $L : \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ be its linear extension. Find an explicit formula for $L(z)$, where

$$z := \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^3 \text{ is arbitrary.}$$

We can define $L(z)$ as:

$$L \left(z = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) := \frac{ix + 2y + 2z}{3} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 - 2i \end{bmatrix} + \frac{-ix + y + z}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Find the standard matrix of L .

The standard matrix for L one where the columns are the images of the basis vectors under L .

$$\therefore [L] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1-2i}{3} & \frac{2i+2}{3} & \frac{2i+2}{3} \\ \frac{-1-i}{3} & \frac{-5-5i}{3} & \frac{-2-i}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Let $T : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ be the linear map whose standard matrix is

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ 0 & 2 - 2i \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the standard matrix of $T \circ L$.

The standard matrix of the composition of T and L is the product of the standard matrices of T and L .

Question Two

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear map. For each of the follow, either prove or disprove:

- (a) If for all $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we have $\|T(u)\| = \|u\|$, then T is injective.

For T to be injective, $\text{Ker}(T) = \{0\}$

$$\|T(u)\| = \|u\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|0\| = \|u\|$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 0$$

Hence, $\{u \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid T(u) = 0\}$, thus the statement that T is injective is true

- (b) The converse of part (a).

The converse of part (a) is, If T is injective, for every $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we have $\|T(u)\| = \|u\|$

Take $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, where T is defined as $T(x, y) = (2x, 2y)$.

$$\Rightarrow \|T(x, y)\| = \|(2x, 2y)\|$$

$$= \|2(x, y)\|$$

$$= 2\|(x, y)\| \text{ by Proposition 2.2.41}$$

$$\therefore \|T(x, y)\| = 2\|u\| \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus the converse is false.

Question Three

We define two new operations on complex matrices. Let $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$.

- The complex conjugate matrix \bar{A} is defined entrywise, i.e.

$$[\bar{A}]_{ij} := \overline{A_{ij}}.$$

- $A^\dagger := \bar{A}^\top$

Consider the complex matrix

$$U := \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -i & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

- (a) Find U^\dagger .

First, transpose U ,

$$U^\top = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i & 0 \\ 1 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we can find the complex conjugate of U^\top ,

$$\bar{U}^\top = \bar{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & 0 \\ 1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Find all complex scalars $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$.

$$U^\dagger = U^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow U^\dagger U = I, \text{ where } I \text{ is the identity matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\bar{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & 0 \\ 1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix} \right) \left(\lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -i & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\lambda} \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2|\lambda|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Since λ is a complex scalar, λ is every complex number $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ away from the origin.

Suppose $\lambda = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore |\lambda| = |a + bi| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = \lambda^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = \frac{1}{2} - a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - a^2}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = a \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - a^2}$$

Question Four

Let $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be arbitrary vectors, and let $A \equiv [u, v]$ be the matrix with columns u and v . Show that

$$\sqrt{\det(A^\top A)} = \|u\| \|v\| \sin(\angle_{u,v}),$$

where $\angle_{u,v}$ is the angle between the vectors u and v .

$$\begin{aligned} A^\top A &= [u, v]^\top [u, v] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} u \cdot u & u \cdot v \\ u \cdot v & v \cdot v \end{bmatrix} \\ \therefore \det(A^\top A) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} u \cdot u & u \cdot v \\ u \cdot v & v \cdot v \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (u \cdot u)(v \cdot v) - (u \cdot v)^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 - (\|u\| \|v\| \cos(\angle_{u,v}))^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 - (\|u\| \|v\|)^2 (\cos(\angle_{u,v}))^2 \\ &= \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 (1 - \cos^2(\angle_{u,v})) \\ &= \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 \sin^2(\angle_{u,v}) \\ \therefore \sqrt{\det(A^\top A)} &= \sqrt{\|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 \sin^2(\angle_{u,v})} \\ &= \|u\| \|v\| \sin(\angle_{u,v}) \end{aligned}$$