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科目：線性代數

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1. Let  $A \in M(3, \mathbb{R})$  be given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) **(10 points.)** Find the Jordan-Chevalley decomposition of  $A$ .  
(b) **(10 points.)** Compute

$$\exp A := I_3 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!}.$$

2. Let  $V$  be the space of all polynomials in  $x$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  of degree  $\leq 2$ . Let an inner product on  $V$  be defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

- (a) **(10 points.)** Find a polynomial  $k(x, t)$  in  $x$  and  $t$  such that

$$f(x) = \int_{-1}^1 k(x, t)f(t) dt$$

for all  $f \in V$ .

- (b) **(10 points.)** Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0) = 2a_2x + a_1$ . Find the linear transformation  $T^* : V \rightarrow V$  such that  $\langle T(f), g \rangle = \langle f, T^*(g) \rangle$  for all  $f, g \in V$ .

3. **(20 points.)** Let  $V = M(n, \mathbb{R})$  be the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear transformation. Assume that  $f(AB) = f(BA)$  for all  $A, B \in V$  and  $f(I_n) = n$ , where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix in  $V$ . Prove that  $f$  is the trace function. (*Hint:* Consider the cases  $A = E_{ij}$  and  $B = E_{k\ell}$  for various  $E_{ij}$  and  $E_{k\ell}$ . Here  $E_{ij}$  denotes the matrix whose  $(i, j)$ -entry is 1 and whose other entries are 0.)

4. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces, and  $U^*$  and  $V^*$  be their dual spaces, respectively. For a linear transformation  $T : U \rightarrow V$ , define  $T^* : V^* \rightarrow U^*$  by  $(T^*f)(u) = f(Tu)$  for  $f \in V^*$  and  $u \in U$ .

- (a) **(10 points.)** Prove that  $T$  is injective if and only if  $T^*$  is surjective.  
(b) **(10 points.)** Prove that  $T$  is surjective if and only if  $T^*$  is injective.

5. **(20 points.)** Let  $V$  a finite-dimensional vector space over a field  $F$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation. Assume that  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are two relatively prime polynomials in  $F[x]$ . Prove that  $\ker(f(T)g(T)) = \ker f(T) \oplus \ker g(T)$ . (Here for a linear transformation  $S$ , we let  $\ker S$  denote the kernel of  $S$ .)

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Notation:  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers and  $\mathbb{C}$  is the set of complex numbers. If  $F = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $n$  is a positive integer, we denote by  $M_n(F)$  the set of  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $F$  and by  $I_n$  the identity matrix in  $M_n(F)$ .

**Problem 1** (15 pts). Let

$\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, 0, 4)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (-1, 1, 3, -3)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 1, -5, -2)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_4 = (-1, -9, -1, -4)$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Let  $W_1$  be the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and let  $W_2$  be the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{v}_3$  and  $\mathbf{v}_4$ . Find the dimension and a basis of  $W_1 \cap W_2$ .

**Problem 2.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -4 & 1 \\ 3 & -8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(1) (10pts) Find an invertible matrix  $Q \in M_3(\mathbb{C})$  such that

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(2) (15pts) Find an invertible matrix  $P \in M_3(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.

**Problem 3.** For any  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ , define

$$\sin A = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} A^{2n+1}.$$

(1) (5pts) Evaluate  $\sin \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(2) (15pts) Prove or disprove: There exists  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\sin A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2022 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem 4** (20pts). Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$  be roots of characteristic polynomial of  $A$  (counted with multiplicity). Show that

$$AA^* = A^*A \text{ if and only if } \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} |a_{ij}|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n |\lambda_k|^2.$$

**Problem 5** (20pts). Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ . Suppose that all of the eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$  are positive real numbers. If  $A^4 = B^4$ , prove that  $A = B$ .

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In the following, for a linear map  $f : V \rightarrow V$ ,  $\ker f$  and  $\text{im } f$  denote the kernel and the image of  $f$ , respectively.

1. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional complex inner product space. Let  $d : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map satisfying  $d^2 = 0$ . Let  $\delta : V \rightarrow V$  be the adjoint of  $d$  and  $\Delta = d\delta + \delta d$ . Prove the following.
  - (a) [5%]  $d\delta x = 0$  implies that  $\delta x = 0$ , and  $\delta dx = 0$  implies that  $dx = 0$ , for all  $x \in V$ .
  - (b) [10%]  $\ker \Delta = \ker d \cap \ker \delta$ .
  - (c) [10%] There is the orthogonal decomposition  $V = \ker \Delta \oplus \text{im } d \oplus \text{im } \delta$ .
  - (d) [5%] There is the orthogonal decomposition  $\ker d = \ker \Delta \oplus \text{im } d$ .
2. [10%] Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  be the space of column vectors, and  $M$  a positive definite symmetric  $n \times n$  real matrix. Suppose the matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies  $MAM^{-1} = A^t$ . Show that there exists  $P \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying  $P^t MP = I_n$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal. (Here  $B^t$  denotes the transpose of the matrix  $B$ .)
3. (a) [10%] Let  $M$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  complex matrix. Prove that there exists an invertible matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2 = M$ .  
(b) [10%] Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $N$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over a field such that  $N^n = 0$  but  $N^{n-1} \neq 0$ . Prove that there is no square matrix  $B$  such that  $B^2 = N$ .
4. [20%] Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  and  $u_1, \dots, u_n \in V$  are linearly independent. Show that, for any  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ ,  $u_1 + \alpha v_1, \dots, u_n + \alpha v_n$  are linearly independent for all but finitely many values of  $\alpha \in F$ .
5. [20%] Let  $P$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with coefficients in a field. Suppose  $\text{rank}(P) + \text{rank}(I_n - P) = n$ . Prove that  $P^2 = P$ .

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1. Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  real symmetric matrix. Suppose that 1 and 2 are eigenvalues of  $A$  and the eigenspace for the eigenvalue 2 is 3-dimensional. Assume that  $(1, -1, -1, 1)^t$  is an eigenvector for the eigenvalue 1. (Here  $v^t$  denotes the transpose of  $v$ .)

(a) Find an orthonormal basis for the eigenspace for the eigenvalue 2 of  $A$ . **(10 points.)**

(b) Find  $Av$ , where  $v = (1, 0, 0, 0)^t$ . **(10 points.)**

2. Let  $A$  be a real  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that

$$\text{rank}(A^2) - \text{rank}(A^3) \leq \text{rank}(A) - \text{rank}(A^2).$$

**(10 points.)**

3. Let  $V$  be a vector space of finite dimension over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $S, T$ , and  $U$  be subspaces of  $V$ . Prove or disprove (by giving counterexamples) the following statements:

(a)  $\dim(S + T) = \dim S + \dim T - \dim(S \cap T)$ . **(10 points.)**

(b)  $\dim(S + T + U) = \dim S + \dim T + \dim U - \dim(S \cap T) - \dim(T \cap U) - \dim(U \cap S) + \dim(S \cap T \cap U)$ . **(10 points.)**

4. (a) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $\exp A$ . **(10 points.)**

(b) Prove that  $\det(\exp A) = \exp(\text{tr } A)$  for  $A \in M(n, \mathbb{C})$ . **(10 points.)**

(c) Prove or disprove (by giving counterexamples) that if  $A$  is nilpotent, then so is  $\exp A - I_n$ . Here a matrix  $M$  is said to be nilpotent if  $M^k = 0$  for some positive integer  $k$  and  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of size  $n$ . **(10 points.)**

5. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be finite-dimensional vector spaces, and  $U^*$  and  $V^*$  be their dual spaces, respectively. For a linear transformation  $T : U \rightarrow V$ , define  $T^* : V^* \rightarrow U^*$  by  $(T^* f)(u) = f(Tu)$  for  $f \in V^*$  and  $u \in U$ .

(a) Prove that  $T$  is injective if and only if  $T^*$  is surjective. **(10 points.)**

(b) Prove that  $T$  is surjective if and only if  $T^*$  is injective. **(10 points.)**

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1. Find all possible Jordan forms for  $8 \times 8$  real matrices having  $x^2(x - 2)^3$  as minimal polynomial. (**20 points.**)
2. Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  of infinite elements, and let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be vectors in  $V$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer. Suppose that  $v_0 + zv_1 + \dots + z^n v_n = 0$  for infinitely many  $z$  in  $\mathbb{F}$ . Prove that all  $v_i$ 's are zero. (**20 points.**)
3. Let  $V = M(n, \mathbb{R})$  be the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices and  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear transformation. Assume that  $f(AB) = f(BA)$  for all  $A, B \in V$  and  $f(I_n) = n$ , where  $I_n$  is the identity matrix in  $V$ . Prove that  $f$  is the trace function. (**20 points.**)  
*Hint:* Consider the cases  $A = E_{ij}$  and  $B = E_{kl}$  for various  $E_{ij}$  and  $E_{kl}$ . Here  $E_{ij}$  denotes the matrix whose  $(i, j)$ -entry is 1 and whose other entries are 0.)
4. Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $B : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a symmetric bilinear form on  $V$ . (*Symmetric* means  $B(u, v) = B(v, u)$  for all  $u, v \in V$ . *Bilinear* means that  $B$  is linear in each of the two variables.)
  - (a) Let  $W$  be a vector subspace of  $V$  and let

$$W^\perp = \{u \in V : B(u, v) = 0 \text{ for all } v \in W\}.$$

Prove that if  $\dim W = m$ , then  $\dim W^\perp \geq n - m$ . (**10 points.** Hint: Choose a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  for  $W$  and consider the map

$$u \mapsto (B(u, v_1), \dots, B(u, v_m))$$

from  $V$  into  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .)

- (b) Prove that  $V = W \oplus W^\perp$  if and only if the restriction of  $B$  to  $W$  is non-degenerate. (*Nondegenerate* means that  $v = 0$  is the only vector of  $W$  such that  $B(u, v) = 0$  for all  $u \in W$ .) (**15 points.**)
- (c) Prove that if  $B$  is nondegenerate on  $V$ , then there is a nonnegative integer  $p$  with  $p \leq n$  and a basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  such that

$$B(v_i, v_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 1 \leq i = j \leq p, \\ -1, & \text{if } p+1 \leq i = j \leq n, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

(**15 points.**)

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2017.10.20

- (1) (20 points) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 11 & -6 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the lower triangular Jordan canonical form of

A. Please compute  $\exp(tA)$  and derive the general solution to  $x'(t) = A x(t)$ , where  $x(t)$  is a 3-dimensional column vector.

- (2) (20 points) Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complex vector space, and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be an invertible linear map such that  $T^2 = 1$ . (a) Show that  $T$  is diagonalizable, (b) Let  $S$  be the vector space of linear transformations from  $V$  to  $V$  that commute with  $T$ . Please express  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} S$  in terms of  $n$  and the trace of  $T$ .

- (3) (20 points) Let  $A = (A_{ij})$  be a real invertible skew-symmetric  $2n \times 2n$  matrix.

(a) Show that all eigenvalues of  $A$  are pure imaginary.

(b) Define the Pfaffian  $Pf(A)$  of  $A$  by

$$Pf(A) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{2n}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) A_{\sigma(1), \sigma(2)} A_{\sigma(3), \sigma(4)} \cdots A_{\sigma(2n-1), \sigma(2n)}.$$

Let  $B$  be any real  $2n \times 2n$  matrix. Show that  $Pf(BAB^T) = Pf(A) \det(B)$ .

(c) Assuming the fact that there exists a real orthogonal  $2n \times 2n$  matrix  $O$  such that

$$OAO^T = \text{diag} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_1 \\ -m_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_2 \\ -m_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_n \\ -m_n & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

where  $m_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Show that  $\det(A) = Pf(A)^2$ .

- (4) (20 points) Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be  $n \times n$  complex matrices. Show that  $A$  and  $B$  are simultaneously triangularizable (*i.e.* there exists an invertible matrix  $P \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $PAP^{-1}$  and  $PBP^{-1}$  are both upper triangular) if  $A$  and  $B$  commute.

Hint: Let  $\lambda$  be one of the eigenvalues of  $A$ . Try to show  $B(\ker(A - \lambda I)) \subset \ker(A - \lambda I)$ .

- (5) (20 points) Show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} X_0 & X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_{n-1} \\ X_{n-1} & X_0 & X_1 & \dots & X_{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & \dots & X_0 \end{vmatrix} = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \zeta^{jk} X_k \right)$$

where  $\zeta$  is a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity.

Hint: You may first compute, for example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_0 & X_1 & X_2 & X_3 \\ X_3 & X_0 & X_1 & X_2 \\ X_2 & X_3 & X_0 & X_1 \\ X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & X_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \zeta & \zeta^2 & \zeta^3 \\ 1 & \zeta^2 & \zeta^4 & \zeta^6 \\ 1 & \zeta^3 & \zeta^6 & \zeta^9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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2016. 10. 21

1. (20%) Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$  where  $F$  is a field.
  - (a) Show that if  $k$  is the largest integer such that some  $k \times k$  submatrix of  $A$  has a nonzero determinant, then  $\text{rank}(A) = k$ .
  - (b) If  $A$  is nilpotent of index  $m$  (that is,  $A^m = 0$  but  $A^{m-1} \neq 0$ ), and if, for each vector  $v$  in  $F^n$ ,  $W_v$  is defined to be the subspace generated by  $v, Av, \dots, A^{m-1}v$ , how large can the dimension of  $W_v$  be? (Justify your answer.)
2. (30%)
  - (a) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the general solution to the system of differential equations
 
$$\frac{dX}{dt} = AX, \text{ where } X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$$
 where for each  $i$ ,  $x_i(t)$  is a differentiable real-valued function of the real variable  $t$ .
  - (b) Let  $V$  be the space of all real polynomials having degree less than 4 with the inner product  $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t)dt$ . Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $T(f(x)) = f'(x) + 3f(x)$ . Use the Gram-Schmidt process to replace  $\beta = \{1, 1+x, x+x^2, x^2+x^3\}$  by an orthonormal basis for  $V$  and find the matrix representation of the adjoint  $T^*$  of  $T$  in this orthonormal basis.
3. (30%)
  - (a) Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that there exists an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  and a positive semi-definite symmetric matrix  $P$  such that  $A = QP$ .
  - (b) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Show that  $T$  is normal if and only if its adjoint  $T^* = g(T)$  for some polynomial  $g(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ .
4. (20 %) Let  $T \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$  for a finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space  $V$ .
  - (a) Show that we have an expression of  $T$  as  $T = S + N$  with  $S, N \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ , such that  $S$  is diagonalisable,  $N$  is nilpotent and  $SN = NS$ .
  - (b) Show that both  $S$  and  $N$  are uniquely defined by these conditions.
  - (c) Show that there is a polynomial  $p(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  with  $p(0) = 0$  such that  $S = p(T)$ .

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2015.10.23

There are five problems 1 ~ 5 in total; some problems contain sub-problems, indexed by (a), (b), etc.

1. [20%] Prove the Cayley-Hamilton theorem: Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  a linear transformation with characteristic polynomial  $p(x)$ . Then  $p(T) = 0$ .
2. Let  $F$  be a field and  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$  be an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix.
  - (a) [10%] Show that the row rank of  $A$  equals the column rank of  $A$ .
  - (b) [10%] Denote by  $A^t$  the transport of  $A$  and let  $r$  be the row rank of  $A$ . Show that  $AA^t$  is of rank  $r$ .
3. [20%] Let  $F$  be a field and  $\{A_i \in M_n(F) \mid i \in I\}$  be a collection of  $n$  by  $n$  matrices. ( $I$  is a set; it might be finite or infinite.) Suppose that  $A_i$  are diagonalizable for all  $i \in I$  and  $A_i A_j = A_j A_i$  for any  $i, j \in I$ . Show that there exists an invertible matrix  $P \in M_n(F)$  such that  $PA_i P^{-1}$  are diagonal for all  $i \in I$ .
4. [20%] Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix over the field of complex numbers. Denote by  $A^*$  the conjugate transport of  $A$ . Suppose  $AA^* = A^*A$ . Show that there exists a matrix  $P$  such that (i)  $PP^* = I$ , the identity matrix, and (ii)  $PAP^*$  is a diagonal matrix. (You may do the case  $A = A^*$  for half credit.)
5. [20%] Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field of complex numbers and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  a linear transformation with characteristic polynomial  $p(x)$ . Suppose that  $p(x) = q_1(x)q_2(x)$  for two polynomials  $q_1(x)$  and  $q_2(x)$  which do not have a common root. Show that there are two subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of  $V$  satisfying that (i)  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$  and  $V = W_1 + W_2$ , (ii)  $T(W_i) \subset W_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ , and (iii) regarding  $T$  as a linear transformation on  $W_i$ , it has characteristic polynomial  $q_i(x)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

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2014.10.24

Notation:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of rational numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers and  $\mathbb{C}$  is the set of complex numbers. Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $I_n$  be the identity matrix in  $M_2(\mathbb{Q})$ .

**Problem 1** (20 pts).

- (a) For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $V_x$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generated by

$$(x, 1, 1, 1), (1, x, 1, 1), (1, 1, x, 1), (1, 1, 1, x).$$

Determine all  $x$  such that  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} V_x \leq 3$ .

- (b) Find the dimension and a basis for the space of  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear maps  $L : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  whose kernels contain  $(0, 2, -3, 0, 1)$ .

**Problem 2** (20 pts). Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (1) Compute the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .
- (2) If  $f(x) = (x - 3)^2 + 5$ , find the eigenvalues of  $f(A)$ .
- (3) Find an orthogonal matrix  $P \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.

**Problem 3** (15 pts). Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be invertible matrices. Show that

- (1) If  $ABA^{-1}B^{-1} = c \cdot I_n$ , then  $c = \pm 1$ ;
- (2) If  $AB - BA = c \cdot I_n$ , then  $c = 0$ .

**Problem 4** (10pts). Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $A^3 = A$ . Show that  $\operatorname{rank} A = \operatorname{trace} A^2$ .

**Problem 5** (15pts). Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\operatorname{rank} A + \operatorname{rank}(I_n - A) = n$ . Show that  $A^2 = A$ .

**Problem 6** (20 pts). Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{Q})$  with  $A^n = 0$  but  $A^{n-1} \neq 0$ . Show that if  $B \in M_n(\mathbb{Q})$  commutes with  $A$  ( $\iff BA = AB$ ), then

$$B = a_1 + a_2 A + \dots + a_n A^{n-1} \text{ for some } a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

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## 科目：線性代數

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1. (20%)  
 (a) Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ ,  $B \in M_{n \times p}(F)$  where  $F$  is a field.  
     Show that  $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(A), \text{rank}(B)\}$ .  
     Moreover, if  $n = p$  and  $B$  is invertible, show that  $\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(A)$ .  
 (b) Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ . Show that  $\text{rank}(A^* A) = \text{rank}(A)$  where  $A^*$  is the conjugate transpose of  $A$ .
  
2. (20%)  
 (a) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix. Show that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , then  $\lambda$  is real.  
 (b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix. Show that one can find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$ .
  
3. (20%)  
 (a) Which  $n \times n$  real matrices  $B$  have the property that  $AB = BA$  for all  $n \times n$  real matrices  $A$ ? Justify your answer.  
 (b) Let  $A, B$  be two  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices. Show that  $A$  and  $B$  are simultaneously diagonalizable if and only if  $AB = BA$ .
  
4. (20 %) For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we define the norm of  $x$  by  $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$  where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the standard inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
 Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 (a) Find a vector  $p$  in the column space of  $A$  (the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by the column vectors of  $A$ ) such that  $\|p - b\| \leq \|A \cdot x - b\|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$   
 (b) Find  $s \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $A \cdot s = p$  and  $s$  has the minimum norm, that is,  
 $\|s\| \leq \|v\|$  for all solutions  $v$  (in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ) of  $A \cdot x = p$ .  
 (Justify your answers.)
  
5. (20 %) Find the Jordan form  $B$  of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 & -3 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the matrix  $P$  such that  $B = P^{-1}AP$ .

(Notice! Show your works in details. No points will be assigned for non-substantial answers.)

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- [20%] Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over a field. Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Show that the degree of the minimal polynomial of  $T$  equals

$$\max_{v \in V} \{ \dim \langle v, T(v), T^2(v), \dots, T^{n-1}(v) \rangle \}.$$

(Here  $\langle w_1, \dots, w_r \rangle$  denotes the subspace spanned by  $w_1, \dots, w_r$ .)

- [20%] Consider the real  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  satisfying

- $a_{ij} \geq 0$  for all  $i, j$ ,
- $a_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i$ , and
- $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = \gamma$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  for some constant  $\gamma \neq 0$ .

Show that

- (a) If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is a real eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $-\gamma \leq \lambda \leq \gamma$ .  
(b)  $\gamma$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and the corresponding eigenspace has dimension one.  
(c) The eigenspace corresponding to  $-\gamma$  has dimension either zero or one.
- [20%] Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a real  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix. Show that  $A$  is *positive definite* (meaning:  $v^t A v > 0$  for any non-zero  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $v^t$  is the transport of  $v$ ) if and only if, for any  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have

$$\det A_r > 0 \quad \text{where } A_r = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq r} \in M_r(\mathbb{R}).$$

- [20%] Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map between two finite dimensional vector spaces. Let  $V^*$  and  $W^*$  be the dual spaces of  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively. Prove that

- $T$  is injective if and only if the transport  $T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$  is surjective.
- $T$  is surjective if and only if the transport  $T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$  is injective.

(Recall that the transport  $T^*$  is defined by  $(T^*(f))(v) = f(T(v))$  for  $f \in W^*, v \in V$ .)

- [20%] Let  $A$  be a real  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $A^t = -A$  (where  $A^t$  denotes the transport of  $A$ ). Let  $\lambda = a + bi$  be a complex eigenvalue of  $A$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $i^2 = -1$ . Show that  $a = 0$ .

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You should include in your answer every piece of computation and every piece of reasoning so that the corresponding partial credit could be gained.

(20%) 1. (a) Prove that if  $A$  is a symmetric matrix then  $A^2$  is symmetric. Is the converse true? Justify your answer.

(b) Determine all real  $m \times n$  matrices  $A$  for which  $A^T A = 0$ . Justify your answer.

(c) Suppose that  $K$  is a square matrix with  $K = -K^T$  and that  $I - K$  is nonsingular. Let  $B = (I + K)(I - K)^{-1}$ . Prove that  $B^T B = BB^T = I$ .

(20%) 2. Let  $V$  be the real vector space of all functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a) For any integer  $n$ , define  $f_n(x) = x + n$ . Determine the dimension of the subspace of  $V$  generated by  $\{f_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Justify your answer.

(b) Define  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 4i + 1 - x, & \text{if } 4i \leq x < 4i + 2 \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{Z}; \\ x - 4i - 3, & \text{if } 4i + 2 \leq x < 4i + 4 \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

For any integer  $n$ , define  $g_n(x) = g(x + n)$ . Determine the dimension of the subspace of  $V$  generated by  $\{g_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Justify your answer.

(20%) 3. (a) Suppose  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix and  $J$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix whose entries are all 1. Determine the ranks of  $J$  and  $J - I$ . Justify your answer.

(b) Prove that the rank of an  $n \times n$   $(0, 1)$ -matrix  $A$  with  $A_{ij} + A_{ji} = 1$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  is either  $n$  or  $n - 1$ .

(20%) 4. A square matrix is called *unimodular* if its determinant is 0 or  $\pm 1$ . A matrix is called *totally unimodular* if all of its square submatrices are unimodular. It is easy to see that any entry of a totally unimodular matrix is 0 or  $\pm 1$ .

(a) For any  $n \geq 3$ , give an  $n \times n$   $(0, 1)$ -matrix which is not unimodular. Justify your answer.

(b) Prove that any  $m \times n$  matrix in which every column has exactly one 1, exactly one  $-1$  and all other entries 0 is totally unimodular.

(20%) 5. (a) Prove that all eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix are real.

(b) Suppose  $S$  is an  $m \times m$  real symmetric matrix whose eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ . Recall that there is an orthonormal basis  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  for which each  $v_i$  is a corresponding eigenvector of  $\lambda_i$ . Prove that  $\lambda_1 \geq \frac{x^T S x}{x^T x} \geq \lambda_m$  for any nonzero  $m$ -vector  $x$ .

(c) Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix whose eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ . Let  $B$  be the matrix obtained from  $A$  by deleting the last row and the last column, and its eigenvalues are  $\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_{n-1}$ . Prove that these eigenvalues are interlacing, that is  $\lambda_1 \geq \mu_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \mu_2 \dots \geq \lambda_{n-1} \geq \mu_{n-1} \geq \lambda_n$ .

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**Instructions.**

- There are two problems in two pages.
- In a problem, if an exercise depends on the conclusions of other exercises that precede it, you may assume these conclusions without solving them.

**Problem 1 (80 points).** Let  $m$  and  $n$  be two positive integers. The  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space of matrices of size  $m \times n$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$  is denoted by  $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$ . We also set  $M_n(\mathbb{C}) = M_{n,n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

The aim of this problem is to prove the following statement.

**Theorem.** Let  $m, n$  and  $r$  be positive integers with  $r \leq m \leq n$ . Let  $V \subset M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear subspace. Assume that every matrix  $A$  in  $V$  satisfies  $\text{rank } A \leq r$ . Then

$$\dim V \leq nr.$$

- (1) Show that it suffices to prove the theorem for  $m = n$ .
- (2) Assume that  $m = n$ . Show that we can assume that  $V$  contains the block matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $I_r$  is the identity matrix of rank  $r$ .

From now on, we assume that  $m = n$ , and that  $R \in V$ .

- (3) Let

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{pmatrix} \in V$$

be a block matrix in  $V$  with  $M_{11} \in M_r(\mathbb{C})$ . Show that

$$M_{22} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad M_{21}M_{12} = 0.$$

(Hint: you may consider the  $(r+1) \times (r+1)$  minors of  $M + tR$  for  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ .)

- (4) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V$$

be two block matrices with  $A_{11}, B_{11} \in M_r(\mathbb{C})$ . Show that

$$A_{21}B_{12} + B_{21}A_{12} = 0.$$

- (5) Let  $\phi : V \rightarrow M_{r,n}(\mathbb{C})$  be the map sending a matrix  $M \in V$  to its first  $r$  rows. Define the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear subspace

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V \mid A_{21} \in M_{n-r,r}(\mathbb{C}) \right\} \subset V,$$

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and let  $s = \dim W$ . Show that

$$\dim \phi(V) \leq nr - s,$$

by considering the map

$$\begin{aligned}\psi : W &\rightarrow M_{r,n}(\mathbb{C})^V \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ A_{21} & 0 \end{pmatrix} &\mapsto T_{A_{21}}\end{aligned}$$

to the dual of  $M_{r,n}(\mathbb{C})$ , where  $T_{A_{21}}$  is the linear form defined by

$$T_{A_{21}}(B_{11}, B_{12}) = \text{Tr}(A_{21}B_{12})$$

for every block matrix  $(B_{11}, B_{12}) \in M_{r,n}(\mathbb{C})$  with  $B_{11} \in M_r(\mathbb{C})$ .

(6) Conclude that

$$\dim V \leq nr.$$

(7) Show that the inequality in the theorem is optimal: More precisely, for all positive integers  $m, n$  and  $r$  with  $r \leq m \leq n$ , construct  $V \subset M_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  as in the theorem such that

$$\dim V = nr.$$

**Problem 2 (20 points).** Let  $V$  be a nonzero vector space over a field  $F$ . Let

$$B : V \times V \rightarrow F$$

be a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form on  $V$ , and let

$$\begin{aligned}q : V &\rightarrow F \\ v &\mapsto B(v, v)\end{aligned}$$

be the associated quadratic form. For every  $x \in F$ , we say that  $q$  represents  $x$  if  $q(v) = x$  for some nonzero  $v \in V$ .

- (1) Suppose that  $q$  represents 0. Show that  $q$  represents every element of  $F$ . (Hint: Consider  $q(cv + w)$  with  $c \in F$  and some suitable  $w \in V$ .)
- (2) Show that  $B$  extends to a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form on  $V \oplus F$  whose associated quadratic form represents every element of  $F$ .

Notation:  $\mathbf{R}$  is the set of real numbers, and  $\mathbf{C}$  is the set of complex numbers. If  $F = \mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$ , denote by  $M_n(F)$  the  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $F$ . If  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ , denote by  $A^t \in M_{n \times m}(F)$  the transpose of  $A$ . Denote by  $I_n$  the  $n \times n$  identity matrix and  $0_n$  the  $n \times n$  zero matrix.

**Problem 1** (10pts). Let  $i = \sqrt{-1} \in \mathbf{C}$  be a root of  $X^2 + 1$ . Let

$$v_1 = (1, 0, -i), \quad v_2 = (1+i, 1-i, 1), \quad v_3 = (i, i, i).$$

Show that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbf{C}^3$  and express the vector  $v_4 = (1, 0, 1)$  as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ , namely find  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $v_4 = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3$ .

**Problem 2** (15 pts). Let

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (0, 3, 3, 1), \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = (2, 1, -3, 7), \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = (1, 8, 6, 6), \quad \mathbf{v}_4 = (1, 10, -4, 2)$$

be vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Let  $W_1 = \text{span}_{\mathbf{R}} \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  and let  $W_2 = \text{span}_{\mathbf{R}} \{\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4\}$ . Find the dimension and a basis of  $W_1 \cap W_2$ .

**Problem 3** (25 pts). Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{2 \times 3}(\mathbf{R}).$$

- (1) (15pts) Find an orthogonal matrix  $P \in M_3(\mathbf{R})$  such that  $P^{-1}A^tAP$  is a diagonal matrix.
- (2) (10pts) Find the singular value decomposition of  $A$ . In other words, factorize  $A = U\Sigma V^t$ , where  $U \in M_3(\mathbf{R})$  and  $V \in M_3(\mathbf{R})$  are orthogonal matrices and  $\Sigma \in M_{2 \times 3}(\mathbf{R})$  is of the form

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq 0$$

**Problem 4** (15pts). Let  $V = M_3(\mathbf{C})$  be a 9-dimension vector space over  $\mathbf{C}$  and let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define the linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$T(B) = AB - BA.$$

- (1) (5pts) Find the dimension of  $\text{Ker } T$ .
- (2) (10pts) Show that  $T$  is diagonalizable.

**Problem 5** (15pts). Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$ . Prove that  $\text{rank } A + \text{rank } B \leq n$  if and only if there exists an invertible matrix  $X \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$  such that  $AXB = 0_n$ .

**Problem 6** (20pts). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be elements in  $M_n(\mathbf{C})$ . Suppose that

$$AB - BA = c \cdot (A - B)$$

for some non-zero  $c \in \mathbf{C}$ . Prove that there exists an invertible matrix  $P \in M_n(\mathbf{C})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  and  $P^{-1}BP$  are upper-triangular matrices with the same diagonal entries.

**Notation:** We denote by  $\mathbf{C}$  the set of complex numbers. For any positive integer  $n$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{C}^n$  the  $n$ -dimensional column vector spaces over  $\mathbf{C}$ ; let  $I_n$  be the identity matrix in  $M_n(\mathbf{C})$ .

**Problem 1 (15 pts).** Let  $T : \mathbf{C}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(v) = A \cdot v$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 4}(\mathbf{C}).$$

- (1) (5 pts) Find the rank and the nullity of  $T$ .
- (2) (10pts) Find a base of  $\text{Ker } T$  (the kernel of  $T$ ).

**Problem 2 (15pts).** For any complex number  $a \in \mathbf{C}$ , let  $V_a$  be the subspace spanned by the row vectors

$$(2, -5, a), (1, a, -4), (a, -1, -2).$$

Determine all possible values  $a \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} V_a = 2$ .

**Problem 3 (25pts).** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (1) (15pts) Find an invertible matrix  $P \in M_3(\mathbf{C})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.
- (2) (10pts) Find an invertible matrix  $Q \in M_3(\mathbf{C})$  such that

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem 4 (15pts).** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbf{C})$  be a Hermitian matrix  $\iff A = A^*$ .

- (1) (5 pts) Show that  $\text{Ker } A \cap \text{Im } A = \{0\}$ .
- (2) (10pts) If  $A^3 = 2A^2 + 2A$ , show that  $A = 0$ .

**Problem 5 (15pts).** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbf{C})$  such that  $A^n = 0$  but  $A^{n-1} \neq 0$ .

- (1) (7pts) Show that there exists  $v \in \mathbf{C}^n$  such that  $\{v, Av, A^2v, \dots, A^{n-1}v\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbf{C}^n$ .
- (2) (8pts) If  $B \in M_n(\mathbf{C})$  such that  $AB = BA$ , prove that

$$B = a_0 + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}A^{n-1}$$

for some  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathbf{C}$ .

**Problem 6 (15pts).** Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbf{C})$ . Suppose that the eigenvalues of  $A, B$  are all non-negative real numbers and that  $\text{null}(A) = \text{null}(A^2)$  and  $\text{null}(B) = \text{null}(B^2)$ . If  $A^4 = B^4$ , prove that  $A = B$ .

(Recall that  $\text{null}(A) :=$  the nullity of  $A$  = the dimension of the kernel of  $A$ )

## Linear Algebra

1. (20 points.) Let  $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(F)$  be two  $n \times n$  matrices over a field  $F$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $\text{rank}(A + B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$ .
  - (b) Prove that  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) \leq \text{rank}(AB) + n$ .
2. (15 points.) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$  of the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-3} & a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & a_0 & \cdots & a_{n-4} & a_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & a_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$  and  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$ . Prove that

$$\det A = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} f(\omega^j).$$

3. (15 points.) Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  be a polynomial. Prove that the linear transformation  $f(T)$  is invertible if and only if  $f(x)$  and the minimal polynomial  $T$  have no common roots.
4. (15 points.) Let  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  be eigenvectors corresponding to  $k$  distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  of a linear operator  $T$  on a vector space  $V$ . Prove that the  $T$ -cyclic subspace generated by  $v = v_1 + \cdots + v_k$  has dimension  $k$ .
5. (15 points.) Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $T^*$  be its adjoint. Suppose that  $T^* = T^3$ . Prove that  $T^2$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
6. (20 points.) Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $n$  over a field  $F$ . Determine the dimension over  $F$  of the vector space of multilinear alternating functions  $f : V \times \cdots \times V \rightarrow F$  ( $k$  copies of  $V$ ).

- Unless otherwise specified, everything is over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- The ordinary inner product of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted by  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}$ .
- $\mathcal{S}_n$  is the space of  $n \times n$  square matrices.
- $\mathcal{P}$  is the vector space of polynomials of one variable  $x$  with real coefficients.
- Dual space  $V^*$  of real vector space  $V$  is  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \alpha \text{ is linear}\}$ .

- (1) [16%]  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  is a subspace span by  $\vec{u} = [1 \ -4 \ 8 \ 3]^t$  and  $\vec{v} = [2 \ -2 \ 10 \ 3]^t$ . Define a linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$T(\vec{u}) = 5\vec{u} + 2\vec{v}$$

$$T(\vec{v}) = 7\vec{u} + \vec{v}$$

The induced inner product of  $V$  from  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is defined by  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$ ,  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ .

Is  $T$  self-adjoint with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ? Demonstrate your answer.

- (2) [16%]  $\mathcal{P}_3 \equiv \{f(x) \in \mathcal{P} \mid \deg(f(x)) \leq 3\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_3^*$  be the dual space of  $\mathcal{P}_3$ . For any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , define  $\hat{a} \in \mathcal{P}_3^*$  by  $\hat{a}(f(x)) = f(a)$  and  $d\hat{a} \in \mathcal{P}_3^*$  by  $d\hat{a}(f(x)) = f'(a)$ .

- a. Find the basis  $\phi_{-1}(x), \phi_0(x), \phi_d(x), \phi_1(x)$  of  $\mathcal{P}_3$  such that  $\widehat{-1}, \widehat{0}, d\widehat{0}, \widehat{1}$  are their corresponding dual basis.

- b. Define  $I \in \mathcal{P}_3^*$  by  $I(f(x)) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx$ . Find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$I = \alpha \widehat{-1} + \beta \widehat{0} + \gamma d\widehat{0} + \epsilon \widehat{1}$$

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$$(3) [16\%] \Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{S}_n. \quad \mathcal{C}_n = \{X \mid X\Gamma = \Gamma X\} \text{ is a subspace of } \mathcal{S}_n.$$

Determine  $\dim \mathcal{C}_n$  and find a basis of  $\mathcal{C}_n$ .

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- The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is equal to minimal polynomial of  $A$ .
- For any  $X \in \mathcal{S}_n(\mathbb{C})$  satisfies  $XA = AX$ ,  $X$  is a polynomial of  $A$ .

(1) (20 points) Let  $V_1$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear span of functions:  $\sin^i x \cdot \cos^j x$ ,  $i, j = 0, \dots, n$ . Let  $V_2$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear span of functions:  $\sin kx, \cos kx$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, n$ . Determine the dimensions of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  and prove your assertion. Is it true that  $V_1 = V_2$ ? Prove or disprove it.

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$$(2) (15 \text{ points}) \text{ Let } A := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

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Find a basis of  $V$ .

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(b) There is some  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that  $Q(v) = v^t \cdot A^t \cdot A \cdot v$ , for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Here,  $B^t$  denotes the transpose of  $B$ .

試題隨卷繳回

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(a) If  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation with the null space (kernel) of dimension  $n - 1$ , then there exists some  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and a non-zero  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\psi(v) = \lambda \cdot v$ .

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GRADUATE ENTRANCE EXAM 2016: LINEAR ALGEBRA

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Problem 1 (10pts). Find all possible  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the vectors

$$(1, 3, a), (a, 4, 3), (0, a, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

are linearly dependent.

Problem 2 (10pts). Find a set of polynomials  $p_0(t) = a$ ,  $p_1(t) = b + ct$  and  $p_2(t) = d + et + ft^2$  with coefficients  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $\{p_0, p_1, p_2\}$  is an orthonormal set of polynomials with respect to the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^2 f(t)g(t)dt$ .

Problem 3 (20pts). Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \in M_3(\mathbb{R}).$$

Find an invertible  $P \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 4 (15pts). Let  $V = M_3(\mathbb{C})$  be a 9-dimension vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  and let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define the linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow V$  by

$$T(B) = ABA^{-1}.$$

Show that  $T$  is also diagonalizable.

Problem 5 (20pts). Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ . Suppose that eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $B$  are all real numbers and that  $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } A^2$  and  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank } B^2$ . If  $A^3$  is similar to  $B^3$  (namely there exists an invertible  $P \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $P^{-1}A^3P = B^3$ ), prove that  $A$  is similar to  $B$ .

Problem 6 (25pts). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be elements in  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ . If  $A^2B + BA^2 = 2ABA$ , show that  $(AB - BA)^n = 0$ .

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(1) (15%) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^6$ . Let  $W_1$  be the subspace of  $V$  spanned by

$$(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), (3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10), (0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 3), (1, -2, 3, -4, 5, -6),$$

and  $W_2$  be the subspace of  $V$  spanned by

$$(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3), (-2, 0, -1, 0, 1, 2), (1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0, -2, -2).$$

Find the dimension of the subspace  $W_1 \cap W_2$  and find a basis for this subspace.

(2) (15%) Let

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} -x & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & x & 2 & 2 \\ x & 0 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & x & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find an integer  $x$  such that all entries of the inverse of  $C$  are integers. For such  $x$ , find  $C^{-1}$ .

(3) (15%) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices over  $F$ . Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $T(A) = A^t$ . Test  $T$  for diagonalizability, and if  $T$  is diagonalizable, find a basis for  $V$  such that the matrix representation of  $T$  is diagonal.

(4) (15%) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be  $F$ -vector spaces, and  $V^*$  and  $W^*$  be the dual space of  $V$  and  $W$ , respectively. Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Define  $T^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$  by  $T^*(f) = f \circ T$  for all  $f \in W^*$ . Show that  $T$  is onto if and only if  $T^*$  is one to one.

(5) (10%) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices over a field  $F$ . Show that if  $A$  is invertible, there are at most  $n$  scalars  $c$  in  $F$  such that  $cA + B$  is not invertible.

(6) (15%)

(a) Let  $S$  and  $T$  be linear operators on a finite-dimensional vector space. If  $p(t)$  is a polynomial such that  $p(ST) = 0$ , and if  $q(t) = tp(t)$ , show that  $q(TS) = 0$ .

(b) What is the relation between the minimal polynomials of  $ST$  and  $TS$ .

(7) (15%) Let  $V$  be a vector space with a basis  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be an inner product on  $V$ . If  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are any  $n$  scalars, show that there is exactly one vector  $v$  in  $V$  such that  $\langle v, u_j \rangle = c_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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**Problem 4** (20pts). Let  $L : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$L(X) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} X - X \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) Find the dimension of the kernel of  $L$ .
- (2) Find a basis for the image of  $L$ .

**Problem 5** (20 pts). If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $AA^* = A^*A$  and  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a column vector, prove that

- (1)  $A^2v = 0$ , then  $Av = 0$ .
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- (3) Show that the minimal polynomial of  $A$  has distinct roots.

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## Notation.

- $\mathbb{R}$  = the set of all real numbers;
- $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  = the set of all real  $m \times n$  matrices;
- $P_n(\mathbb{R})$  = the set of all polynomials of degrees at most  $n$  with real coefficients;
- $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  = the set of all infinitely differentiable functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- If  $f$  is a differentiable function, we write  $f'$  for its derivative;
- If  $v$  is a vector in an inner product space, we write  $\|v\|$  for its norm.

1. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $T: P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the function defined by

$$T(f(x)) = f'(x - a) + (ax + 1)f''(x)$$

for all  $f(x) \in P_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

- (a) (8 points) For which real numbers  $a$  is the function  $T$  linear? Prove your answer.  
(b) (10 points) Find all real numbers  $a$  such that  $T$  is not surjective.

2. Let  $V$  be an  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space, and let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator on  $V$ .

- (a) (8 points) Show that if  $V = C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $T(f) = f'$  for all  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $T$  has infinitely many eigenvalues.  
(b) (10 points) Give a detailed proof that if  $V = P_n(\mathbb{R})$ , then any linear operator  $T$  on  $V$  has only finitely many eigenvalues. Your proof should contain enough details so that the grader can see clearly why it does not work for  $V = C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

3. Let  $V$  be a (not necessarily finite-dimensional) real inner product space. Let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  be two distinct vectors in  $V$ , and let

$$S = \{v \in V \mid \|v - u_1\| = \|v - u_2\|\}.$$

- (a) (10 points) What is the necessary and sufficient condition on  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  so that  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ ? Prove your answer.  
(b) (10 points) When  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $S$  is a subspace, what is the relation between  $\dim V$  and  $\dim S$ ? Prove your answer.

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4. Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  be a matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be a column vector such that the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  has no solutions for  $\|x\| > 2024$ , but has at least one solution for  $\|x\| \leq 2024$ . Give a proof or an explicit counterexample for each of the following statements.

(a) (10 points) The system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  has only one solution for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(b) (10 points)  $m \geq n$ .

5. (12 points) Let  $u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2$  be column vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $u_1, u_2$  are linearly independent and  $v_1, v_2$  are linearly independent. Prove that the following two conditions are equivalent.

(a) There exists an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix  $A$  such that  $Au_1 = v_1$  and  $Au_2 = v_2$ .

(b)  $\|u_1\| = \|v_1\|$ ,  $\|u_2\| = \|v_2\|$ , and  $\|u_1 - u_2\| = \|v_1 - v_2\|$ .

6. (12 points) Does there exist a matrix  $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}?$$

Prove your answer.

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(1) (10%) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For which triples  $C^t = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$  does the system  $AX = C$  have a solution? And find the solutions, if any. Here  $C^t$  is the transpose of  $C$ .

(2) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) (5%) Prove that the left-multiplication transformation  $L_A$  is a reflection.

(b) (10%) Find the axis in  $R^2$  about which  $L_A$  reflects.

(c) (5%) Prove that  $L_{AB}$  and  $L_{BA}$  are rotations.

(3) (20%) Let  $V = P_2(R)$  be the space of all polynomials with coefficients in  $R$ , having degree at most 2. Define a linear operator  $T$  on  $V$  by

$$T(f(x)) = -xf''(x) + f'(x) + 2f(x).$$

Find the minimal polynomial of  $T$ .

(4) (20%) Describe all linear operators  $T$  on  $R^2$  such that  $T$  is diagonalizable and  $T^3 - 2T^2 + T = T_0$ , where  $T_0$  is the zero transformation.

(5) (15%) Let  $g$  be a non-degenerate form on a finite-dimensional space  $V$ . Show that each linear operator  $T$  has an operator  $T'$  such that

$$g(Tv, w) = g(v, T'w)$$

for all  $v, w$ .

(6) (a) (5%) If  $N$  is a nilpotent  $3 \times 3$  matrix over  $C$ , prove that  $A = I + \frac{1}{2}N - \frac{1}{8}N^2$  satisfies  $A^2 = I + N$ , i.e.,  $A$  is a square root of  $I + N$ .

(b) (10%) If  $N$  is a nilpotent  $n \times n$  matrix over  $C$ , find a square root of  $I + N$ .

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- 1 (10%) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $v_1, v_2$  be two distinct vectors in  $V$ . Show that there is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear transformation  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which

$$f(v_1) \neq f(v_2).$$

- 2 (18%) Let  $V := \text{Mat}_{1 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  and define  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x, y, z) := \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ x & y & z \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Show that  $f$  is a linear transformation over  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
(ii) Put  $W := \text{Ker } f$ . Find an  $\mathbb{R}$ -basis of  $W$ .  
(iii) Let  $V/W$  be the quotient space of  $V$  by  $W$ , and elements in  $V/W$  are denoted by  $\bar{v}$  for  $v \in V$ . Show that the map  $\bar{f} : V/W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$\bar{f} \left( \overline{(a, b, c)} \right) := \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

is well-defined and is an isomorphism of vector spaces.

- 3 (14%) Find the Journal canonical form of the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 4 (12%) Suppose that  $V$  is finite dimensional inner product space over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $T$  is a normal linear operator on  $V$  such that  $T^9 = T^8$ . Prove that  $T$  is self-adjoint and  $T^2 = T$ .

- 5 (20%) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  with two inner products  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle'$ . Prove the following.

- (i) There exists a unique linear operator  $T$  on  $V$  so that  $\langle x, y \rangle' = \langle T(x), y \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .  
(ii) The linear operator  $T$  in (i) is positive definite with respect to both inner products.

- 6 (14%) Let  $V := \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $W \subset V$  be the vector subspace defined as the set of solutions of  $x_1 + \cdots + x_n = 0$ . Define  $W^0 := \{f \in V^* | f(w) = 0 \text{ for all } w \in W\}$ , where

$$V^* := \{f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} | f \text{ is a linear transformation over } \mathbb{R}\},$$

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the dual space of  $V$ . Show that  $W^0$  is equal to the set of all  $f$  of the form

$$f \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \lambda(a_1 + \cdots + a_n) \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

7. (12%) Given a nonzero matrix  $A \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$  and a nonzero vector  $b \in \text{Mat}_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{R})$ , show that if there exists a row vector  $C \in \text{Mat}_{1 \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  for which  $CA = 0$  and  $Cb = 1$ , then  $Ax = b$  has no solution.

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**Notation:**  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the field of real numbers;  $\mathbb{C}$  denotes the field of complex numbers.  $F$  denotes an arbitrary field;  $M_{m \times n}(F)$  denotes the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices with entries in  $F$ . If  $T$  is a linear transformation,  $R(T)$  denotes the range of  $T$ , and  $N(T)$  denotes the null space of  $T$ . If  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ ,  $A^t$  denotes the transpose of  $A$ , and  $L_A$  denotes the linear transformation from  $F^n$  to  $F^m$  that sends each vector  $v \in F^n$  to  $Av \in F^m$ .

1. (12 points) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be  $F$ -vector spaces, and let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Prove that  $\dim R(T) + \dim N(T) = \dim V$  if  $V$  is finite-dimensional.
2. (10 points) Find a matrix  $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$R(L_A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 3a - 2b + 4c = 0 \right\} \text{ and } N(L_A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 3t \\ -t \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

You need to show that the matrix you find has the required properties.

3. (12 points) Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$ . Show that the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$  has a solution for all  $b \in F^m$  if and only if the system of linear equations  $A^t x = 0$  has no nonzero solutions.
4. (12 points) Let  $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$  and  $B \in M_{n \times m}(F)$ . Show that if  $\text{rank}(AB) = m$ , then  $\text{rank}(BA) = m$ .
5. Let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional  $F$ -vector space  $V$ .
  - (a) (6 points) State the definition of eigenvectors of  $T$ .
  - (b) (6 points) Give an explicit example of  $T$  that has no eigenvectors.
  - (c) (8 points) Prove that  $T$  has an eigenvector if  $F = \mathbb{C}$ .
6. (10 points) Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$ . Show that if  $Q \in M_{n \times n}(F)$  is an invertible matrix such that  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is diagonal, then each column vector of  $Q$  is an eigenvector of  $L_A$ .
7. (12 points) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear operator. Show that if  $T$  preserves the Euclidean distance between any two points, that is,  $\|T(u) - T(v)\| = \|u - v\|$  for any  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to the standard basis is an orthogonal matrix.
8. (12 points) Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  be a real symmetric matrix. Show that there exists a real symmetric matrix  $B$  such that  $B^3 = A$ .

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In the following,  $\mathbb{F}$  denotes a field with infinitely many elements.

1. (15%) Express

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

as a product of elementary matrices.

2. (10%) Show that eigenvectors from different eigenspaces of a matrix are linearly independent.

3. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $\beta := \{(1, 1), (1, 2)\}$  be an ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\gamma := \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$  be an ordered basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (a) (10%) Find a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that the matrix representation

$$[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} = A$$

- (b) (5%) Find  $\text{rank}(T)$ .

4. (10%) Prove the following theorem: For  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , if the system  $A\mathbf{x} = b$  has exactly one solution, then  $A$  is invertible.

5. (15%) Let  $L : P_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_3(\mathbb{R})$  be given by

$$L[p(t)] = p(t) + p(1)(t-3) - 2p'(1)(2t-1)$$

Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of  $L$  where  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$  is the vector space of real polynomials of degree  $\leq 3$ .

6. (a) (10%) Show that if  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  is of rank  $m$ , there exists  $B \in M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{F})$  such that

$$BA = I_n$$

- (b) (5%) What is the rank of  $B$ ?

7. (10%) Give  $A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Q})$  which is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , but  $A$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

8. (10%) Prove or give a counterexample: any  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  is similar to  $A^t$ .

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Notation:

- $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ : the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices over the field  $\mathbb{F}$
- $I_n$ : the  $n \times n$  identity matrix
- $\text{End}(V)$ : the set of all linear transformations from  $V$  to itself
- $A^*$ : the conjugate transpose of the matrix  $A$
- $\ker(\alpha)/\text{im}(\alpha)/\text{tr}(\alpha)$ : kernel/image/trace of  $\alpha$

(1) Let  $S = \{2, 3, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Let  $V$  be the vector space of all functions  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  and  $(cf)(x) = cf(x)$  for  $f, g \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(a) (8%)  $V$  is a  $k$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $k = ?$

(b) (8%) Let  $f_i(x) = x^i$ . Is  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k\}$  a basis for  $V$ ?

(2) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomials with real coefficients satisfying  $\deg(f(x)) < n$ . Let  $T \in \text{End}(V)$  defined by  $T(f(x)) = x^2(f(x+1) - f(x) - f'(x))$ .

(a) (10%) In the case  $n = 5$ , find all eigenvectors of  $T$ .

(b) (10%) In the general case, find all eigenvalues of  $T$ . Is  $T$  diagonalizable?

$$(3) (10\%) \text{ Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ compute } A^{100}.$$

(4) (12%) Let  $V$  be a 2-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $\alpha \in \text{End}(V)$ ,  $\alpha^2 \neq 0$ .

Show that  $V = \ker(\alpha) \oplus \text{im}(\alpha)$ . (Hint: consider minimal polynomial)

(5) Let  $V = M_{4 \times 4}(\mathbb{C})$ , define  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB^*)$ .

(a) (10%) Show that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  defines an inner product on  $V$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

(b) (10%) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $V$  consisting of all skew-symmetric matrices (i.e.  $A = -A^T$ ). Find an orthonormal basis for  $W$ .

(6) (10%) Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Let  $\alpha \in \text{End}(V)$  for which there exists a set  $S$  of  $n + 1$  eigenvectors satisfying the condition that every subset of size  $n$  is a basis for  $V$ . Show that  $\alpha = cI_n$  for some constant  $c$ .

(7) (12%) Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy  $A^2 + I_n = 0$ . Show that  $n$  is even, and there exists  $P \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -I_{n/2} \\ I_{n/2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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- Show all your work and justify all your answers.
- $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the field of real numbers, and  $n$  denotes a positive integer.

1. (12 points) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix whose  $(i, j)$  entry is

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} j, & \text{if } i \leq j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Find the inverse of  $A$ .

2. (12 points) Let  $V = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . For  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 y_2) \quad \text{and} \quad a(x_1, y_1) = (ax_1, y_1).$$

Is  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with these operations?

3. (15 points) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the function defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x - y, 3y - 2z, x + y - z)$$

for  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Prove that  $T$  is a linear transformation. Is  $T$  one-to-one?

4. (15 points) Let  $V = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid 2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4 = 0\}$ . Find a basis  $\beta$  for  $V$  such that  $(2, 1, -1, 0) \in \beta$ .

5. (15 points) Let  $V$  be the real vector space of all  $n \times n$  real matrices, and let  $A \in V$ . Suppose that  $W$  is the subspace of  $V$  spanned by the set  $\{A^i \mid i \text{ is a non-negative integer}\}$ , where  $A^0$  is defined to be the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. Prove that  $\dim(W) \leq n$ .

6. (15 points) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional complex inner product space, and let  $T$  be a positive definite linear operator on  $V$ . Prove that  $T = S^*S$  for some invertible linear operator  $S$  on  $V$ . Here  $S^*$  denotes the adjoint of  $S$ .

7. (16 points) Find the Jordan canonical form of the real matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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1. (10 points) Let  $A, B$  be two  $m \times n$  matrix. Show that  $|\operatorname{rank}(A) - \operatorname{rank}(B)| \leq \operatorname{rank}(A + B) \leq \operatorname{rank}(A) + \operatorname{rank}(B)$ .
2. (16 points) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $r_k = \operatorname{rank}(A^k)$ .
  - (a). Show that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r_k$  exist.
  - (b). If  $r_3 \neq r_4$ , Is  $A$  diagonalizable? Show your answer.
3. (8 points) Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying the condition that each  $a_{ij}$  is either equal to 1 or to -1. Show that  $\det(A)$  is an integer multiple of  $2^{n-1}$ .
4. (16 points) Let  $S, T$  be linear operator on  $V$  such that  $S^2 = S$ . Show that the range of  $S$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $STS = TS$ . Show that both the range and null space of  $S$  are invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $ST = TS$ .
5. (20 points) Define a real vector space  $V = \{f(x) \mid f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , with inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ .
  - (a). Find an orthonormal basis for  $V$ .
  - (b). Using (a), find  $f \in V$  to maximize  $f(\frac{1}{2})$  subject to the constraint  $\langle f, f \rangle = 1$ .
6. (16 points) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 4-a \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the condition of  $a$  such that  $A$  is diagonalizable over real number.
7. (14 points) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix. Show that the matrix  $A^2 + A + I$  is positive-definite.

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In this test, all vector spaces are finite dimensional over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

1. (15 points) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a vector space  $V$ . Prove that  $T$  is diagonalizable if and only if its minimal polynomial is square-free.
2. (15 points) Let  $V$  be a vector space. A linear operator  $S$  on  $V$  is semisimple if for every  $S$ -invariant subspace  $W$  of  $V$  there exists an  $S$ -invariant subspace  $W'$  of  $V$  such that  $V = W \oplus W'$ . Prove that every diagonalizable operator on  $V$  is semisimple, and deduce that every linear operator  $T$  on  $V$  can be decomposed uniquely as  $T = S + N$ , where  $S$  is semisimple,  $N$  is nilpotent, and  $SN = NS$ .
3. (15 points) Let  $T$  and  $U$  be normal operators on an inner product space  $V$  such that  $TU = UT$ . Prove that  $UT^* = T^*U$ , where  $T^*$  is the adjoint of  $T$ .
4. (15 points) Let  $T$  and  $U$  be Hermitian operators on an inner product space  $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  such that  $\langle T(x), x \rangle > 0$  for all nonzero  $x \in V$ . Prove that  $UT$  is diagonalizable and has only real eigenvalues.
5. (15 points) Find the total number of distinct equivalence classes of congruent  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices and justify your answer.
6. (15 points) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix,  $t$  be a variable, and  $I$  be the identity matrix. Prove that

$$\det(I - tA) = \exp\left(-\sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{\text{tr}(A^i)t^i}{i}\right).$$

7. (10 points) Let  $A = (a_{i,j})$  be a  $2n \times 2n$  matrix such that  $A^T = -A$ . The Phaffian of  $A$  is defined as

$$\text{pf}(A) := \frac{1}{2^n n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{2n}} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{\sigma(2i-1), \sigma(2i)},$$

where  $S_{2n}$  is the symmetric group of order  $2n$  and  $\text{sgn}(\sigma)$  is the signature of  $\sigma$ . Prove that for any  $2n \times 2n$  matrix  $B$ ,

$$\text{pf}(BAB^T) = \det(B) \text{pf}(A).$$

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線性代數

1. Find the inverse of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 17 \end{pmatrix}$$

(15 points)

2. Show that for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank}(A)$ . (15 points)

3. Let  $\mathcal{P}_2$  be the real vector space of real quadratic polynomials (polynomials of degree at most 2). Find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{P}_2$  with respect to the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = f(-1)g(-1) + f(0)g(0) + f(1)g(1)$ . (You do not need to show that it is truly an inner product.) (15 points)

4. For real  $t$  show that

$$e^{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -t \\ t & 0 \end{pmatrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

(15 points)

5. (a) Find the matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  such that  $x \mapsto Px$  is the orthogonal projection of

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \text{ onto } \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \quad (10 \text{ points})$$

$$(b) \text{ Find } \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x \right\|. \quad (10 \text{ points})$$

6. (a) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Prove that if  $x^* A x \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , then  $A$  is Hermitian.

(10 points)

- (b) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Is it true that  $x^T A x \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  implies  $A$  is symmetric?

(10 points)

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1. Find  $e^A$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . (15 points)
2. Let  $T_j : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , be a rotation by some angle  $\theta_j$  about some point  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Show that if  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 \notin \{2k\pi \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , then the composition  $T_2T_1$ , is also a rotation about some point. (15 points)
3. Let  $A$  be a real skew-symmetric matrix, that is,  $A^t = -A$ . Prove the following statements.
  - (a) Each eigenvalue of  $A$  is either 0 or a purely imaginary number. (10 points)
  - (b) The rank of  $A$  is even. (10 points)
4. Let  $C([-\pi, \pi])$  be the space of real continuous functions on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  with inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) dx$ . Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace  $W = \text{span}(1, x, \sin x)$ . (15 points)
5. Let  $M_{2 \times 2}$  be the space of  $2 \times 2$  real matrices. Consider the linear operator  $S$  on  $M_{2 \times 2}$  defined by

$$S(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} X + X \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c \\ d & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) Write down the representative matrix of  $S$  with respect to the basis

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \quad (10 \text{ points})$$

- (b) Give the necessary and sufficient condition on  $a, b, c, d$  so that  $S$  is invertible. (10 points)

6. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  (real or complex) matrix. Show that if  $A$  is nilpotent (i.e.  $A^k = 0$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), then  $I - A$  is invertible, where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix. (15 points)

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## 【基礎數學】: Part I. 線性代數

### Linear Algebra

In the following,  $F^{m \times n}$  denotes the class of all  $m \times n$  matrices with entries in the field  $F$ , where  $F = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . Vectors in  $F^n$  will be regarded as column vectors. We say a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric if  $A^T = A$ , a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is Hermitian if  $A^* = \overline{A}^T = A$ . A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is positive definite if  $x^T A x > 0$  for all nonzero  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(1) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $U = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} : AX = XA\}$ , find the dimension of  $U$ . (20 points)

(2) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

a. Show that  $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(n\theta) & -\sin(n\theta) \\ \sin(n\theta) & \cos(n\theta) \end{bmatrix}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (10 points)

b. Calculate  $A^{-n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (10 points)

(3) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a Hermitian matrix.

a. Show that all eigenvalues of  $A$  are real. (10 points)

b. If  $(\lambda_1, y_1)$  and  $(\lambda_2, y_2)$  are two eigenpairs of  $A$  with  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , show that  $\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle = 0$ . (10 points)

(4) Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be symmetric positive definite matrix, show that

a.  $a_{ii} > 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . (10 points)

b.  $a_{ii}a_{jj} > a_{ij}^2$  for all  $i \neq j$ . (10 points)

(5) Let  $w_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} w_1w_1 & w_1w_2 & w_1w_3 & w_1w_4 \\ w_2w_1 & w_2w_2 & w_2w_3 & w_2w_4 \\ w_3w_1 & w_3w_2 & w_3w_3 & w_3w_4 \\ w_4w_1 & w_4w_2 & w_4w_3 & w_4w_4 \end{bmatrix}$  with

$$w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2 + w_4^2 = 1.$$

a. Find all eigenvalues of  $A$  and its algebraic multiplicity. (10 points)

b. Calculate  $\det(I_4 - 2A)$ . (10 points)

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## 【基礎數學】: Part I. 線性代數

In the following,  $F^{m \times n}$  denotes the class of all  $m \times n$  matrices with entries in the field  $F$ , where  $F = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . Vectors in  $F^n$  will be regarded as column vectors.  $F^{m \times n}$  and  $F^n$  are vector spaces over  $F$  in the canonical way.

Justify all your answers for the problems below.

1. Let  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  be the space of solutions of the system of linear equations  $AX = 0$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a basis for  $W$ . (15 points)
2. Let  $L$  be the line  $y = mx$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  so that  $x \mapsto Ax$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $L$ . (15 points)
3. Compute  $\det(M)$ , where  $M$  is the following  $n \times n$  tridiagonal matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & -1 & 2 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (15 \text{ points})$$

4. Suppose  $n \geq m$ . Let  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $K_1, \dots, K_m$  be linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $A$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  containing all matrices  $M$  such that  $Mv_j \in K_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Find  $\dim(A)$  (in terms of  $n, \dim(K_1), \dots, \dim(K_m)$ ). (20 points)
5. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1-a & b \\ a & 1-b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ . Give the necessary and sufficient condition on  $a, b$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n$  exists. (20 points)
6. Find a nonsingular  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{3 \times 3}$  such that  $A = QJQ^{-1}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $J$  is the Jordan form of  $A$ . (15 points)

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## 【基礎數學】: Part I. 線性代數

Note:  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the field of real numbers, and  $n$  denotes a positive integer.

1. (10%) Is there a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(1, -2, 0) = (1, 1)$ ,  $T(3, -5, 1) = (2, 3)$ , and  $T(-1, 3, 1) = (3, 0)$ ? Justify your answer.
2. (15%) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most  $n$  with real coefficients. For  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , let  $p_i(x) = x^i + x^{i+1} + \dots + x^n \in V$ . Show that  $\{p_0(x), p_1(x), \dots, p_n(x)\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .
3. (20%) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix such that  $A^2 = A$ . Show that the trace of  $A$  is equal to the rank of  $A$ . Is  $A$  similar over  $\mathbb{R}$  to a diagonal matrix? Justify your answer.
4. (20%) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space such that  $\text{rank}(T^2) = \text{rank}(T)$ . Show that  $N(T) \cap R(T) = \{0\}$ . (Here  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  are the null space and the range of  $T$  respectively.)
5. (15%) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most 3 with real coefficients. Let  $D$  be the linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $D(p) = p'$  for  $p \in V$ . Find the Jordan form of  $D$ .
6. (20%) Let  $T$  and  $U$  be linear operators on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ . Suppose that  $\{v, T(v), \dots, T^{n-1}(v)\}$  is a basis for  $V$  for some  $v \in V$ , and that  $TU = UT$ . Show that  $U = p(T)$  for some polynomial  $p$ .

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## 【基礎數學】: Part II. 線性代數

### Entrance exam for master degree program: Linear Algebra

1. (20 points) Consider the  $5 \times 5$  real matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 10 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the following problems concerning  $A$ .

- (a) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $PA$  is a row-reduced echelon matrix.
  - (b) Find a basis for the row space  $W$  of  $A$ .
  - (c) Find a basis for the vector space  $V$  of all  $5 \times 1$  column matrices  $X$  such that  $AX = 0$ .
  - (d) For what  $5 \times 1$  column matrices  $Y$  does the equation  $AX = Y$  has solutions?
2. (10 points) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  real matrix with transpose  $A^T$ . Prove that  $\text{rank}(A^T A) = \text{rank } A$ .
3. (10 points) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all real  $3 \times 3$  matrices and let  $A$  be the diagonal matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate the determinant of the linear transformation  $T$  on  $V$  defined by  $T(X) = AX + XA$ .

4. (20 points) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix, that is,  $A$  is a real  $n \times n$  matrix with  $A^T A = I$  where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
- (a) Show that  $\det A = \pm 1$ .
  - (b) Show that  $x$  and  $Ax$  have the same length for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - (c) If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , Prove that  $|\lambda| = 1$ .
  - (d) If  $n = 3$  and  $\det A = 1$ , prove that 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
5. (15 points) Show that all the eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix are real, and that the eigenvectors are perpendicular to each other when they correspond to different eigenvalues.

6. (15 points) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find a Jordan form  $J$  of  $A$  and an invertible matrix  $Q$  such that  $A = QJQ^{-1}$ .

7. (10 points) Show that every matrix is similar to its transpose.

This exam has 7 questions, for a total of 100 points.

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## 【基礎數學】: Part II. 線性代數

In what follows,  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the field of all real numbers, and  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  denotes the vector space of all  $n \times n$  real matrices.

1. Let  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most 2 with real coefficients. Suppose  $T: M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_2(\mathbb{R})$  is the linear transformation defined by

$$T \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = 3c + (a - 2b)x + dx^2.$$

- (a) (10%) Find a basis for the null space of  $T$  and determine the dimension of the range of  $T$ .  
(b) (10%) Let  $\gamma = \{1, x, x^2\}$ , which is the standard ordered basis for  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Find an ordered basis  $\beta$  for  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  such that the matrix representation  $[T]_\beta^\gamma$  of  $T$  in  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $S_i = \{A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^t = (-1)^i A\}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Here  $A^t$  denotes the transpose of  $A$ .

- (a) (6%) Prove that  $S_i$  is a subspace of  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .  
(b) (12%) Prove that  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is the direct sum of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

3. Consider the real matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$

- (a) (8%) Find the characteristic polynomial for  $A$ .  
(b) (12%) Find the minimal polynomial for  $A$ . Is  $A$  similar to a diagonal matrix? Justify your answer.  
4. (12%) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space whose inner product is denoted by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , and let  $T$  be a self-adjoint operator on  $V$  (that is,  $T$  is equal to its adjoint  $T^*$ ). Prove that if  $\langle v, T(v) \rangle = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ , then  $T$  is the zero linear operator.  
5. (18%) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional complex vector space  $V$ . Suppose  $W$  is a  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $V$  and  $W \neq V$ . Prove that there exists a vector  $v \in V \setminus W$  such that  $T(v) - \lambda v \in W$  for some eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $T$ .  
6. (12%) Let  $A$  be a  $9 \times 9$  real matrix such that  $A^6 + A^3 = A^5 + A^4$ . Is  $A$  similar over  $\mathbb{R}$  to a upper triangular matrix? Justify your answer.

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## 【基礎數學】: Part II. 線性代數

### Notation

- $n$ : a positive integer
- $M_{n \times n}(F)$ : the set of all  $n \times n$  matrices over the field  $F$
- $\mathbb{R}$ : the field of all real numbers
- $\mathbb{C}$ : the field of all complex numbers
- $A^*$ : the conjugate transpose of the matrix  $A$

1. (12%) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map defined by

$$T(a, b, c) = (a - 3b - 2c, a + b, 3a + 5b + c).$$

Find the rank of  $T$ , and find a basis for the null space of  $T$ .

2. (12%) Suppose  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are the following subspaces of the real vector space  $M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 2a & b \\ b & c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, \quad W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 2a \\ b & 2c & d \\ 0 & d & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Find the dimension of the subspace  $W_1 + W_2$ .

3. Consider the real matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & -5 & -5 & 3 \\ 20 & -8 & -10 & 0 \\ 7 & -3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) (10%) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

(b) (5%) Is  $A$  similar to a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Justify your answer.

(c) (5%) Is  $A$  similar to a  $4 \times 4$  diagonal matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$ ? Justify your answer.

4. (12%) Show that if  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix, then  $A$  is similar to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \nu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \lambda \\ 1 & 0 & \mu \\ 0 & 1 & \nu \end{pmatrix}$$

for some  $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$ .

5. (12%) Let  $A$  be a  $6 \times 6$  complex matrix such that  $A^3 = 0$ . Find all possible Jordan canonical forms of  $A$ .

6. (12%) Suppose  $N \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  is normal, i.e.,  $N^*N = NN^*$ . Show that  $N$  is self-adjoint if and only if all eigenvalues of  $N$  are real.

7. Let  $\langle A, B \rangle$  be the trace of  $AB^*$  for all  $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

(a) (10%) Show that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$ .

(b) (10%) Let  $P \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  be invertible, and let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  defined by  $T(A) = P^{-1}AP$ . Find the adjoint of  $T$  with respect to the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .