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In this note, V always stand for a vector space over \mathbb{F} , V^- stands for a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{F} , and T is always a linear operator on V^-

Definition and Theorem

Theorem 1. Let $g : V^- \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ be a linear transformation

$$\exists! z \in V^-, \forall x \in V^-, \langle x, z \rangle = g(x)$$

Proof. Let $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of V^-

$$\text{Let } z = \overline{g(v_1)}v_1 + \dots + \overline{g(v_n)}v_n$$

$$\text{Then } \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \langle v_i, z \rangle = \langle v_i, \overline{g(v_1)}v_1 + \dots + \overline{g(v_n)}v_n \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n g(v_j) \langle v_i, v_j \rangle = g(v_i)$$

$$\text{Let } z' \in V^-, \forall x \in V^-, \langle x, z' \rangle = g(x)$$

$$\langle z - z', z' \rangle = g(z - z') = \langle z - z', z \rangle \implies \langle z - z', z' - z \rangle = 0 \implies z - z' = 0 \implies z = z' \quad \blacksquare$$

Definition 1. The **adjoint** T^* of T is the linear operator satisfy

$$\forall x, y \in V^-, \langle T^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle$$

Theorem 2. T^* is well defined and indeed linear

Proof. Let $g_x : V^- \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ be defined by $g_x(y) = \langle T(y), x \rangle$

We now prove g_x is linear

Let $y, y' \in V^-$ and $c \in \mathbb{F}$

$$g_x(y + cy') = \langle T(y + cy'), x \rangle = \langle T(y) + cT(y'), x \rangle = \langle T(y), x \rangle + c\langle T(y'), x \rangle = g_x(y) + cg_x(y') \quad (\text{done})$$

We now prove T^* can be defined by at least one way

For each $x \in V^-$, pick $z_x \in V^-$, so that $\forall y \in V^-, \langle y, z_x \rangle = g_x(y) = \langle T(y), x \rangle$

Define $T^*(x) = z_x$

Notice $\forall x, y \in V^-, \langle y, T^*(x) \rangle = \langle y, z_x \rangle = g_x(y) = \langle T(y), x \rangle$

This implies $\forall x, y \in V^-, \langle T^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle$ (done)

We now prove **This is the only way to define adjoint T^***

Assume **there exists another adjoint $(T^*)'$ of T different from T^***

Pick $x \in V^-$, such that $(T^*)'(x) \neq T^*(x)$

Let $y = T^*(x) - (T^*)'(x)$

Notice $\langle T^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle = \langle (T^*)'(x), y \rangle$

So $\langle T^*(x) - (T^*)'(x), T^*(x) - (T^*)'(x) \rangle = \langle T^*(x) - (T^*)'(x), y \rangle = 0$

Which give us $T^*(x) - (T^*)'(x) = 0$, so $T^*(x) = (T^*)'(x)$ **CaC (done)**

We now prove **T^* is linear**

Let $c \in \mathbb{F}$ and $u \in V^-$

$\forall y \in V^-, \langle y, z_{cx+u} \rangle = \langle T(y), cx + u \rangle = \bar{c} \langle T(y), x \rangle + \langle T(y), u \rangle = \bar{c} \langle y, z_x \rangle + \langle y, z_u \rangle = \langle y, cz_x + z_u \rangle$

This give us $z_{cx+u} = cz_x + z_u$

So $T^*(cx + u) = cT^*(x) + T^*(u)$ **(done)** ■

Corollary 2.1. *The adjoint of a linear operator on an infinite vector space may not exist, but if it exists, it is unique and linear following the proof above*

Lemma 3. $\forall x, y \in V, \langle T^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle$
 $\forall x, y \in V, \langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle$

Proof. The first one follows the definition

$\langle T^*(y), x \rangle = \langle y, T(x) \rangle \implies \overline{\langle T^*(y), x \rangle} = \overline{\langle y, T(x) \rangle} \implies \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle = \langle T(x), y \rangle$ ■

Theorem 4. *Let $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of V*

$$[T^*]_{\beta} = ([T]_{\beta})^*$$

Proof. Let $A = [T^*]_{\beta}$ and $B = ([T]_{\beta})^*$

Write $T^*(v_j) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k v_k$

Write $T(v_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n d_k v_k$

$A_{i,j} = c_i = \langle T^*(v_j), v_i \rangle = \langle v_j, T(v_i) \rangle = \overline{\langle T(v_i), v_j \rangle} = \overline{d_j} = \overline{([T]_{\beta})_{j,i}} = B_{i,j}$ ■

Corollary 4.1. *Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix*

$$L_{A^*} = (L_A)^*$$

Proof. Let β be the standard ordered basis of \mathbb{F}^n

$$[(L_A)^*]_\beta = ([L_A]_\beta)^* = A^* = [L_{A^*}]_\beta$$

This give us $(L_A)^* = L_{A^*}$ ■

Theorem 5. *Let T and U be linear operators on V*

$$(i) (T + U)^* = T^* + U^*$$

$$(ii) (cT)^* = \bar{c}T^*$$

$$(iii) (T \circ U)^* = U^* \circ T^*$$

$$(iv) (T^*)^* = T$$

$$(v) I_V^* = I_V$$

Proof. (i)

$$\forall x, y \in V, \langle (T + U)^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, (T + U)(y) \rangle = \langle x, T(y) \rangle + \langle x, U(y) \rangle = \langle T^*(x), y \rangle + \langle U^*(x), y \rangle = \langle T^*(x) + U^*(x), y \rangle$$

(ii)

$$\forall x, y \in V, \langle (cT)^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, (cT)(y) \rangle = \langle x, cT(y) \rangle = \bar{c} \langle x, T(y) \rangle = \bar{c} \langle T^*(x), y \rangle = \langle \bar{c}T^*(x), y \rangle$$

(iii)

$$\forall x, y \in V, \langle (T \circ U)^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, (T \circ U)(y) \rangle = \langle x, T(U(y)) \rangle = \langle T^*(x), U(y) \rangle = \langle U^*(T^*(x)), y \rangle = \langle U^* \circ T^*(x), y \rangle$$

(iv)

$$\forall x, y \in V, \langle (T^*)^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle = \langle T(x), y \rangle$$

(v)

$$\forall x, y \in V, \langle I_V^*(x), y \rangle = \langle x, I_V(y) \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle = \langle I_V(x), y \rangle$$
■

Exercises

2.

2.(c)

Proof. Let $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ be an orthonormal basis

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Write $v_1 = 1$, $v_2 = 2\sqrt{3}(x - \frac{1}{2})$, and $v_3 = 6\sqrt{5}(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6})$

Let $y = v_1 + \sqrt{3}v_2 + 7\sqrt{5}v_3$

Write $f = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + a_3v_3$

$g(f) = \langle f, y \rangle = a_1 + \sqrt{3}a_2 + 7\sqrt{5}a_3$

$v_1(0) = 1$

$v_2(0) = -\sqrt{3}$

$v_3(0) = \sqrt{5}$

$v'_1(1) = 0$

$v'_2(1) = 2\sqrt{3}$

$v'_3(1) = 6\sqrt{5}$

$g(f) = f(0) + f'(1) = (a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + a_3v_3)(0) + (a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + a_3v_3)'(1) = a_1 - \sqrt{3}a_2 + \sqrt{5}a_3 + 2\sqrt{3}a_2 + 6\sqrt{5}a_3 = a_1 + \sqrt{3}a_2 + 7\sqrt{5}a_3$ ■

3.

3.(a)

Proof. $\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$ ■

3.(c)

Proof. $T^*(-2t + 4) = 6t + 12$ ■

6.

Proof. $U_1^* = (T + T^*)^* = T^* + T = U_1$

$U_2^* = (T \circ T^*)^* = (T^*)^* \circ T^* = T \circ T^* = U_2$ ■

8.

Proof. $I_V^* = I_V \implies (T^{-1}T)^* = I_V \implies T^*(T^{-1})^* = I_V \implies (T^*)^{-1} = (T^{-1})^*$ ■

10.*Proof.* (\longleftarrow)

$$\forall x \in V, \|T(x)\| = \sqrt{\langle T(x), T(x) \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \|x\|$$

(\longrightarrow)Let $x, y \in V$

$$\langle x, y \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(i\|x + iy\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 - i\|x - iy\|^2 + \|x + y\|^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(i\|T(x + iy)\|^2 - \|T(x - y)\|^2 - i\|T(x - iy)\|^2 + \|T(x + y)\|^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(i\|T(x) + iT(y)\|^2 - \|T(x) - T(y)\|^2 - i\|T(x) - iT(y)\|^2 + \|T(x) + T(y)\|^2)$$

$$= \langle T(x), T(y) \rangle \quad \blacksquare$$

12.**12.(a)**

$$\text{Proof. } T(x) = 0 \iff \forall y \in V, 0 = \langle T(x), y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(y) \rangle \quad \blacksquare$$

12.(b)

$$\text{Proof. } V = R(T^*) \oplus N(T)$$

Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $R(T^*)$ and $\{v_{n+1}, \dots, v_k\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $N(T)$

$$\text{Let } x \in N(T)^\perp$$

$$\text{Write } x = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i$$

$$\forall j : n + 1 \leq j \leq k, 0 = \langle x, v_j \rangle = c_j$$

$$\text{So } x \in R(T^*)$$

$$\text{Let } y \in R(T^*)$$

$$\text{Write } y = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i v_i$$

$$\forall j : n + 1 \leq j \leq k, \langle y, v_j \rangle = 0 \implies \forall j : n + 1 \leq j \leq k, y \perp v_j \implies y \in N(T)^\perp \quad \blacksquare$$

13.**13.(a)**

Proof. $T^*(T(x)) = 0 \iff \forall y \in V, 0 = \langle T^*(T(x)), y \rangle = \langle T(x), T(y) \rangle \iff \forall y \in V, T(x) \perp T(y) \iff T(x) \in R(T)^\perp \iff T(x) \in N(T)$ ■

13.(b)

Proof. Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $N(T)$ and $\{v_{n+1}, \dots, v_k\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $R(T)$

We know $R(T^*)^\perp = N(T)$

Then $R(T^*) \oplus N(T)$

So $\text{rank}(T^*) = \dim(V) - \dim(N(T)) = \text{rank}(T)$

REMARK: Perpendicular must direct some the whole space, but direct sum the whole space may not perpendicular ■

13.(c)

Proof. $\text{rank}(A^*A) = \text{rank}(L_{A^*A}) = \text{rank}(L_{A^*} \circ L_A) = \dim(V) - \dim(N(L_{A^*} \circ L_A)) = \dim(V) - \dim(N(L_A)) = \text{rank}(L_A) = \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^t) = \text{rank}(A^*) = \text{rank}(L_{A^*}) = \dim(V) - \dim(N(L_{A^*})) = \dim(V) - \dim(N((L_{A^*})^* \circ L_{A^*})) = \dim(V) - \dim(N(L_A \circ L_{A^*})) = \text{rank}(L_A \circ L_{A^*}) = \text{rank}(L_{AA^*}) = \text{rank}(AA^*)$ ■

14.

Proof. Let $x, u \in V$, and $c \in \mathbb{F}$

$$T(x + cu) = \langle x + cu, y \rangle z = (\langle x, y \rangle + c\langle u, y \rangle)z = \langle x, y \rangle z + c\langle u, y \rangle z = T(x) + cT(u)$$

$$\text{Let } T^*(x) = \langle x, z \rangle y$$

Observe $\forall x, v \in V, \langle T(x), v \rangle = \langle \langle x, y \rangle z, v \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \langle z, v \rangle = \langle z, v \rangle \langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, \langle v, z \rangle y \rangle = \langle x, T^*(v) \rangle$ ■