

Chapter 1

Calculus

1.1 Limits

Problem. 5-9. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a + h)$. (This is mainly an exercise in understanding what the terms mean).

Proof. We assume that f is defined in an open neighbourhood containing a , but not necessarily at a .

Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. There exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$ when $0 < |x - a| < \delta$. Let $g(h) = f(a + h)$. Moreover, assume that $-\delta < h < \delta$ except $h \neq 0$. Then we have $a - \delta < a + h < a + \delta$, except $a + h \neq a$. Then we have $|g(h) - l| = |f(a + h) - l| < \epsilon$. Hence $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a + h) = l$

Now suppose $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a + h) = l$. Let $\epsilon > 0$, then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $0 < |h| < \delta$, then $|f(a + h) - l| < \epsilon$. Now suppose $0 < |x - a| < \delta$. Then we have $|f(a + x - a) - l| = |f(x) - l| < \epsilon$. Therefore, $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$. \square

Problem. 5-10 (a) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$ if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - l = 0$.

(b) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x - a)$.

(c) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x^3)$.

(d) Give an example where $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x^2)$ exists, but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not.

Problem. 5-14. (a) Prove that if $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)/x = l$ and $b \neq 0$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(bx)/x = bl$. Hint: Write $f(bx)/x = b[f(bx)/bx]$.

Problem. Prove that

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(-x)$.

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(|x|) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$.

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x^2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$.

Proof. 1. Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = l$. Now let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then there exists a neighbourhood $(0, \delta)$ such that if $x \in (0, \delta)$ then $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$. Let $y \in (-\delta, 0)$. Then, $|F(y) - l| = |f(-y) - l| < \epsilon$, since $-y \in (0, \delta)$.

Now let $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} F(x) = l$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then there exists a neighbourhood $(\delta, 0)$ such that if $x \in (-\delta, 0)$, then we have $|F(x) - l| < \epsilon$. Let $y \in (0, \delta)$. Now $|f(y) - l| = |F(-y) - l| < \epsilon$.

2. Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(|x|) = l$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then for some $\delta > 0$, if $x \in (-\delta, \delta)$ and $x \neq 0$, then $|F(x) - l| < \epsilon$. Now, let $y \in (0, \delta)$. Then $|f(y) - l| = |F(y) - l| < \epsilon$.

On the other hand, suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = l$. Then there exists $(0, \delta)$ such that if $x \in (0, \delta)$ then $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$. Let $y \in (-\delta, \delta) \setminus 0$, then $|y| \in (0, \delta)$. Hence $|f(y) - l| = |F(y) - l| < \epsilon$.

3. Let $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} F(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x^2) = l$. Then we know that f is defined in $(0, \delta)$. Moreover, $|F(x) - l| = |f(x^2) - l| < \epsilon$ whenever $x \in (-\delta, \delta)$. Now, let $y \in (0, \delta^2)$, then $\sqrt{y} \in (0, \delta)$. Then, $|f(y) - l| = |f(\sqrt{y}^2) - l| = |F(\sqrt{y}) - l| < \epsilon$

□

Problem. 5-34 Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(\frac{1}{x}) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$

Chapter 2

Calculus on Manifolds

2.1 Some proofs

Theorem 1. Let $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ be open and $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let's define O' as follows:

$$O' = \{(y_1, \dots, y_n) : (x, y_1, \dots, y_n) \in O\}$$

Then $O' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is open.

Proof. Let $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in O'$ be arbitrary. By definition, $(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) \in O$. Since O is open there is an open rectangle $U \subseteq O$. Corresponding open rectangle U' also contains our y . Now suppose $z \in U'$ is arbitrary. Then $(x, z_1, \dots, z_n) \in U \subseteq O$. Therefore, $z \in O'$. Hence, O' is open. \square

Theorem 2. Let $O \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ be open and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Define

$$O' = \{(y_1, \dots, y_n) : (x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n) \in O\}$$

Then O' is also open in \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof. Previous proof works with some slight changes. \square

Theorem 3. If $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is compact and $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\{x\} \times B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is also compact.

Proof. Suppose O is an open cover for $\{x\} \times B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Then we can construct an open cover O' by having a function $f : U \rightarrow U'$ by dropping the first coordinate. Since B is compact, there is a finite list of open sets U'_1, \dots, U'_2 that covers B . From this finite set we can find a finite cover U_1, \dots, U_n by going back pre-image by pre-image so that we contain α . Hence $\{x\} \times B \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is compact. \square

Theorem 4. If $B \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is compact and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\{x\} \times B \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$ is also compact.

Proof. Similar as above. \square

Theorem 5. If B is compact and O is an open cover of $\{x\} \times B \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$, then there is an open set $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$ containing x such that $U \times B$ is covered by a finite number of sets in O .

Theorem 6. If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ are compact, then $A \times B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ is compact.

Theorem 7. $A_1 \times \dots \times A_k$ is compact if each A_i is. In particular, a closed rectangle in \mathbb{R}^k is compact.

Theorem 8. A closed bounded subset of \mathbb{R}^n is compact. (The converse is also true (Problem 1-20)).

Theorem 9. Prove the converse of Corollary 1-7: A compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n is closed and bounded (see also Problem 1-28).

Proof. Let $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be compact. Boundedness of B is trivial. We only have to show that B is closed, we will show that $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B$ is open. Let $p \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B$ be arbitrary. For each $q \in B$, we consider the open set $W_q = B_r(q, \frac{|p-q|}{2})$. These consists of an open cover O of B . By compactness, $W_{q_1} \dots W_{q_m}$ covers B . Choose q_i such that $|p - q_i|$ is smallest. Then the neighbourhood $B(p) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B$. Hence, $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B$ is open. \square

Exercise. 1-21(a) If A is closed and $x \notin A$, prove that there is a number $d > 0$ such that $|y - x| \geq d$ for all $y \in A$.

Proof. Let $x \notin A$. Since $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A$ is open, there exists a neighborhood $B(x) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \setminus A$. Take d as the radius of this neighborhood $B(x)$. \square

Exercise. 1-21(b) If A is closed, B is compact, and $A \cap B = \emptyset$, prove that there is $d > 0$ such that $|y - x| \geq d$ for all $y \in A$ and $x \in B$. Hint: For each $b \in B$ find an open set U containing b such that this relation holds for $x \in U \cap B$.

Proof. Since A and B are disjoint, by 1-21(a) for each $b \in B$ we can find $d > 0$ such that $|y - b| \geq d$ for all $y \in A$. Consider the open cover $O = \{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(b) : b \in B\}$. Since B is compact, finitely many open set B_{d_1}, \dots, B_{d_k} covers B . By triangle inequality if $x \in B_{d_i}$ then we have $|y - x| \geq d_i$. By picking the minimums of d_i we find our d . \square

Exercise. 1-21(c) Give a counterexample in \mathbb{R}^2 if A and B are closed but neither is compact.

Proof. Let $A = \mathbb{N}$ and $B = \{n + \frac{1}{2n} | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. \square

Exercise. 1-22 If U is open and $C \subseteq U$ is compact, show that there is a compact set D such that $C \subseteq \text{interior } D$ and $D \subseteq U$.

Proof. Notice that U^c is closed and $C \cup U^c = \emptyset$. Therefore, by 1-21 there exists $d > 0$ such that $|y - x| > d$ for all $x \in C$ and $y \in U^c$. Now consider the set

$$E = \bigcup_{x \in C} U_x$$

where U_x is an open neighbourhood with radius $d/2$ and centered at x . Then we have $C \subseteq E \subseteq U$. Moreover since C is compact we can assume that E is an union of finitely many sets U_x . Our choice of d guarantees that if we take

$$D = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \overline{U}_{x_i}$$

then we still have $C \subseteq D \subseteq U$, where each \overline{U}_{x_i} is a closed neighbourhood. \square

Theorem 10. If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, a function $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous if and only if for every open set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ there is some open set $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $f^{-1}(U) = V \cap A$

Proof. We prove the converse. Let $a \in A$ be arbitrary, we show that f is continuous at a . Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then the neighbourhood $B = B_\epsilon(f(a)) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is open. Therefore, $f^{-1}(B) = V \cap A$ for some open set $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. But then, $a \in V$ so there is an open set $B_\delta(a) \subseteq V$ for some $\delta > 0$. Therefore, if $x \in B_\delta(a)$ and $x \in A$, then $f(x) \in B$. Hence f is continuous at a . \square

If $A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, the extent to which f fails to be continuous at $a \in A$ can be measured in a precise way. For $\delta > 0$ let

$$M(a, f, \delta) = \sup\{f(x) : x \in A \text{ and } |x - a| < \delta\}$$

$$m(a, f, \delta) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in A \text{ and } |x - a| < \delta\}$$

The oscillation $o(f, a)$ of f at a is defined by $o(f, a) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} [M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta)]$

Theorem 11. *If f is bounded, then $o(f, a) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} [M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta)]$ always exists.*

Proof. Consider the sequence $M(a, f, \frac{1}{n}) - m(a, f, \frac{1}{n})$. This is a decreasing sequence which is bounded below by 0. Therefore, there exists a limit $a \geq 0$. It is easy to show

$$a = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} [M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta)]$$

since $1g(x) = M(a, f, x) - m(a, f, x)$ is a non-increasing function on $x > 0$. \square

Exercise. 1-23 If $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $a \in A$, show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$ if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^i(x) = b^i$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$.

Proof. \rightarrow Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = b$, then for each $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that if $y \in A$ and $0 < |x - y| < \delta$, then $|f(x) - b| < \epsilon$. Same choice of δ ensures that $|f^i(x) - b^i| < \epsilon$.

\leftarrow Now suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^i(x) = b^i$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then we find $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m$ where each $\delta_i > 0$ such that $|f^i(x) - b^i| < \epsilon$. Taking minimum of these δ_i as δ we find that $|f(x) - b| \leq \sum |f^i(x) - b^i| \leq n\epsilon$. \square

Exercise. 1-24. Prove that $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous at a if and only if each f^i is.

Proof. \rightarrow Suppose $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous at a . Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ From 1-23, we see that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^i(x) = f^i(a)$. Therefore, each $f^i : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

\leftarrow Suppose each $f^i : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at $a \in A$. Then we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^i(x) = f^i(a)$. Again, using 1-23 we conclude that $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$. \square

Exercise. 1-25 Prove that a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is continuous. Hint: Use Problem 1-10.

Proof. We know from 1-10 that there is a $M > 0$ such that $|T(h)| \leq M|h|$ for all $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Now take $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2M}$. Then, for any $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $|x - y| < \delta$ we have (for $h = y - x$):

$$\begin{aligned} |T(y) - T(x)| &= |T(x + h) - T(x)| \\ &= |T(x) + T(h) - T(x)| \\ &= |T(h)| \\ &\leq M|h| \\ &< M \frac{\epsilon}{2M} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

□

2.2 Differentiation

Problem. 2-1. Prove that if $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is differentiable at $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then it is continuous at a .
Hint: User Problem 1-10.

Proof. Since f is differentiable at a , it is easy to show the weaker statement

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |f(a+h) - f(a) - L(h)| = 0$$

Now,

$$0 \leq |f(a+h) - f(a)| \leq |f(a+h) - f(a) - L(h)| + |L(h)|$$

Since both of the terms on the right side goes to 0 as $h \rightarrow 0$, it shows that f is continuous at a . □

Problem. 2-2. A function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is independent of the second variable if for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $f(x, y_1) = f(x, y_2)$ for all $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that f is independent of the second variable if and only if there is a function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x, y) = g(x)$. What is $f'(a, b)$ in terms of g' ?

Proof. Suppose f is independent of the second variable. Define

$$g(x) = f(x, y)$$

Then g is well defined.

On the other hand, suppose there exists such function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then f is independent of the second variable. □

Problem. 2-12: A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ is bilinear if for $x, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $y, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and $a \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax, y) &= af(x, y) = f(x, ay) \\ f(x_1 + x_2, y) &= f(x_1, y) + f(x_2, y) \\ f(x, y_1 + y_2) &= f(x, y_1) + f(x, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

(a) Prove that if f is bilinear, then

$$\lim_{(h,k) \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(h, k)|}{|(h, k)|} = 0$$

(b) Prove that $Df(a, b)(x, y) = f(a, y) + f(x, b)$.

(c) Show that the formula for $Dp(a, b)$ in Theorem 2-3 is a special case of (b).

Proof. (a) We will be a little bit more verbose in our proof than the problem statement, and will use *norm* and *absolute value* sign properly. Let e_1, \dots, e_n be an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n , and

similarly f_1, \dots, f_m be an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^m . Moreover, let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n \\ y &= y_1 f_1 + \dots + y_m f_m \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m x_i y_j f(e_i, f_j)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x, y)\| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m |x_i| |y_j| \|f(e_i, f_j)\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \|x\| \|y\| \|f(e_i, f_j)\| \\ &= \|x\| \|y\| \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \|f(e_i, f_j)\| \\ &= C \|x\| \|y\| \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\|f(h, k)\|}{\|(h, k)\|} \leq \frac{C \|h\| \|k\|}{\|(h, k)\|}$$

But $\|h\| \|k\| \leq \|h\|^2 + \|k\|^2 = \|(h, k)\|^2$. Hence.

$$\frac{\|f(h, k)\|}{\|(h, k)\|} \leq \frac{C \|h\| \|k\|}{\|(h, k)\|} \leq \frac{C \|(h, k)\|^2}{\|(h, k)\|} \leq C \|(h, k)\|$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{(h, k) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(h, k)\|}{\|(h, k)\|} = 0$$

□

Proof. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a + x, y + b) - f(a, b) - f(a, y) - f(x, b)\|}{\|(x, y)\|} \\ &= \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(a, b) + f(a, y) + f(x, b) + f(x, y) - f(a, b) - f(a, y) - f(x, b)\|}{\|(x, y)\|} \\ &= \lim_{(x, y) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|f(x, y)\|}{\|(x, y)\|} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We also need to show that $Dp(a, b)(x, y) = f(a, y) + f(x, b) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ is linear, but that is easy to show. □

Proof. For $n = m = p = 1$, the product is bilinear, and follows from there. \square

Problem. 2-13 Define $IP : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $IP(x, y) = \langle x, y \rangle$.

(a) Find $D(IP)(a, b)$ and $(IP)'(a, b)$.

(b) If $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are differentiable and $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $h(t) = \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle$, show that

$$h'(a) = \langle f'(a), g(a) \rangle + \langle f(a), g'(a) \rangle$$

(c) If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is differentiable and $|f(t)| = 1$ for all t , show that

$$\langle f'(t), f(t) \rangle = 0$$

(d) Exhibit a differentiable function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that the function $|f|$ defined by $|f|(t) = |f(t)|$ is not differentiable.

Proof. (a) $DIP(a, b)(x, y) = \langle a, y \rangle + \langle x, b \rangle$ \square

Proof. (b) Let's define $s : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ as follows:

$$s(a) = (f(a), g(a))$$

Then we have

$$Ds(a)(x) = (xf'(a), xg'(a))$$

Notice tht :

$$h = IP \circ s$$

Then by chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} Dh(a)(x) &= DIP(s(a)) \cdot Ds(a)(x) \\ &= DIP((f(a), g(a)))(xf'(a), xg'(a)) \\ &= \langle f(a), xg'(a) \rangle + \langle xf'(a), g(a) \rangle \\ &= (\langle f(a), g'(a) \rangle + \langle f'(a), g(a) \rangle) x \end{aligned}$$

\square

Proof. Let $h(t) = \langle f(t), f(t) \rangle = \|f(t)\|^2 = 1$. Then we have

$$0 = \langle f'(t), f(t) \rangle + \langle f(t), f'(t) \rangle$$

Therefore, $\langle f(t), f'(t) \rangle = 0$. \square

Chapter 3

Linear Algebra Done right

3.1 Exercise : 3.D

Problem. 1. Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ and $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ are both invertible linear maps. Prove that $ST \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ is invertible and that $(ST)^{-1} = T^{-1}S^{-1}$

Proof. Since ST is a composition of two bijections, it is also a bijection, and hence is also a bijection. We only need to show that $(ST)^{-1} = T^{-1}S^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned}(T^{-1}S^{-1})(ST) &= T^{-1}(S^{-1}S)T \\ &= T^{-1}IT \\ &= T^{-1}T = I\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $(ST)(T^{-1}S^{-1}) = I$. □

Problem. 9. Suppose V is finite-dimensional and $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. Prove that ST is invertible if and only if both S and T are invertible.

Proof. The reverse direction is immediate from Problem 1. Now suppose that ST is invertible. Let $v \in V$. Then $STv = v$. Hence S is surjective and therefore invertible. Suppose that $Tu = Tv$. Then, $STu = STv$. Since ST is invertible, we have $u = v$. Therefore, T is injective, and since V is finite dimension, T is invertible. □

Problem. 10. Suppose V is finite-dimensional and $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. Prove that $ST = I$ if and only if $TS = I$

Proof. Suppose $ST = I$. Then $STv = v$. Since V is finite dimensional, S is invertible. Now,

$$I = S^{-1}S = S^{-1}(ST)S = (S^{-1}S)TS = ITS = TS$$

□

3.2 Exercise: 6.A

Problem. (29) Suppose V_1, \dots, V_m are inner product spaces. Show that the equation

$$\langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_m) \rangle = \langle u_1, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle u_m, v_m \rangle$$

defines an inner product on $V_1 \times \dots \times V_m$.

3.3 Exercise : 7.C

Problem. 4. Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ Prove that T^*T is a positive operator on V and TT^* is a positive operator on W .

Proof.

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

Therefore, T^*T is self-adjoint.

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle T^*Tv, v \rangle &= \langle Tv, Tv \rangle \\ &= ||Tv||^2 \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, T^*T is positive. □