

117 - SS2 - HW3 - August 25th, 2021

[1] Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector spaces.

(a) Show that  $\dim(\text{Hom}(V, W)) = \dim(V) \dim(W)$  by finding an explicit basis.

*Proof.* Since  $V$  and  $W$  are both finite, let the dimension of  $V$  and the dimension of  $W$  be denoted by  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. By definition that means the basis for  $V$  and  $W$  are the following.

$$\mathcal{B}_V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$$

Now let us define the linear maps  $\pi_{ij} : V \rightarrow W$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$  by the following,

$$\pi_{ij}(v_p) = \begin{cases} w_j & p = i \\ 0 & p \neq i \end{cases}$$

These will serve as a basis for  $\text{Hom}(V, W)$ , and we will prove it with the following. Let  $\alpha_{ij}$  be a scalar and assume we have,

$$\pi = \sum_{i,j}^{n,m} \alpha_{ij} \pi_{ij} = 0$$

This would mean for  $\pi(v_i)$  and  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$\pi(v_i) = \sum_j^m \alpha_{ij} w_j = 0$$

Recall though that the set of vector  $w_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$  are linearly independent, and thus our maps  $\pi_{ij}$  are also linearly independent.

Now take any function  $\pi$  from  $\text{Hom}(V, W)$ . We can define it its values when inputting the basis of  $V$  as  $\pi(v_i) \in W$ . Meaning when  $i \in 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\alpha_{ij}$  as a scalar, we can express  $\pi(v_i)$  as,

$$\pi(v_i) = \sum_j^m \alpha_{ij} w_j$$

Which means,

$$\pi = \sum_{i,j}^{n,m} \alpha_{ij} \pi_{ij}$$

because the linear functions agree on basis vectors. This means for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,

$$\text{Hom}(V, W) = \text{span}(\{\pi_{ij}\})$$

This is the proof since we know there are  $\dim(V)\dim(W)$  of these functions.

□

(b) Show that  $\text{Hom}(V, V) \cong V \otimes V^*$ .

[2] Let  $T : \mathbb{F}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^3$  be the linear transformation with matrix:

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

Compute the standard matrix  $[\Lambda^2 T]$  with respect to the standard basis  $\{e_1 \wedge e_2, e_1 \wedge e_3, e_2 \wedge e_3\}$  of  $\Lambda^2(\mathbb{F}^3)$ .

**Solution:** First let's get the computations for  $T(e_i)$  out of the way,

$$T(e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(e_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we solving for the standard matrix with respect to the standard basis we get,

$$\begin{aligned} T(e_1 \wedge e_2) &= T(e_1) \wedge T(e_2) \\ &= (1e_1 + 3e_2 + 4e_3) \wedge (4e_1 + 4e_2 + 4e_3) \\ &= (4 - 12)e_1 \wedge e_2 + (4 - 16)e_1 \wedge e_3 + (12 - 16)e_2 \wedge e_3 \\ &= -8(e_1 \wedge e_2) - 12(e_1 \wedge e_3) - 4(e_2 \wedge e_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(e_1 \wedge e_3) &= T(e_1) \wedge T(e_3) \\ &= (1e_1 + 3e_2 + 4e_3) \wedge (3e_1 + 1e_2 + 4e_3) \\ &= (1 - 9)e_1 \wedge e_2 + (4 - 12)e_1 \wedge e_3 + (12 - 4)e_2 \wedge e_3 \\ &= -8(e_1 \wedge e_2) - 8(e_1 \wedge e_3) + 8(e_2 \wedge e_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(e_2 \wedge e_3) &= T(e_2) \wedge T(e_3) \\ &= (4e_1 + 4e_2 + 4e_3) \wedge (3e_1 + 1e_2 + 4e_3) \\ &= (4 - 12)e_1 \wedge e_2 + (16 - 12)e_1 \wedge e_3 + (16 - 4)e_2 \wedge e_3 \\ &= -8(e_1 \wedge e_2) + 4(e_1 \wedge e_3) + 12(e_2 \wedge e_3) \end{aligned}$$

Now like in example 12.4 we can read off our coefficients to get the standard matrix and we get the following,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -8 & -8 & -8 \\ -12 & -8 & 4 \\ -4 & 8 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

- [3] Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space. Show that if  $T, S \in \text{End}(V)$  such that  $ST - TS$  commutes with  $S$ , then for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$S^k T - TS^k = kS^{k-1}(ST - TS)$$

- [4] Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space. Show that if  $T \in \text{End}(V)$  such that  $T^2 - T + I = 0$ , then  $T$  is invertible.

*Proof.*

$$T^2 - T + I = 0$$

$$T^2 = T - I$$

$$I = TT^{-1}$$

$$T^2 = T - TT^{-1}$$

$$T^2 = T(I - T^{-1})$$

$$T = (I - T^{-1})$$

Therefore  $T$  is invertible. □

- [5] Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space. If  $S, T \in \text{End}(V)$  such that  $ST = 0$ , does it follow that  $TS = 0$ ?

*Proof.* Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . We have in  $\text{End}(V)$  the following,

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see though that,

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

but,

$$TS = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \neq ST$$

So, no. If we have two linear transformation  $S$  and  $T$  such that  $ST = 0$  it does not follow that  $TS = 0$  □

- [6] Let  $\mathbb{P}_n[x]$  denote the  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space of all polynomials with degree less than or equal to  $n$  whose coefficients come from  $\mathbb{F}$ . Suppose that  $L \in \text{End}(V)$  such that  $Lp(x) = p(x+1)$  for every  $p(x) \in \mathbb{P}_n[x]$ . Prove that if  $D$  is the differentiation operator defined through the power rule, then:

$$I + \frac{D}{1!} + \frac{D^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{D^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = L$$

- [7] Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space with subspaces  $U$  and  $W$ . Prove that if  $T \in \text{End}(V)$  such that  $U$  and  $W$  are invariant under  $T$ , then the subspace spanned by  $U$  and  $W$  is invariant under  $T$ .

*Proof.* Let the vector space  $Z$  represent the subspace spanned by  $U + W$ .

$$Z = \text{span}(\{U + W\})$$

Meaning any vector  $z \in Z$  is of the form  $z = u + w$  where  $u$  and  $w$  are vectors of  $U$  and  $W$  respectively. This gives us,

$$T(z) = T(u + w) = T(u) + T(w) \subseteq U + W$$

□

- [8] Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space with  $E, F : V \rightarrow V$  projections.

- (a) Prove that  $\text{im}(E) = \text{im}(F)$  if and only if  $EF = F$  and  $FE = E$ .

*Proof.* For the forward direction we will assume  $\text{im}(E) = \text{im}(F)$ . This means for any vector  $x \in V$  there exists some vector  $y \in V$  such that  $E(x) = F(y)$ . Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned} EF(y) &= EE(x) \\ &= E(E(x)) && \text{Recall though all projections are idempotent} \\ &= E(x) \\ &= F(y) \\ EF &= F \end{aligned}$$

Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned} FE(x) &= FF(y) \\ &= F(F(y)) && \text{Recall though all projections are idempotent} \\ &= F(y) \\ &= E(x) \\ FE &= E \end{aligned}$$

as desired. So now we have if  $\text{im}(E) = \text{im}(F)$  implies  $EF = F$  and  $FE = E$

Now for the reverse direction, we will assume  $EF = F$  and  $FE = E$ . This means for any vector  $x \in V$  we have,  $EF(x) = F(x)$  and  $FE(x) = E(x)$ .

We know that for vector  $x$ , there exists some vector  $y \in \text{im}(E)$  such that  $E(x) = y$ . Now consider the following,

$$E(x) = y$$

Recall our assumption  $FE = E$

$$FE(x) = y$$

$$F(E(x)) = y$$

Recall though  $y$  was in the image of  $E$  and now we can see that it is also in the image of  $F$ . Therefore  $\text{im}(E) \subseteq \text{im}(F)$ .

We also know though that for a vector  $x$ , there exists some vector  $y \in \text{im}(F)$  such that  $F(x) = y$ . Now consider the following,

$$F(x) = y$$

Recall our assumption  $EF = F$

$$EF(x) = y$$

$$E(F(x)) = y$$

$y$  started in the image of  $F$ , but we can see that it is also in the image of  $E$ . This gives us that  $\text{im}(F) \subseteq \text{im}(E)$

Putting this all together we have,

$$\text{im}(E) \subseteq \text{im}(F) \text{ and } \text{im}(F) \subseteq \text{im}(E) \rightarrow \text{im}(F) = \text{im}(E)$$

as desired. □

(b) Prove that  $\ker(E) = \ker(F)$  if and only  $EF = E$  and  $FE = F$

*Proof.* First we will go in the forward direction and assume  $\ker(E) = \ker(F)$ . This means whenever a vector  $x \in V$  satisfies  $E(x) = 0$  then it must also satisfy  $F(x) = 0$ .

We want to show that  $EF = E$  and  $FE = F$ . First let's work with  $EF = E$ . If this equality were to hold that would mean for any vector  $x$  in  $V$  we would have,

$$(E - EF)(x) = 0$$

So let's assume that it doesn't hold, that would mean there exists some vector  $y$  in  $V$  such that,

$$(E - EF)(y) \neq 0$$

We see though such a  $y$  would imply this about the kernel of  $E$ ,

$$(E - EF)(y) \neq 0$$

$$(E(y) - EF(y)) \neq 0$$

$$E(y - F(y)) \neq 0$$

It's that since  $E(y - F(y)) \neq 0$  that means it is NOT in the kernel of  $E$ . Recall though our assumption was that  $\ker(E) = \ker(F)$ , that means this is also not in the kernel of  $F$ . But,

$$F(y - F(y)) \neq 0$$

$$F(y) - F(F(y)) \neq 0 \quad \text{Recall though every projection is idempotent}$$

$$F(y) - F(y) \neq 0$$

$$F(y) \neq F(y)$$

Which is a contradiction. Therefore if the kernel of the projection  $E$  and  $F$  are the same then  $EF = E$ .

We can take a similar look at  $FE = F$  and see if this weren't true there would exist some vector  $y$  in  $V$  such that,

$$(F - FE)(y) \neq 0$$

Assuming this vector did indeed exist,

$$(F - FE)(y) \neq 0$$

$$F(y) - FE(y) \neq 0$$

$$F(y - E(y)) \neq 0$$

it would mean  $(y - E(y))$  is not in the kernel of  $E$ . We see though,

$$E(y - E(y)) \neq 0$$

$$E(y) - E(E(y)) \neq 0 \quad \text{Projections are idempotent}$$

$$E(y) - E(y) \neq 0$$

$$E(y) \neq E(y)$$

which is again a contradiction. Therefore if the kernel of  $E$  and  $F$  are equal then  $EF = E$  and  $FE = F$

Putting all this together:  $\ker(F) = \ker(E)$  if and only if  $EF = E$  and  $FE = F$

□

- [9] (a) Prove that if  $E$  is a projection on a finite-dimensional  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space, then there exists a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  such that the matrix representative  $[E]_{\mathcal{B}}$  has the following special form:  $e_{ij} = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $e_{ii} = 0$  or  $1$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ .
- (b) An *involution* is a linear transformation  $U$  on a  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space  $V$  such that  $U^2 = I$ . Show that if  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}) \neq 2$ , then the equation  $U = 2E - I$  establishes a one-to-one correspondence between all projections  $E$  and all involutions  $U$ .
- (c) Prove that the only eigenvalues of a projection are  $0$  and  $1$ . Furthermore, prove that the only eigenvalues of an involution are  $-1$  and  $1$ . (This does not require the vector space to be finite-dimensional.)

[10] Find all the (complex) eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

**A)** Solving for the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ ,  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2$ . Solving for  $\lambda^2 = 0$  we get  $\lambda = 0$ .

Now to get the corresponding eigenvector we get,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the eigenvalue for  $A$  is 0 and its corresponding eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

**B)** Solving for the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $B$ ,  $\det(B - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - \lambda - \lambda i + i$ . Solving for  $\lambda$  we get,  $\lambda = i, 1$ .

Now let's obtain the corresponding eigenvector for  $\lambda_1 = i$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now for  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we have for the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = i$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  the corresponding eigenvectors are  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively.

**C)** For  $C$  we have  $\det(C - \lambda I) = i - \lambda - \lambda i + \lambda^2$ . Solving for  $\lambda$  we get the following eigenvalues: 1,  $i$ .

Let's obtain the corresponding eigenvector for  $\lambda_1 = i$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We get for the first equation  $(1-i)x + y = 0$ . We see if we set  $x = (-1-i)$  we get,  $-1+i-i-1+y = -2+y = 0$ . Therefore  $y = 2$ . Thus the corresponding eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1-i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Now to obtain the corresponding eigenvector for  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & i-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus our eigenvector for eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = i$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$  are  $\begin{pmatrix} -1-i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively.

**D)** For  $D$  we have,  $\det(D - \lambda I) = -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 = -\lambda^2(\lambda - 3)$ . Solving for  $\lambda$  we get  $\lambda = 0, 3$ .

Now solving for the corresponding eigenvector for  $\lambda_1 = 3$ , (Some steps I'm skipping over since it would be a lot of matrices to type out)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This gives us that  $x_1 = x_2$  by the first row, and  $x_2 = x_3$  by the second row. Thus our corresponding eigenvector is,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Now for the corresponding eigenvector for  $\lambda_2 = 0$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see the corresponding eigenvectors to be  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Thus for the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 3$  the corresponding eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and for  $\lambda_2 = 0$  the corresponding eigenvectors are  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**D)** For  $D$  we have  $\det(D - \lambda I) = -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 1 = -(\lambda - 1)^3$ . Solving for  $\lambda$  we get  $\lambda = 1$ .

Now solving for the corresponding eigenvector we get,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we see the corresponding eigenvector for  $\lambda = 1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$