

1. Label the following statements as **True** or **False**. **Along with your answer, provide an informal proof, counterexample, or other explanation.**

- (a) The sum of two positive operators on a finite-dimensional complex inner product space is positive.
- (b) Let  $V$  be a 5-dimensional vector space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Then there exists a 3-dimensional subspace  $U$  of  $V$  invariant under  $T$ .
- (c) Any polynomial of degree  $n$  with leading coefficients  $(-1)^n$  is the characteristic polynomial of some linear operator.
- (d) If  $x, y$ , and  $z$  are vectors in an inner product space such that  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$ , then  $y = z$ .
- (e) Every normal operator is diagonalizable.

2. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  is defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2x_1, x_2 - x_3, x_2 + x_3).$$

- (a) Determine the eigenspace of  $T$  corresponding to each eigenvalue.
  - (b) Find the Jordan form and a Jordan basis of  $T$ .
  - (c) Find the minimal polynomial of  $T$ .
  - (d) Find the trace of  $T$ , trace  $T$ .
  - (e) Find the determinant of  $T$ ,  $\det T$ .
3. Suppose  $V$  is a finite-dimensional inner product space,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is normal, and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  that is invariant under  $T$ . Show that  $U^\perp$  is invariant under  $T$ .
4. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$ , and let  $v$  be a nonzero vector in  $V$ . The subspace

$$U = \text{span}(\{v, Tv, T^2v, \dots\})$$

is called the  $T$ -cyclic subspace of  $V$  generated by  $v$ .

- (a) Show that  $U$  is a finite-dimensional invariant subspace of  $V$ .
- (b) Let  $k = \dim U$ . Show that  $\{v, Tv, T^2v, \dots, T^{k-1}v\}$  is a basis for  $U$ .
- (c) If  $a_0v + a_1Tv + a_2T^2v + \dots + a_{k-1}T^{k-1}(v) + T^k(v) = 0$ , show that the characteristic polynomial of  $T|_U$  is

$$f(t) = (-1)^k(a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_{k-1}t^{k-1} + t^k).$$

- (d) Let  $g(t)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ , show that  $g(T) = 0$ , where  $0$  is the zero operator. That is,  $T$  “satisfies” its characteristic equation.
5. If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ , show that  $T$  is an isometry if and only if  $T$  is normal and  $|\lambda| = 1$  for every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $T$ .

6. Let  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$  be the polynomial spaces with inner products defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Let  $T : \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$  be the linear operator defined by

$$T(f(x)) = f'(x).$$

(a) Find orthonormal bases  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$ .

(b) Find  $p \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R})$  that makes

$$\int_{-1}^1 |x^5 - p(x)|^2 dx$$

as small as possible.

(c) Find the singular values  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  of  $T$  such that  $T(v_i) = \sigma_i u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $T(v_3) = 0$ .

7. Let  $V$  be a real inner product space. A function  $f : V \rightarrow V$  is called a **rigid motion** if

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|x - y\|$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . For example, any **isometry** on a finite-dimensional real inner product space is a **rigid motion**. Another class of rigid motions are the translations. A function  $g : V \rightarrow V$ , where  $V$  is a real inner product space, is called a **translation** if there exists a vector  $v_0 \in V$  such that  $g(v) = v + v_0$  for all  $v \in V$ . Let  $f : V \rightarrow V$  be a rigid motion on a finite-dimensional real inner product space  $V$ , show that there exists a unique isometry  $T$  on  $V$  and a unique translation  $g$  on  $V$  such that  $f = g \circ T$ .