

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

1. The sum of two positive operators on a finite-dimensional complex inner product space is positive.

**True.** Let  $A, B$  be two positive operators, then  $(A+B)^* = A+B$ ,  $\langle (A+B)x, y \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle + \langle Bx, y \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $v \in V$ , then  $A+B$  is positive.

2. 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  $T$ .

**True.** If  $T_{\mathbb{C}}$  has a complex eigenvalue, then  $T$  has a two dimensional invariant subspace  $U_1$ . And since  $T$  must be at least one real eigenvalue, then  $T$  has a one-dimensional invariant subspace  $U_2$ ,  $U = U_1 \oplus U_2$ . If  $T_{\mathbb{C}}$  doesn't have a complex eigenvalue, then all eigenvalues of  $T_{\mathbb{C}}$  are real, and  $T$  has 5 real eigenvalues. Assume the Jordan basis of  $T$  is  $u_1, \dots, u_5$ ,  $U = \text{span}\{u_3, u_4, u_5\}$ .

3. Any polynomial of degree  $n$  with leading coefficients  $(-1)^n$  is the characteristic polynomial of some linear operators.

**True.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & -a_0 \\ 1 & 0 & & & & -a_1 \\ & 1 & 0 & & & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & & 1 & 0 & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

4. If  $x, y$  and  $z$  are vectors in an inner product space such that  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$ , then  $y = z$ .

**False.**  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle \Rightarrow \langle x, y - z \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow x \perp (y - z)$ .

5. Every normal operator is diagonalizable.

**False.**  $T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$  is normal since  $T^*T = TT^*$ , but  $T$  is not diagonalizable.

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

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

1. Determine the eigenspace of  $T$  corresponding to each eigenvalue.

**Sol:**  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2x_1, x_2 - x_3, x_2 + x_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ , let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $|\lambda I - A| =$

$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - (1 + i))(\lambda - (1 - i))$ , so the eigenvalues are  $2, 1 + i, 1 - i$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors are  $k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}, k_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. Find the Jordan form and a Jordan basis of  $T$ .

**Sol:** The Jordan form is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & 1 + i & \\ & & 1 - i \end{bmatrix}$ , the Jordan basis is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$ .

3. Find the minimal polynomial of  $T$ .

**Sol:** The minimal polynomial is  $(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - (1 + i))(\lambda - (1 - i))$ .

4. Find the trace of  $T$ , trace  $T$ .

**Sol:**  $\text{Tr}(T) = 4$ .

5. Find the determinant of  $T$ ,  $\det T$ .

**Sol:**  $\det T = 4$ .

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  $T$ .

**Sol:** See textbook 9.30 (a).

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  $v$ .

1. Show that  $U$  is a finite-dimensional invariant subspace of  $V$ .

**Sol:** Since  $V$  is finite-dimensional,  $U$  is also finite-dimensional,  $U = \text{span}(\{v, Tv, \dots, T^{k-2}v\}) \neq \text{span}(\{v, Tv, \dots, T^{k-1}v\})$ .

$\forall u = a_0v + \dots + a_{k-1}T^{k-1}v \in U$ , then  $Tu = a_0Tv + \dots + a_{k-1}T^k v \in \text{span}(\{v, Tv, \dots, T^{k-1}v\}) = U$ , then  $U$  is an invariant subspace of  $V$ .

2. Let  $k = \dim U$ . Show that  $\{v, Tv, T^2v, \dots, T^{k-1}v\}$  is a basis for  $U$ .

**Sol:** We can show  $v, Tv, \dots, T^{k-1}v$  is linearly independent.

According to 2.21,  $\exists l$ , s.t.  $T^l v \in \text{span}\{v, Tv, \dots, T^{l-1}v\}$ , then  $T^l v = b_0v + \dots + b_{l-1}T^{l-1}v$ .

$\forall m > l$ ,  $T^m v = T^{m-l}T^l v = T^{m-l}(b_0v + \dots + b_{l-1}T^{l-1}v) = b_0T^{m-l}v + \dots + b_{l-1}T^{m-1}v \in \text{span}\{v, \dots, T^{l-1}v\}$ , then  $U = \text{span}\{v, \dots, T^{l-1}v\}$ , which contradicts to  $\dim U = k$ .

3. If  $a_0v + a_1Tv + a_2T^2v + \cdots + a_{k-1}T^{k-1}(v) + T^k(v) = 0$ , show that the characteristic polynomial of  $T|_U$  is

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

**Sol:**  $a_0v + \cdots + T^kv = 0 \Rightarrow (a_0I + \cdots + T^k)u = 0, \forall u \in U$ , then  $a_0I + a_1T|_U + \cdots + (T|_U)^k = 0$ .

Let  $p(\lambda)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $T|_U$ ,  $q(\lambda) = a_0 + a_1\lambda + \cdots + \lambda^k$ , then  $p(\lambda)|q(\lambda)$ .

If  $\deg p(\lambda) < k$ , then  $(b_0I + \cdots + b_{l-1}(T|_U)^{l-1} + (T|_U)^l)v = 0 \Rightarrow v, Tv, \cdots, T^lv$  is linearly dependent, which is a contradiction!

Thus  $\deg p(\lambda) = k$ ,  $p(\lambda) = q(\lambda)$ , the characteristic polynomial  $p(\lambda) = q(\lambda)$ .

4. 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.

**Sol:** Assume  $g(T) \neq 0$ ,  $\exists u \neq 0$ , s.t.  $g(T)u \neq 0$ . Let  $U = \text{span}(\{u, Tu, \cdots\})$ ,  $p(\lambda)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $T|_U$ . According to 3, we have  $p(T)u = 0$ . Since  $p(\lambda)|g(\lambda)$ ,  $g(\lambda) = p(\lambda)q(\lambda) \Rightarrow g(T)u = q(T)p(T)u = 0$ , which is a contradiction!

5. If  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{C}$ , show that  $T$  is an isometry if and only if  $T$  is normal and  $|\lambda| = 1$  for every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $T$ .

**Sol:** “ $\Rightarrow$ ”  $T$  is isometry, then  $T^*T = TT^* = I$ ,  $T$  is normal. According to 7.43, we have  $|\lambda| = 1$  for every eigenvalue.

“ $\Leftarrow$ ” Since  $T$  is normal, according to 7.24,  $V$  has an orthonormal basis consisting of all eigenvectors of  $T$ . Since  $|\lambda| = 1$  for every eigenvalue, by 7.43,  $T$  is an isometry.

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

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

Let  $T : \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbf{R})$  be the linear operator defined by  $T(f(x)) = f'(x)$ .

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

**Sol:**  $1, x, x^2$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$ , using Gram-Schmidt process, we have

$$v_1 = \sqrt{\frac{8}{45}}\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{3}\right), \quad v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}x, \quad v_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},$$

so  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$  and let  $u_1 = v_2$ ,  $u_2 = v_3$ ,  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathbf{R})$ .

2. Find  $p \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbf{R})$  that makes

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

as small as possible.

**Sol:**  $p(x) = \frac{3}{7}x$ .

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

**Sol:**  $Tv_3 = 0, Tv_1 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{3}u_1, Tv_2 = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2}}x = \sqrt{15}u_2$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(T; v_1, v_2, v_3; u_1, u_2) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{15} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , denoted it as  $A$ .

$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are 15, 3, 0, so the singular values are  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{15}, \sigma_2 = \sqrt{3}$ .

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 is 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  $f = g \circ T$ .

**Sol:** Let  $g(x) = f(x) + f(0)$ ,  $g^{-1}(x) = f(x) - f(0)$ . We want to show  $g^{-1} \circ f$  is an isometry, i.e.  $g^{-1} \circ f$  is linear and  $\|g^{-1} \circ f(x)\| = \|x\|$  holds for any  $x \in V$ .

**Step 1:** prove  $g^{-1} \circ f$  is linear.

Firstly, prove  $g^{-1} \circ f(x + y) = g^{-1} \circ f(x) + g^{-1} \circ f(y)$  holds for any  $x, y \in V$ . WTS:  $f(x + y) - f(0) = f(x) - f(0) + f(y) - f(0)$ , i.e.  $f(x + y) - f(y) = f(x) - f(0)$ .  $\|f(x + y) - f(y)\| = \|x\| = \|f(x) - f(0)\|$ , so we only need to prove that the directions of  $f(x + y) - f(y)$  and  $f(x) - f(0)$  are same. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(x) - f(0), f(x + y) - f(y) \rangle &= \langle f(x), f(x + y) \rangle - \langle f(x), f(y) \rangle - \langle f(0), f(x + y) \rangle + \langle f(0), f(y) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(\|f(x) + f(x + y)\|^2 - \|f(x) - f(x + y)\|^2) - \frac{1}{4}(\|f(x) + f(y)\|^2 - \|f(x) - f(y)\|^2) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4}(\|f(0) + f(x + y)\|^2 - \|f(0) - f(x + y)\|^2) + \frac{1}{4}(\|f(0) + f(y)\|^2 - \|f(0) - f(y)\|^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\langle f(x) - f(0), f(x + y) - f(y) \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\|x\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

then  $\langle f(x) - f(0), f(x + y) - f(y) \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|f(x) - f(0)\| \cdot \|f(x + y) - f(y)\|$ , i.e. the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality takes “=”! So the directions of  $f(x + y) - f(y)$  and  $f(x) - f(0)$  are the same, and according to their norms are also the same, we have  $f(x) - f(0) = f(x + y) - f(y)$ , i.e.  $g^{-1} \circ f(x + y) = g^{-1} \circ f(x) + g^{-1} \circ f(y)$  holds for any  $x, y \in V$ .

Secondly, prove  $g^{-1} \circ f(\lambda x) = \lambda g^{-1} \circ f(x)$  holds for any  $x \in V, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

WTS:  $f(\lambda x) - f(0) = \lambda(f(x) - f(0))$ . Since

$$\|f(\lambda x) - f(0)\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|f(x) - f(0)\| = \|\lambda(f(x) - f(0))\|.$$

Similarly, we only need to prove the directions of  $f(\lambda x) - f(0)$  and  $\lambda(f(x) - f(0))$  are the same.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(\lambda x) - f(0), \lambda(f(x) - f(0)) \rangle &= \lambda \left( \langle f(\lambda x), f(x) \rangle - \langle f(\lambda x), f(0) \rangle - \langle f(0), f(x) \rangle + \langle f(0), f(0) \rangle \right) \\ &= \lambda \left( \frac{1}{4}(\|f(\lambda x) + f(x)\|^2 - \|f(\lambda x) - f(x)\|^2) - \frac{1}{4}(\|f(\lambda x) + f(0)\|^2 - \|f(\lambda x) - f(0)\|^2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{4}(\|f(0) + f(x)\|^2 - \|f(0) - f(x)\|^2) + \|f(0)\|^2 \right) \\ &= \lambda \left( \frac{1}{2} \langle f(\lambda x) - f(0), f(x) - f(0) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \|x\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

then  $\langle f(\lambda x) - f(0), \lambda(f(x) - f(0)) \rangle = \lambda^2 \|x\|^2 = \|f(\lambda x) - f(0)\| \cdot \|\lambda(f(x) - f(0))\|$ . i.e. the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality takes “=” !, so we have  $g^{-1} \circ f(\lambda x) = \lambda g^{-1} \circ f(x)$  for all  $x \in V$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Step 2:** prove  $g^{-1} \circ f$  is isometry.

$\forall x \in V$ ,  $\|g^{-1} \circ f\| = \|f(x) - f(0)\| = \|x - 0\| = \|x\|$ , so it's isometry.

Let  $g^{-1} \circ f = T$ , we have  $f = g \circ T$ , where  $g$  is a translation,  $T$  is an isometry, so we have finished the proof of the existence of  $g$  and  $T$ .

**Step 3:** show the uniqueness.

Assume  $f = g_1 \circ T_1 = g_2 \circ T_2$ , where  $g_1(v) = v + v_1$ ,  $g_2(v) = v + v_2$  are two translation,  $T_1, T_2$  are isometry. We have

$$g_2^{-1} \circ g_1 = T_2 \circ T_1^{-1}, \quad g_2^{-1} \circ g_1(v) = g_2^{-1}(v + v_1) = v + v_1 - v_2$$

Since  $T_2 \circ T_1^{-1}$  is linear,  $g_2^{-1} \circ g_1$  is also linear, then  $g_2^{-1} \circ g_1(0) = 0 + v_1 - v_2 = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = v_2 \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2$ , so  $T_2 \circ T_1^{-1} = g_2^{-1} \circ g_1 = I \Rightarrow T_1 = T_2$ .