Assignment 10

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1 Problem

Given that there are real constants a, b, c, d such that the identity

$$\lambda x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = (ax + by)^2 + (cx + dy)^2$$
 (1.0.1)

holds for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. This implies

- 1) $\lambda = -5$
- 2) $\lambda \ge 1$
- 3) $0 < \lambda < 1$
- 4) there is no such $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

2 Solution

Given that

$$\lambda x^{2} + 2xy + y^{2} = (ax + by)^{2} + (cx + dy)^{2}$$
(2.0.1)

Arranging this in form of a matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + c^2 & ab + cd \\ ab + cd & b^2 + d^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
(2.0.2)

From this, we get

$$\lambda = a^2 + c^2 \qquad (2.0.3)$$

$$ab + cd = 1$$
 (2.0.4)

$$b^2 + d^2 = 1 \qquad (2.0.5)$$

Let

$$b = \cos \theta, d = \sin \theta \quad \forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$
 (2.0.6)

Substituing this in (2.0.5)

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \qquad (2.0.7)$$

Substituting (2.0.6) in (2.0.4)

$$a\cos\theta + c\sin\theta = 1 \qquad (2.0.8)$$

let
$$a = k \sin \beta$$
, $c = k \cos \beta \quad \forall k, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ (2.0.9)

Substituting this in (2.0.8)

$$k\sin\beta\cos\theta + k\cos\beta\sin\theta = 1 \qquad (2.0.10)$$

$$\implies k \sin(\theta + \beta) = 1$$
 (2.0.11)

Substituting (2.0.9) in (2.0.3),

$$\lambda = k^2 \sin^2 \beta + k^2 \cos^2 \beta \tag{2.0.12}$$

$$= k^2(\sin^2 \beta + \cos^2 \beta)$$
 (2.0.13)

$$=k^2$$
 (2.0.14)

Now, since $|\sin(\theta + \beta)| \le 1$, then from (2.0.11), we get $|k| \ge 1$, hence $k^2 \ge 1$. Using this in (2.0.14),

$$\lambda \ge 1 \tag{2.0.15}$$

So from the given options, option 2) $\lambda \ge 1$ is correct.