

# MAT215 Exam 2

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TOTAL POINTS

**18.6 / 24**

## QUESTION 1

### Definitions 6 pts

#### 1.1 Definition 1 2 / 2

- ✓ - **0 pts** Correct
- **2 pts** Incorrect or not precise enough
- **2 pts** Stated Proposition 3.4.7. instead of the definition.

#### 1.2 Definition 2 2 / 2

- ✓ - **0 pts** Correct
- **2 pts** Incorrect or not precise enough

#### 1.3 Definition 3 2 / 2

- ✓ - **0 pts** Correct
- **2 pts** Incorrect or not precise enough

## QUESTION 2

### Short Answers 6 pts

#### 2.1 Short Answer 1 2.5 / 3

- ✓ + **2.25 pts** Stated that matrix multiplication is defined to represent the composition of the associated linear transformations.
  - + **0.5 pts** Illustrated the connection between matrix multiplication and composition of linear transformations using appropriate notation correctly. (e.g.  $T \circ S = T \cdot S$ )
- ✓ + **0.25 pts** Description written in complete sentences.
  - + **0.75 pts** Included a precise and complete construction of the definition of matrix multiplication, from scratch, by composing arbitrary linear transformations.
  - + **0.5 pts** Described the connection between linear transformations and the matrix vector product instead of the product of matrices.
  - + **0 pts** Description does not illustrate an

understanding of the connection between linear transformations and matrix multiplication.

- + **0.5 pts** Illustrated with a specific example.

#### 2.2 Short Answer 2 1.6 / 3

- ✓ + **1.4 pts** Correctly identified  $1$  as an eigenvalue associated to an eigenvector belonging to  $\text{Span}(\vec{w})$ , with justification.
  - + **1.4 pts** Correctly identified  $-1$  as an eigenvalue associated to an eigenvector belonging to  $\text{Span}(\vec{v})$ , where  $\vec{v}$  is any non-zero vector perpendicular to  $\vec{w}$ , with justification.
- ✓ + **0.2 pts** Response written in complete sentences.
  - + **0.1 pts** Provided an appropriate diagram to support claims.
  - + **0.1 pts** Provided a specific example to support claims.
  - + **0.5 pts** Correctly set up the computation to find the eigenvalues of a general reflection using the characteristic polynomial, but did not identify  $-1$  or  $1$  as eigenvalues or find the associated eigenvectors.
  - + **1 pts** Correctly identified potential eigenvectors, with supporting reasoning, but did not correctly identify eigenvalues.
  - + **0 pts** Omitted, or reasoning and claims are not relevant to the question, are not specific enough, or are incorrect.
  - + **1 pts** Correctly identified eigenvalues and eigenvectors for a specific example, but did not sufficiently generalize these observations to all reflections.

## QUESTION 3

### Proofs 12 pts

### 3.1 Proof 1 3 / 6

+ 3 pts Showed the "only if" direction of the biconditional, completely and correctly.

✓ + 3 pts Showed the "if" direction of the biconditional, completely and correctly.

+ 1.25 pts Proof of the "only if" direction relies too heavily on supporting results that sidestep the details of the proof from definitions. Formal proofs of those results are omitted. (See comments)

+ 1.25 pts Proof of the "if" direction relies too heavily on supporting results that sidestep the details of the proof from definitions. Formal proofs of those results are omitted. (See comments)

+ 0 pts Proof of the "if" direction relies heavily on faulty reasoning, large gaps, or on results that follow from the one to be proved here. (See comments)

✓ + 0 pts Proof of the "only if" direction relies heavily on faulty reasoning, large gaps, or on results that follow from the one to be proved here. (See comments)

+ 0 pts Neither direction of the proof is sufficiently complete. (See comments)

💬 In the "only if" direction, you cannot pick elements whose image is the zero vector. This assumes too much, and the reasoning that follows does not allow you to make a general conclusion.

### 3.2 Proof 2 5.5 / 6

✓ + 1.5 pts Correctly identified both eigenvalues, with supporting computations.

✓ + 2.5 pts Correctly identified an eigenvector associated to each eigenvalue, with supporting computations.

+ 2 pts Used the eigenvectors from Part (b) as a basis to explicitly demonstrate that  $A$  is diagonalizable in the coordinates determined by that basis.

✓ + 1.5 pts Correctly justified the claim that  $A$  is diagonalizable, but did not demonstrate explicitly enough.

+ 0 pts Did not correctly identify the eigenvalues

+ 0 pts Did not correctly identify eigenvectors.

+ 0 pts Did not demonstrate that  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- 0.3 pts Computation error.

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# 1 Definitions - 6 points

For each of the following, state the definition as precisely as possible. No partial credit will be given. These statements should be identical, or nearly identical, to the statements given in the textbook. Proposition or theorem statements that provide conditions which are equivalent to the formal definition will not earn credit.

1. Let  $\alpha$  be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation. Define *matrix of  $T$  relative to  $\alpha$* .

Let  $\alpha = (v_1, v_2)$ , and let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation. Fix  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\text{Coord}_\alpha(T(v_1)) = [T(v_1)]_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\text{Coord}_\alpha(T(v_2)) = [T(v_2)]_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}$ . We define the matrix of  $T$  relative to  $\alpha$  as  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ . We denote this matrix by  $[T]_\alpha$ . In other words, we let the first column of  $[T]_\alpha$  be the coordinates of  $T(v_1)$  relative to  $\alpha$  and we let the second column of  $[T]_\alpha$  be the coordinates of  $T(v_2)$  relative to  $\alpha$ .

2. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation. Define *Null( $T$ )*.

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation. We define

$$\text{Null}(T) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^2 : T(v) = \vec{0}\}$$

We call  $\text{Null}(T)$  the null space of  $T$  (or the kernel of  $T$ ).

3. Define *characteristic polynomial*.

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ .

We define the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  to be the following polynomial in variable  $\lambda$ :

$$(a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc = \lambda^2 - (a+d)\lambda + (ad-bc)$$

## 2 Short Answers - 6 points

1. Describe the connection between linear transformations and multiplication of matrices.

A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  has a standard matrix  $[T]$  that does it.  
 We can now find the composition of two linear transformations  $T$  and  $S$  by multiplying their standard matrices.  
 So matrix multiplication is the composition of linear transformations.  
 Run out of time here.

2. Let  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be non-zero, and let  $W = \text{Span}(\vec{w})$ . In the homework we showed that the function  $F_{\vec{w}}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , defined by letting  $F_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v})$  to be the result of reflecting  $\vec{v}$  across the line  $W$ , is a linear transformation. What are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $F_{\vec{w}}$ ? You do not need to give a formal proof, but you should explain your reasoning.

By definition, an eigenvalue of  $F_{\vec{w}}$  is a nonzero  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that there exists a  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $F_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v}$ .  
 By def. An eigenvalue of  $F_{\vec{w}}$  is a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that there exists a nonzero  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $F_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v}$ .  
 Whenever  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is nonzero and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $F_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v}$ , we say that  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $F_{\vec{w}}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Geometrically, this means that for some eigenvector  $\vec{v}_1$  of  $F_{\vec{w}}$ ,  $F_{\vec{w}}(\vec{v}_1)$  has the same effect as scaling  $\vec{v}_1$  by its eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ . The reflection of a vector across a line that that vector lies on is simply that vector, so in this case the eigenvalues are 1 and -1 and the eigenvectors are all elements of  $\text{Span}(\vec{w})$ .

### 3 Proofs - 12 points

Prove the following statements. You must formally justify each of your claims by stating the definition or result from which it follows. Do not refer to results by their number in the text, state them completely.

#### 3.1

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation. Show that  $\text{Null}(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$  if and only if  $T$  is injective.

~~We first prove that if  $T$  is injective~~  
 Suppose that  $T$  is injective. By definition, whenever  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  satisfy  $T(\vec{v}_1) = T(\vec{v}_2)$ , we have that  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2$ . ~~Let  $\vec{v} \in \text{Null}(T)$  be arbitrary. By definition,  $T(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$ . Notice that  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$  (by the proposition that states  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$ ). So  $T(\vec{v}) = T(\vec{0})$ . Because  $T$  is injective, it follows that  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ . Because  $\vec{v} \in \text{Null}(T)$  was arbitrary, the result follows.~~

~~We now prove that if  $\text{Null}(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$  then  $T$  is injective.~~

Let  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $T(\vec{v}_1) = T(\vec{v}_2) = \vec{0}$ .

So  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in \text{Null}(T)$  by definition. But  $\text{Null}(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

So it must be that  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$ . So  $T$  is injective.

~~It follows~~ Because  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  were arbitrary, the result follows.

### 3.2

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Find all real eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find an eigenvector associated to each eigenvalue.
- Demonstrate that  $A$  is diagonalizable.

As we can find the eigenvalues by finding the roots of the characteristic polynomial:

$$(5-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 3 \cdot 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5-\lambda)^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (5-\lambda)^2 = 9 \Rightarrow 5-\lambda = \pm 3 \Rightarrow \lambda = 5 \pm 3$$

So we have two real eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1 = 5+3$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 5-3$

b) Eigen vectors  $\vec{v}$  of  $A$  satisfy,  $(A - \lambda I) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$ , where  $\lambda$  is the eigen value corresponding to  $\vec{v}$ .

$$\lambda = \lambda_1, \vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3x_1 + 3y_1 \\ 3x_1 - 3y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is easy to see that  $x_1 = -y_1$ , so  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -y_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Any  $y_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  will do, so  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\lambda = \lambda_2, \vec{v} = \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3x_2 + 3y_2 \\ 3x_2 + 3y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is easy to see that it must be the case that  $x_2 = -y_2$ , so  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Any  $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  will do, so we say that  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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Run computation here.

So the  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  with eigenvalue  $5+3=8$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  with eigenvalue  $5-3=2$ .

C) There is a proposition that states that for a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with standard matrix  $[T]$ , and  $\alpha = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2)$  <sup>basis</sup> a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , the following are equivalent:

- 1)  $[T]_\alpha$  is diagonal
- 2)  $\vec{u}_1$  and  $\vec{u}_2$  are eigenvectors of  $T$ .

(2)

**Definition:** A linear transformation is diagonalizable if there exists a basis  $\alpha = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $[T]_\alpha$  is a diagonal matrix.

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation defined by letting  $[T] = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Thus, the eigenvectors of  $T$  are  $\vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Note that  $-1 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1 - 1 = -2 \neq 0$ , so  $\text{Span}(\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2) = \mathbb{R}^2$  by

Theorem 2.3.10, By definition of basis,  $(\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2)$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

By (2),  $[T]_\alpha$  is diagonal. By (1),  $T$  is diagonalizable.

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