

Problem 1. Let \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} be finite-dimensional vector spaces over a scalar field \mathbb{F} . Let \mathcal{S} be a subspace of the direct product vector space $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{W}$. Define the following four subspaces

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom } \mathcal{S} &= \{v \in \mathcal{V} : \exists w \in \mathcal{W} \text{ such that } (v, w) \in \mathcal{S}\}, \\ \text{ran } \mathcal{S} &= \{w \in \mathcal{W} : \exists v \in \mathcal{V} \text{ such that } (v, w) \in \mathcal{S}\}, \\ \text{nul } \mathcal{S} &= \{v \in \mathcal{V} : (v, 0_{\mathcal{W}}) \in \mathcal{S}\}, \\ \text{mul } \mathcal{S} &= \{w \in \mathcal{W} : (0_{\mathcal{V}}, w) \in \mathcal{S}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Prove the equality

$$\dim \text{dom } \mathcal{S} + \dim \text{mul } \mathcal{S} = \dim \text{ran } \mathcal{S} + \dim \text{nul } \mathcal{S}.$$

Hint: The following equivalence holds. For all $v \in \mathcal{V}$ and all $w \in \mathcal{W}$ we have:

$$(v, w) \in \mathcal{S} \iff (\forall x \in \text{nul } \mathcal{S}) \wedge (\forall y \in \text{mul } \mathcal{S}) \quad (v + x, w + y) \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Problem 2. Let \mathcal{V} be a vector space over \mathbb{F} and $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{V})$. Assume that there exists a function $f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ such that $Tv = f(v)v$ for each $v \in \mathcal{V}$. Prove that T is a multiple of the identity operator. That is, there exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $Tv = \alpha v$ for each $v \in \mathcal{V}$. (A plain English explanation: The equation $Tv = f(v)v$ is telling us that T scales each vector in \mathcal{V} by the scaling coefficient $f(v)$. The point of the problem is to prove that T must scale each vector by the same coefficient. This is a consequence of the linearity of T .)

Problem 3. Let \mathcal{V} be a nontrivial finite dimensional vector space, $n = \dim \mathcal{V}$, and let $T : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ be a linear operator. Define recursively:

$$T^0 = I \quad \text{and} \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N} \quad T^j = T^{j-1} \circ T.$$

(a) Prove that there exists $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $\text{nul}(T^k) = \text{nul}(T^{k+1})$.

(b) If $\text{nul}(T) \neq \{0_{\mathcal{V}}\}$, then there exists $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, k\} \quad \text{nul}(T^{j-1}) \subsetneq \text{nul}(T^j).$$

and

$$\forall l \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, \dots, k\} \quad \text{nul}(T^k) = \text{nul}(T^l).$$

(c) Explore $\text{ran}(T^j)$ with $j \in \mathbb{N}$ in the spirit of (a) and (b). Formulate your statements and prove them.

Problem 4. Let $\mathbb{C}[z]$ be the set of all polynomials with complex coefficients. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by $\mathbb{C}[z]_{<n}$ we denote the complex vector subspace of $\mathbb{C}[z]$ of all polynomials whose degree is less than n . (You do not need to prove this claim.) By $D : \mathbb{C}[z] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[z]$ we denote the differentiation operator

$$(Df)(z) = f'(z), \quad f \in \mathbb{C}[z].$$

Let \mathcal{Q} be a nontrivial finite dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{C}[z]$. Prove that $D\mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$ if and only if there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\mathcal{Q} = \mathbb{C}[z]_{<n}$.

Problem 5. Let $(\mathcal{V}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space over a scalar field \mathbb{F} with a positive definite inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. Let $\|\cdot\|$ be the corresponding norm on \mathcal{V} . That is, for $v \in \mathcal{V}$, $\|v\| := \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$. Find a necessary and sufficient condition (in terms of the vectors $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathcal{V}$) for the following equality

$$\|v_1 + \dots + v_k\| = \|v_1\| + \dots + \|v_k\|.$$

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Problem 6. Let \mathcal{V} be a finite dimensional vector space over a scalar field \mathbb{F} . Assume that $\dim \mathcal{V} > 1$. Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be a positive definite inner product on \mathcal{V} . Let x and y be fixed nonzero vectors in \mathcal{V} . Define the operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{V})$ by

$$Tv = v - \langle v, x \rangle y, \quad v \in \mathcal{V}.$$

You do not need to prove that $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{V})$. Answer the following questions and provide complete rigorous justifications.

- Determine all eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenspaces of T . Provide a proof that you indeed found all the eigenvalues.
- Determine an explicit formula for T^* .
- Determine a necessary and sufficient condition for $Q \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{V})$ to commute with T .
- Determine a necessary and sufficient condition for T to be normal.
- Determine a necessary and sufficient condition for T to be self-adjoint.

Problem 7. Let \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{V} be finite-dimensional vector spaces over the complex field \mathbb{C} such that $m = \dim \mathcal{U}$ and $n = \dim \mathcal{V}$ are positive integers. Assume that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{U}}$ is a positive definite inner product on \mathcal{U} and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{V}}$ is a positive definite inner product on \mathcal{V} . Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V})$.

- Prove that the operator T^*T is a nonnegative operator on $(\mathcal{U}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{U}})$ and

$$\text{nul}(T^*T) = \text{nul } T.$$

- Define an operator $S : \text{ran}(T^*) \rightarrow \text{ran } T$ by

$$Su = Tu \quad \text{for all } u \in \text{ran}(T^*).$$

Prove that S is an isomorphism between the subspaces $\text{ran}(T^*)$ of \mathcal{U} and $\text{ran } T$ of \mathcal{V} .

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Prove the existence of the following objects:

- an orthonormal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ for \mathcal{U} ,
- an orthonormal basis $\mathcal{C} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ for \mathcal{V} ,
- a positive integer r such that $r \leq \min\{m, n\}$,
- positive real numbers $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$ such that $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$,

such that

$$M_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}(T) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} \sigma_1 & \cdots & 0 & \mathbf{0}_{r \times (m-r)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & \cdots & \sigma_r & \\ \hline \mathbf{0}_{(n-r) \times r} & & & \mathbf{0}_{(n-r) \times (m-r)} \end{array} \right].$$