

**King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals,**  
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**Problem 1.** (4-4-4)

Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $V^{**}$  its **double dual** space.

- (1) Find an isomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $V$  to  $V^{**}$ .

Set  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $B$  the ordered basis given by  $B = \{(1, 2, 1), (2, 1, 2), (1, 0, 0)\}$

- (4) Find the dual basis  $B^*$  of  $B$ .

- (5) Let  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x, y, z) = x + y + z$ . Express  $f$  in the basis  $B^*$ .

**Problem 2.** (4-4-4 points)

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  be the real standard inner product space,  $S = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  its standard basis and  $T$  the linear operator on  $V$  defined by:  $T(x, y, z) = (2x, 5z, 5y)$ .

- (1) Verify that  $T$  is a diagonalizable normal operator.

- (2) Find the spectral resolution of  $T$ .

- (3) Find the Polar Decomposition of  $T$ .

**Problem 3.** (4-3-5-4-4 points)[Exercise 7, page 347 and Exercise 9 page 348]

Let  $V = \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  be the space of complex matrices equipped with the inner product  $(A|B) = \text{trace}(AB^*)$ ,  $D$  a diagonal matrix,  $P$  a unitary matrix in  $V$ ,  $T_D$  and  $H_P$  the linear operators on  $V$  defined by  $T_D(A) = DA - AD$ ; and  $H_P(A) = PAP^{-1}$ .

- (1) Find the adjoint  $T_D^*$  of  $T_D$ .

- (2) Show that  $T_D$  is self-adjoint if and only if  $D = D^*$ .

- (3) Assume that  $D = D^*$ . Find the spectral decomposition of  $T_D$ .

- (4) Prove that  $H_P$  is a unitary operator on  $V$ .

- (5) Set  $n = 2$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Find explicitly the spectral decomposition of  $T_D$ .

**Problem 4.** (4-4-4-4 points)

Let  $V = \mathbb{P}_2 := \{f(X) \in \mathbb{R}[X] | \deg(f) \leq 2\}$  be the real-inner product space of all polynomials of degree  $\leq 2$ , with the scalar product  $(f|g) = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ , and standard basis  $S = \{1, X, X^2\}$ . Let  $W$  be subspace of  $V$  spanned by  $\{1, 2X - 1\}$  and  $T$  the linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $T(a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2) = a_0 + a_1X$  and  $T^*$  its adjoint.

- (1) Use Gram-Schmidt to find an orthonormal basis  $B$  of  $V$ .

- (2) Find the matrices  $[T]_B$  and  $[T^*]_B$  representing  $T$  and  $T^*$  in the basis  $B$ .

- (3) Is  $T$  a normal operator on  $V$ ? Justify.

- (4) Find the best approximation of  $f = X^2$  on  $W$ .

**Problem 5.** (4-4-4-4 points)

Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional **complex inner product space** ( $n \geq 3$ ),  $T$  a linear operator on  $V$  and  $T^*$  its adjoint.

- (1) Prove that  $c$  is a characteristic value of  $T$  if and only if  $\bar{c}$  is a characteristic value of  $T^*$ .
- (2) Prove that if  $\{v_1, \dots, v_s\}$  is a family of characteristic vectors associated to distinct characteristic values  $c_1, \dots, c_s$  respectively, then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_s\}$  are linearly independent.
- (3) Assume that  $(Tx|x) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in V$ . Prove that every characteristic value of  $T$  is positive.
- (4) Assume that  $T = T^*$  and all characteristic values are positive. Prove that  $(Tx|x) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in V$ .
- (5) Prove that for every positive operator  $H$ ,  $\text{tr}(TH) \geq 0$ .

**Problem 6.** (4-5-3-4-4)[Exercises 9 and 10 page 378]

Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  and let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be two *nonzero* linear functionals on  $V$ . Consider the skew symmetric bilinear form

$$f(\alpha, \beta) = L_1\alpha L_2\beta - L_1\beta L_2\alpha, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in V$$

- (1) Show that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are linearly dependent  $\iff f = 0$ .
- (2) Let  $g$  be a skew symmetric bilinear form on  $V$ . Show that  $\text{rank}(g) = 2$  if and only if  $g(\alpha, \beta) = L_1\alpha L_2\beta - L_1\beta L_2\alpha$  for some linear functionals  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  on  $V$ . Next, set  $V = \mathbb{F}^3$ ,  $L_1(x, y, z) = x + y + z$  and  $L_2(x, y, z) = x - y + z$ .
- (3) Find the matrix of  $f$  in the standard ordered basis  $S := \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  and find the rank of  $f$ .
- (4) Consider the bilinear form  $h$  on  $V$  defined by

$$h(\alpha, \beta) = x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 - 3x_1y_3 + x_2y_1 + x_2y_2 - 3x_2y_3 - 3x_3y_1 - 3x_3y_2 + 5x_3y_3$$

for every  $\alpha = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $\beta = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ .

Find the matrix  $A$  representing  $h$  in the standard basis, and the quadratic form  $q$  associated to  $h$ .

- (5) Find the canonical form of  $q$ . What is the signature of  $q$ ?