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Math 219, sections 3 and 4 — Fall 2001-2002

Last year's final exam (from Fall 2000-01)

1. a) Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbf{R}$ . Define the notion of an inner product on  $V$ .  
b) State and prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality (only for vector spaces over  $\mathbf{R}$ !).

2. Let  $T : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  be given by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a) Find a basis for each of  $\ker T$  and  $\text{Image } T$ .
- b) Find the orthogonal projection of the vector  $(3, 0, 0)$  onto  $\text{Image } T$ .

3. Define  $T : \mathbf{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^2$  by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a basis of  $\mathbf{C}^2$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $T$ .

4. Define  $T : \mathcal{P}_3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^4$  by  $T(f) = \begin{pmatrix} f(1) \\ f'(1) \\ f(-1) \\ f'(-1) \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a) Find the matrix  ${}_A[T]_B$ , where  $A$  is the standard basis for  $\mathbf{R}^4$  and  $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ .
- b) Show that  $T$  is an isomorphism. (You do not need to calculate  $T^{-1}$ .)

5. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be **finite-dimensional** vector spaces, and let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a **surjective** linear transformation.

- a) Show that there exists a linear transformation  $U : W \rightarrow V$  such that  $T \circ U = \text{id}_W$ . Hint: you can define  $U$  on a basis for  $W$  and use the linear extension theorem.

- b) Give an example to show that  $U \circ T$  need not equal  $\text{id}_V$ .

6. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space, and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation such that  $T^2 = 0_V$  (Recall that  $T^2 = T \circ T$ , and that  $0_V$  is the zero linear transformation).

- a) Show that  $\dim \text{Image } T \leq (1/2) \dim V$ .

- b) Give an example where  $\dim \text{Image } T \leq (1/2) \dim V$ , but  $T^2 \neq 0_V$ .

7. Define  $T : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2$  by

$$Tf(x) = f(1-x), \quad \text{e.g., } T(x^2 - 3x + 4) = (1-x)^2 - 3(1-x) + 4 = x^2 + x + 2.$$

- a) Find the matrix  ${}_B[T]_B$  of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ .

- b) Show that  ${}_B[T]_B$  is similar to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

8. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space, and let  $P : V \rightarrow V$  be a self-adjoint linear transformation such that  $P^2 = P$ .

- a) Show that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $P$ , then  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda = 1$ .

- b) Show that  $P$  is the orthogonal projection onto a certain subspace  $W$  of  $V$ .

9. Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional **complex** inner product space, and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a unitary transformation. Recall that this means that  $T^* = T^{-1}$ , which is a fancy way of saying that  $T$  is an isometry: for all  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$ ,  $\langle T(\vec{v}), T(\vec{w}) \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$ .

- a) Show that if  $\lambda$  is a (complex) eigenvalue of  $T$ , then  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

- b) Show that  $T$  is diagonalizable, by imitating the proof of the spectral theorem.

