



Linear Algebra II (MCS), SS 2006, Exercise 7

Groupwork

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 (c) $f(u, v) = 3x_2y_2$, (f) $f(u, v) = 0$.

(ii) Let $u = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^t$ and $v = (y_1, y_2, y_3)^t$. Determine the matrix A associated with the map:

$$f(u, v) := 3x_1y_1 - 2x_1y_2 + 5x_2y_1 + 7x_2y_2 - 8x_2y_3 + 4x_3y_2 - x_3y_3.$$

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(i) Show that the following subspaces of V are invariant under ϕ :

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- (i) Is it true that $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_r$ if and only if $V = W_1 + \dots + W_r$ and $W_i \cap W_j = \{0\}$ for $i \neq j$? Give a proof or a counterexample!
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H 26 Let ϕ and ψ be diagonalizable endomorphisms of an n -dimensional vector space V . Show that ϕ and ψ commute if and only if they can be simultaneously diagonalized. I.e. $\phi \circ \psi = \psi \circ \phi$ if and only if there is a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of V , such that the matrices of ϕ , resp. ψ , w.r.t. this basis are diagonal.

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To (i): The maps in (a), (c) and (f) are bilinear forms, since they can be represented by matrices $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, respectively. The other forms fail to be bilinear because $f(0, (1, 1)^t) = 1 \neq 0$ in each case.

To (ii): $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 5 & 7 & -8 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

To (iii): We have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda \cdot u + \tilde{u}, v) &= (\lambda \cdot u + \tilde{u})^t \cdot A \cdot v = (\lambda \cdot u^t + \tilde{u}^t) \cdot A \cdot v = \lambda \cdot (u^t \cdot A \cdot v) + \tilde{u}^t \cdot A \cdot v \\ &= \lambda \cdot f(u, v) + f(\tilde{u}, v), \end{aligned}$$

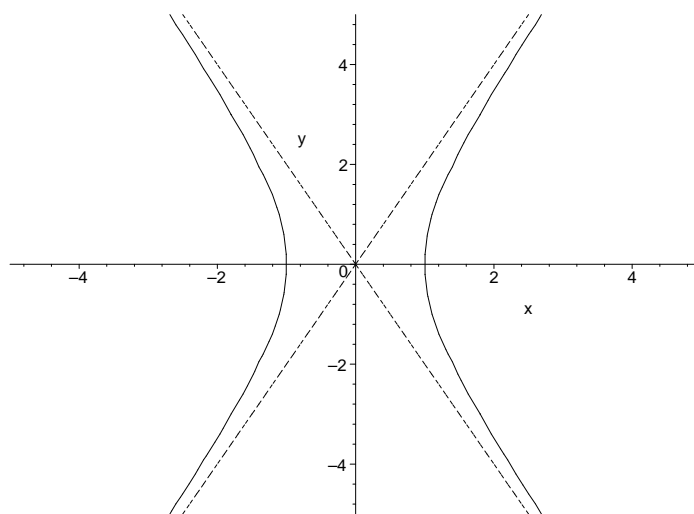
proving linearity in the first argument. Linearity in the second argument is proven analogously.

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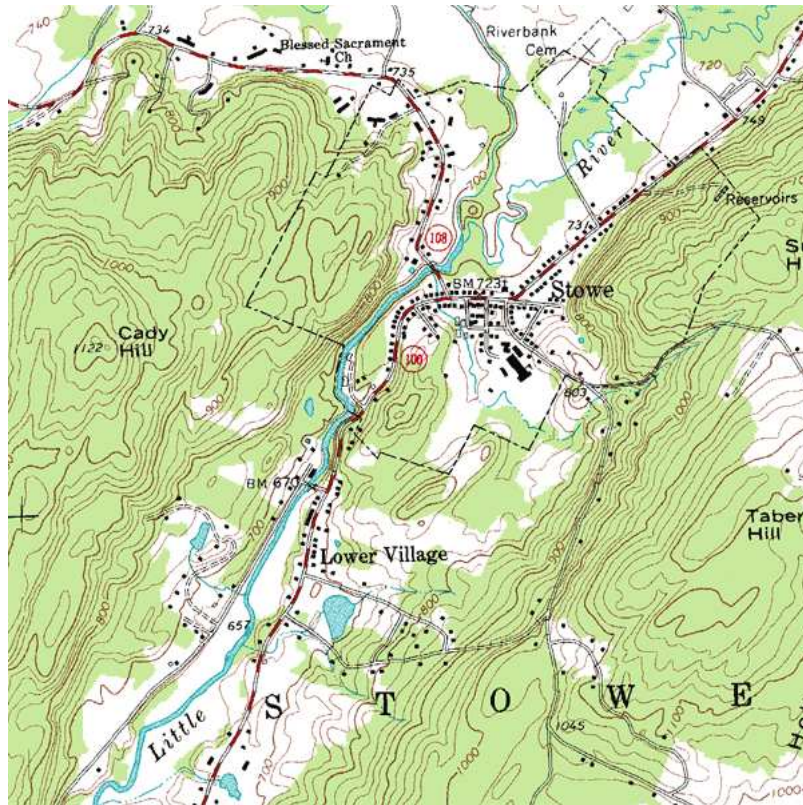
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To (i): For $(x, y) \in S^1$, we have $f(x, y) = \lambda x^2 + \mu y^2 = \lambda x^2 + \mu(1 - x^2) = (\lambda - \mu)x^2 + \mu$. Since x ranges through the interval $[-1, 1]$ we see that the extremal values are assumed for $(0, \pm 1)$ and $(\pm 1, 0)$ and the corresponding values are μ and λ , respectively.

To (ii): We have $f(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{4}y^2$. Hence, $M_0 = l_1 \cup l_2$, where $l_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = \frac{1}{2}y\}$ and $l_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = -\frac{1}{2}y\}$.



The distance of P to M_1 goes to zero as the distance of P to the origin goes to infinity. l_1 and l_2 are the asymptotes of M_1 . The following graphic shows an example of a topographic map with drawn isohypses:



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To (i): (a) and (b) are trivial. Since $0 \in \ker(\phi)$, (c) is clear as well. Furthermore, $\text{im}(\phi) = \phi(V) \subset V$. Therefore, $\phi(\text{im}(\phi)) \subset \text{im}(\phi)$.

To (ii): Let $w \in \bigcap_{i \in I} W_i$ be arbitrary. Then $w \in W_i$ for all $i \in I$. Hence, $\phi(w) \in W_i$ for all $i \in I$, whence $\phi(w) \in \bigcap_{i \in I} W_i$.

To (iii): Let $v \in \ker(p(\phi))$ be arbitrary. Since $p(\phi) \circ \phi = \phi \circ p(\phi)$, it follows that $p(\phi)(\phi(v)) = (\phi \circ p(\phi))(v) = 0$. Hence, $\ker(p(\phi))$ is ϕ -invariant.

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First suppose that U and W are ϕ -invariant. Let $v \in V$ be arbitrary. Since $V = U \oplus W$, we have a unique decomposition $v = u + w$ with $u \in U$ and $w \in W$ and hence $\pi(v) = u$. Then

$$(\phi \circ \pi)(v) = \underbrace{\phi(u)}_{\in U} = (\pi \circ \phi)(u) + \underbrace{0}_{= (\pi \circ \phi)(w)} = (\pi \circ \phi)(u + w) = (\pi \circ \phi)(v).$$

Next, suppose that ϕ and π commute. Then $\phi(U) = \phi(\pi(U)) = (\phi \circ \pi)(U) = (\pi \circ \phi)(U) \subset U$ showing that U is ϕ -invariant. If now $w \in W$ is arbitrary, then $\pi(\phi(w)) = \phi(\pi(w)) = \phi(0) = 0$ and $\phi(w) \in \ker(\pi) = W$. Therefore $\phi(W) \subset W$.

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To (i): No. Take for instance $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and for W_1, W_2, W_3 any three lines which pairwise only intersect in the origin. Then $V = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$ but the sum is not direct for dimension reasons.

To (ii): This is part (4) of Theorem 34.1 in the finite dimensional case.

To (iii): Let $\{u_{11}, \dots, u_{1n_1}\}, \{u_{21}, \dots, u_{2n_2}\}, \{w_{11}, \dots, w_{1n_3}\}$ and $\{w_{21}, \dots, w_{2n_4}\}$ be bases of U_1, U_2, W_1 and W_2 , respectively. By (ii), or part (4) of Theorem 34.1, $\{u_{11}, \dots, u_{1n_1}, u_{21}, \dots, u_{2n_2}\}$ is a basis of U and $\{w_{11}, \dots, w_{1n_3}, w_{21}, \dots, w_{2n_4}\}$ is a basis of W . Since $V = U \oplus W$ and (ii) again, we have that $\{u_{11}, \dots, u_{1n_1}, u_{21}, \dots, u_{2n_2}, w_{11}, \dots, w_{1n_3}, w_{21}, \dots, w_{2n_4}\}$ is a basis of V . Invoking (ii) for a third time, we conclude that $V = U_1 \oplus U_2 \oplus W_1 \oplus W_2$.

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$$(i) \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -3 & -7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (iii) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(ii) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (iv) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Let ϕ have a triangular matrix representation. That is, there exists some basis $\beta = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of V such that the matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ of ϕ w.r.t. β is in lower triangular form. By the latter one we mean that $a_{ij} = 0$ for $i < j$. The proof works slightly modified for the upper triangular form, too. Now A being triangular implies that $\phi(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^i a_{ij}e_j$. If we therefore put $W_i = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_i\}$ then $W_1 \subset W_2 \subset \dots \subset W_n = V$, $\dim W_i = i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and furthermore $\phi(W_i) \subset W_i$.

Conversely, given $W_1 \subset W_2 \subset \dots \subset W_n = V$ as above, we construct a basis β_i of W_i inductively as follows. For $i = 1$ put $\beta_1 = \{e_1\}$, where $e_1 \in W_1 \setminus \{0\}$ is an arbitrary element. For $i > 1$ suppose that we have already constructed β_{i-1} . Since β_{i-1} is a system of linear independent vectors in W_i and $\dim W_i = i$, we may complete β_{i-1} by an element of W_i to a basis β_i of W_i . By ϕ -invariance of the W_i we conclude that $\phi(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^i a_{ij}e_j$ for some coefficients a_{ij} in the ground field. If we put $a_{ij} := 0$ for $i < j$, then the matrix $A := (a_{ij})$ is obviously a triangular representation matrix of ϕ .

H 25 Let $P = (-p, 0)^t, Q = (p, 0)^t$ and $X = (x_1, x_2)^t$ be points in \mathbb{R}^2 with $p > 0$ fixed and denote by r_P , resp. r_Q , the distance of X to P , resp. Q , in the Euclidean distance. Show that the set E of all X satisfying $r_P + r_Q = 2c$ for some constant $c > p$ is an ellipse. I.e. $E = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \frac{x_1^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\mu^2} = 1\}$ with $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}$. Remark: Gardeners use this principle to create elliptically shaped flower beds.

We have $r_P = \sqrt{(x_1 + p)^2 + x_2^2}$ and $r_Q = \sqrt{(x_1 - p)^2 + x_2^2}$. To get rid of the square roots in the equation $r_P + r_Q = 2c$, we square it first and obtain $r_P^2 + r_Q^2 + 2r_P r_Q = 4c^2$, which we rearrange to $2r_P r_Q = 4c^2 - r_P^2 - r_Q^2$ and square again to finally arrive at

$$4r_P^2 r_Q^2 = (4c^2 - r_P^2 - r_Q^2)^2. \tag{*}$$

Now we have $r_P^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2 + 2x_1 p$ and $r_Q^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2 - 2x_1 p$, such that $r_P^2 r_Q^2 = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2)^2 - 4x_1^2 p^2$ and $r_P^2 + r_Q^2 = 2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2)$. Thus equation (*) becomes

$$4(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2)^2 - 16x_1^2 p^2 = (4c^2 - 2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2))^2$$

$$= 16c^4 - 16c^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2) + 4(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + p^2)^2.$$

The fourth powers cancel out and we end up with an equation of degree two, which we rewrite in the final form

$$\frac{x_1^2}{c^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\sqrt{c^2 - p^2}^2} = 1.$$

Note how the condition $c > p$ enters in the calculation. Of course, there is a geometric reason for this condition. Can you see it?

If we put $\lambda := c$ and $\mu := \sqrt{c^2 - p^2}$ then we have shown that all points of E lie on the ellipse described by $\frac{x_1^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\mu^2} = 1$.

Conversely, we have to show that every point X on the ellipse above is also a point of E . In fact, all transformations we have made were equivalence transformations. This is clear except for the two times we squared the equations. The first time we did, both sides of the equation $r_P + r_Q = 2c$ were positive and squaring the equation is an equivalence transformation. The second time, we squared the equation $2r_P r_Q = 4c^2 - r_P^2 - r_Q^2$ and the left hand side is clearly nonnegative as both r_P and r_Q are nonnegative by definition. The right hand side involves a little estimate: Note that the defining relation of the ellipse $\frac{x_1^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\mu^2} = 1$ implies $x_1^2 \leq \lambda^2 = c^2$ and $x_2^2 \leq \mu^2 = c^2 - p^2$. Then

$$4c^2 - r_P^2 - r_Q^2 = 4c^2 - 2x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 - 2p^2 \geq 4c^2 - 2c^2 - 2c^2 + 2p^2 - 2p^2 \geq 0.$$

Thus, the second time we squared, we also did an equivalence transformation. Since all transformations can be performed in both directions, we have shown that $E = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \frac{x_1^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\mu^2} = 1\}$ with $\lambda = c$ and $\mu = \sqrt{c^2 - p^2}$.

H 26 Let ϕ and ψ be diagonalizable endomorphisms of an n -dimensional vector space V . Show that ϕ and ψ commute if and only if they can be simultaneously diagonalized. I.e. $\phi \circ \psi = \psi \circ \phi$ if and only if there is a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of V , such that the matrices of ϕ , resp. ψ , w.r.t. this basis are diagonal. Let $\beta\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be a basis as above and let $A = (a_{ij})$, resp. $B = (b_{ij})$ be the matrices of ϕ , resp. ψ w.r.t. this base. We have $a_{ij} = b_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$, by assumption. Now let $v \in V$ be arbitrary and let $v = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i e_i$ be its representation w.r.t. β . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi \circ \psi)(v) &= (\phi \circ \psi)\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i e_i\right) = \phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i \psi(e_i)\right) = \phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i b_{ii} e_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i a_{ii} b_{ii} e_i \\ &= (\psi \circ \phi)(v). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that ϕ and ψ commute.

Conversely, suppose that ϕ and ψ commute. Let $E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_r$ be the decomposition of V into eigenspaces of ϕ . We first claim that E_k is ψ -invariant. Let $v \in E_k$ be arbitrary. Then $\phi(v) = \lambda_k v$, where λ_k denotes the eigenvalue of ϕ corresponding to E_k . We have $\phi(\psi(v)) = \psi(\phi(v)) = \lambda_k \psi(v)$, wherefore $\psi(v) \in E_k$. Since each E_k is ψ -invariant, we have a ψ -invariant decomposition $V = E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_r$ and if $\pi_k : V \rightarrow V$ denotes the projection of V onto E_k along $\bigoplus_{j=1, j \neq k}^r E_j$, then by exercise **G 31**, $\pi_k \circ \psi = \psi \circ \pi_k$. If now v is an arbitrary eigenvector of ψ to some eigenvalue, say μ , then $\psi(v) = \mu v$ implies $\mu \pi_k(v) = \pi_k(\psi(v)) = \psi(\pi_k(v))$. It follows that $\pi_k(v)$ is either zero or an eigenvector of ψ to the eigenvalue μ again. In any case, the unique decomposition $v = \sum_{k=1}^r \pi_k(v)$ with respect to the distinct eigenspaces of ϕ is also a decomposition of v into eigenvectors of ψ (or zero vectors) to a given eigenvalue. If we denote by F_1, \dots, F_s the distinct eigenspaces of ψ , it follows that $V_{kl} := \pi_k(F_l) = E_k \cap F_l$. Hence, $F_l = \bigoplus_{k=1}^r \pi_k(F_l)$ and $V = \bigoplus_{l=1}^s F_l = \bigoplus_{k=1}^r \bigoplus_{l=1}^s V_{kl}$ is a direct decomposition of V into ϕ - and ψ -invariant subspaces consisting of eigenvectors of both ϕ and ψ . Taking a basis of each V_{kl} and concatenating them yields a basis of V which diagonalizes both ϕ and ψ .

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