



Linear Algebra II (MCS), SS 2006, Exercise 9

Mini-Quiz

- (1) A bilinear form on a real vector space V is...?
 - a linear map $\Phi : V \rightarrow V \times V$.
 - a map $\Phi : V \times V \rightarrow V$ which is linear in each argument.
 - a map $\Phi : V \times V \rightarrow V$ which is linear.
- (2) A $*$ -sesquilinear map on a vector space V over a field K with involution $*$ is a map $\Phi : V \times V \rightarrow V \dots$?
 - which is linear in each argument.
 - which satisfies $\Phi(u + ru', v + sv') = \Phi(u, v) + r^* \Phi(u', v) + s^* \Phi(u, v') + r^* s^* \Phi(u', v')$.
 - which is linear in the second argument and satisfies $\Phi(u + ru', v) = \Phi(u, v) + r^* \Phi(u', v)$.
- (3) For a $*$ -hermitean matrix A , a diagonal matrix S^*AS together with the transformation matrix S can be computed stepwise using...?
 - only column operations on the pair (A, I) .
 - successively a column operation and the conjugate row operation on both sides of the pair (A, I) .
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Groupwork

G 38 Determine a best approximate 'solution' for the following system of linear equations: $Ax = b$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

G 39 Which of the following matrices are positive semi-definite?

$$(i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (ii) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (iii) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (iv) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (v) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (vi) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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some basis $\alpha = \{O, e_1, e_2\}$ and $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find an affine basis transformation T , such that

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{x + O_\alpha \in \mathbb{P} \mid \lambda_1 z_1^2 + \lambda_2 z_2^2 = 0\}, \quad \text{where } x^\beta = z \text{ and } \beta = T\alpha.$$

G 41 Consider the following elementary row operations:

$$(a_1) [Z_k \leftrightarrow Z_l], \quad (a_2) [Z_k := r \cdot Z_k], r \neq 0, \quad (a_3) [Z_k := Z_k + r \cdot Z_l].$$

The corresponding column operations are

$$(b_1) [S_k \leftrightarrow S_l], \quad (b_2) [S_k := r \cdot S_k], r \neq 0, \quad (b_3) [S_k := S_k + r \cdot S_l].$$

If K is a field with an involution $*$, then the corresponding adjoint column operations are

$$(c_1) [S_k \leftrightarrow S_l], \quad (c_2) [S_k := r^* \cdot S_k], r \neq 0, \quad (c_3) [S_k := S_k + r^* \cdot S_l].$$

- (i) Show that the elementary matrix corresponding to (b_i) is the transpose of the elementary matrix corresponding to (a_i) .
- (ii) Show that the elementary matrix corresponding to (c_i) is the $*$ -transpose of the elementary matrix corresponding to (a_i) .

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Homework

H 30 For each of the following hermitean matrices $H_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ find an invertible matrix S_i such that $S_i^* H_i S_i$ is diagonal:

$$(i) \quad H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (ii) \quad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2+3i \\ 2-3i & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (iii) \quad H_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i & 2+i \\ -i & 2 & 1-i \\ 2-i & 1+i & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Determine the rank and signature in each case.

H 31 (i) We say that two hermitean matrices A and B are congruent to each other, if there is a non-singular matrix S with $B = S^* A S$. Show that congruence is in fact an equivalence relation. I.e. 'A is congruent to B' has the following properties:

(a) A is congruent to A (reflexivity).

(b) If A is congruent to B , then B is congruent to A (symmetry).

(c) If A is congruent to B and B is congruent to C , then A is congruent to C (transitivity).

(ii) Show that two hermitean matrices are congruent to each other if and only if they have the same rank and signature.

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H 34 (Optional task)

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over a field K with involution $*$ and let Φ be a $*$ -sesquilinear form on V . For a linear subspace $W \subset V$ we define

$$W^\perp = \{v \in V \mid \Phi(v, w) = 0 \text{ for all } w \in W\},$$

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Show that

(i) (**Corr.:**) W^\perp and ${}^\perp W$ are linear subspaces of V .

(ii) $W^\perp = {}^\perp W$ if Φ is $*$ -hermitean or $*$ -skew hermitean.

(iii) $V = \{0\}^\perp = {}^\perp\{0\}$, and $V^\perp = \{0\} = {}^\perp V$ if and only if Φ is non-degenerate.

(iv) (**Corr.:**) $\text{rank } \Phi = \dim V - \dim V^\perp = \dim V - \dim {}^\perp W$, $\dim W^\perp \geq \dim V - \dim W$ and $\dim {}^\perp W \geq \dim V - \dim W$.

(v) The restriction $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate if and only if $W \cap W^\perp = \{0\} = W \cap {}^\perp W$.

(vi) (**Corr.:**) $V = W \oplus W^\perp = W \oplus {}^\perp W$ if and only if $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate.

(vii) Let $u = (x_1, x_2)^t, v = (y_1, y_2)^t$ and $\Phi(u, v) = x_1 y_1 + 2x_1 y_2 + 3x_2 y_1$. For $W = \{(t, 0)^t \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ compute W^\perp and ${}^\perp W$ and verify that $W^\perp \neq {}^\perp W$.

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A best approximate solution is given by a solution of the following system of linear equations: $A^t A x = A^t b$. Now $A^t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, hence we have the system $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot x = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. The unique solution to this is $\tilde{x} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

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The only positive semi-definite matrices are the ones in (i) and (v). The one in (v) is even positive definite.

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some basis $\alpha = \{O, e_1, e_2\}$ and $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find an affine basis transformation T , such that

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We first diagonalize the block $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ via $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Applying this to the matrix A yields

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} A \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{Finally, applying a translation, our transition matrix}$$

$$\text{is } T^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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If K is a field with an involution $*$, then the corresponding adjoint column operations are

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- (i) Show that the elementary matrix corresponding to (b_i) is the transpose of the elementary matrix corresponding to (a_i) .

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The elementary matrix corresponding to (a_1) is (a_{ij}^1) with

$$a_{ij}^1 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i \neq k \text{ and } i \neq l \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i = k \text{ or } i = l \\ 1 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) = (k, l) \text{ or } (i, j) = (l, k) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

The elementary matrix corresponding to (a_2) is (a_{ij}^2) with

$$a_{ij}^2 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i \neq k \\ r & \text{if } i = j = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

The elementary matrix corresponding to (a_3) is (a_{ij}^3) with

$$a_{ij}^3 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ r & \text{if } i = k \text{ and } j = l \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

In each case this is verified by forming $(a_i^p) \cdot X, p = 1, 2, 3$. Correspondingly, we get the matrices corresponding to (b_p) and (c_p) as

$$b_{ij}^1 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i \neq k \text{ and } i \neq l \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i = k \text{ or } i = l \\ 1 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) = (k, l) \text{ or } (i, j) = (l, k) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$b_{ij}^2 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i \neq k \\ r & \text{if } i = j = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and

$$b_{ij}^3 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ r & \text{if } i = l \text{ and } j = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

again, in each case this is verified by forming $X \cdot (b_i^p), p = 1, 2, 3$. Finally, we have for the elementary matrices corresponding to $(c_i^p) \cdot X, p = 1, 2, 3$:

$$c_{ij}^1 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i \neq k \text{ and } i \neq l \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i = k \text{ or } i = l \\ 1 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) = (k, l) \text{ or } (i, j) = (l, k) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$c_{ij}^2 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } i \neq k \\ r^* & \text{if } i = j = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and

$$c_{ij}^3 := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ r^* & \text{if } i = l \text{ and } j = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

which is again verified by forming the product $X \cdot (c_i^p), p = 1, 2, 3$. From this description it is easy to verify (i) and (ii).

G 42 Is it possible to diagonalize a $*$ -hermitean matrix A by using successively a row operation first and then the conjugate column operation? What matrix do you get if, starting from the identity matrix I , you record in each step the row operation you apply to A ?

Yes, due to the fact that in the product S^*AS it does not matter if we first compute the product AS and then $S^*(AS)$ or first (S^*A) and then $(S^*A)S$. The matrix you obtain out of the identity after applying the row transformations is S^* , where S^*AS is diagonal.

Homework

H 30 For each of the following hermitean matrices $H_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ find an invertible matrix S_i such that $S_i^* H_i S_i$ is diagonal:

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Determine the rank and signature in each case.

To (i): $S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $S_1^* H_1 S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, rank = 2, signature = (2, 0).

To (ii): $S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2-3i \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $S_2^* H_2 S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -14 \end{pmatrix}$, rank = 2, signature = (1, 1).

To (iii): $S_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i & -3-i \\ 0 & 1 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $S_3^* H_3 S_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$, rank = 3, signature = (2, 1).

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- (a) A is congruent to A (reflexivity).
- (b) If A is congruent to B , then B is congruent to A (symmetry).
- (c) If A is congruent to B and B is congruent to C , then A is congruent to C (transitivity).

(ii) Show that two hermitean matrices are congruent to each other if and only if they have the same rank and signature.

To (i): Taking for S the identity matrix, then clearly $A = S^* A S$ so the relation is reflexive.

If A is congruent to B , then there is a non-singular matrix S with $B = S^* A S$. Putting $T = S^{-1}$ and noting that $T^* = (S^{-1})^* = (S^*)^{-1}$ we see that $A = T^* B T$ and T is non-singular. Hence, the relation is symmetric.

If A is congruent to B and B is congruent to C , then there exist non-singular matrices S and T with $B = S^* A S$ and $C = T^* B T$. Putting $U = ST$ and noting that $U^* = T^* S^*$, we obtain $U^* A U = T^* S^* A S T = T^* B T = C$. Hence, A is congruent to C .

To (ii): If a matrix A has signature (p, q) and rank r , this means that A is congruent to the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_p & & \\ & -E_q & \\ & & 0_{r-p-q} \end{pmatrix},$$

where 0_n denotes the $n \times n$ matrix with all entries equal to zero. Hence,

using (i), by transitivity two matrices are congruent to each other if and only if they have the same rank and signature.

H 32 Let Φ be the symmetric bilinear form associated with the quadratic form $q(x, y) := ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$. Show that:

- (i) Φ has rank equal to two, if and only if $b^2 - 4ac \neq 0$.
- (ii) Φ is positive definite, if and only if $a > 0$ and $b^2 - 4ac < 0$.

To (i): The symmetric matrix associated with Φ is $A := \begin{pmatrix} a & \frac{1}{2}b \\ \frac{1}{2}b & c \end{pmatrix}$. The rank of Φ is equal to two if and only if the determinant of A is $\neq 0$. We have $\det A = ac - \frac{1}{4}b^2$ and this is $\neq 0$ if and only if $b^2 - 4ac \neq 0$.

(ii) By the principal minor criterium, it is easily verified that Φ is positive definite, if and only if $a > 0$ and $b^2 - 4ac < 0$.

H 33 Show that the sum of two positive definite matrices is positive definite. Is the same true for the product of two positive definite matrices?

It is easy to see that a matrix is positive definite if and only if it is the Gram-matrix associated with a positive definite *-hermitian sesquilinear form. Therefore, let Φ_A denote the standard *-hermitian sesquilinear form on K^n associated with A . I.e. $\Phi_A(u, v) = (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*) A (y_1, \dots, y_n)^t$, where $u = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $v = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$. If A and B are positive definite, then Φ_A and Φ_B are positive definite. This means that $\Phi_A(u, u) > 0$ and $\Phi_B(u, u) > 0$ for all $u \in K^n \setminus \{0\}$. Now $\Phi_A + \Phi_B = \Phi_{A+B}$ and thus $\Phi_{A+B}(u, u) = \Phi_A(u, u) + \Phi_B(u, u) > 0$ for all $u \in K^n \setminus \{0\}$. By the

correspondence of $*$ -hermitian sesquilinear forms and $*$ -hermitian matrices noted above, we conclude that $A + B$ is positive definite if A and B are positive definite.

The according statement for the product is false. In fact, the product of two $*$ -hermitian matrices A and B need not be hermitian anymore, since $(AB)^* = B^*A^* = BA \neq AB$ in general. For instance, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are positive definite, but $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

If however A and B commute and are positive definite, then it can be shown that their product is positive definite

H 34 (Optional task)

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over a field K with involution $*$ and let Φ be a $*$ -sesquilinear form on V . For a linear subspace $W \subset V$ we define

$$W^\perp = \{v \in V \mid \Phi(v, w) = 0 \text{ for all } w \in W\},$$

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Show that

- (i) (**Corr.:**) W^\perp and ${}^\perp W$ are linear subspaces of V .
- (ii) $W^\perp = {}^\perp W$ if Φ is $*$ -hermitean or $*$ -skew hermitean.
- (iii) $V = \{0\}^\perp = {}^\perp\{0\}$, and $V^\perp = \{0\} = {}^\perp V$ if and only if Φ is non-degenerate.
- (iv) (**Corr.:**) $\text{rank } \Phi = \dim V - \dim V^\perp = \dim V - \dim {}^\perp V$, $\dim W^\perp \geq \dim V - \dim W$ and $\dim {}^\perp W \geq \dim V - \dim W$.
- (v) The restriction $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate if and only if $W \cap W^\perp = \{0\} = W \cap {}^\perp W$.
- (vi) (**Corr.:**) $V = W \oplus W^\perp = W \oplus {}^\perp W$ if and only if $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate.
- (vii) Let $u = (x_1, x_2)^t, v = (y_1, y_2)^t$ and $\Phi(u, v) = x_1 y_1 + 2x_1 y_2 + 3x_2 y_1$. For $W = \{(t, 0)^t \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ compute W^\perp and ${}^\perp W$ and verify that $W^\perp \neq {}^\perp W$.

To (i): For any $u, v \in W^\perp$ and $\lambda \in K$ we have $\Phi(\lambda u + v, w) = \lambda^* \Phi(u, w) + \Phi(v, w) = 0$ for all $w \in W$, since $\Phi(u, w) = 0 = \Phi(v, w)$ for all $w \in W$. This shows that W^\perp is a linear subspace of V . Similarly, one shows that ${}^\perp W$ is a linear subspace of V .

To (ii): We have $\Phi(v, w) = \Phi^*(w, v) = \pm \Phi(w, v)$. From this we conclude that $W^\perp = {}^\perp W$ if Φ is $*$ -hermitean or $*$ -skew hermitean.

To (iii): $V = \{0\}^\perp = {}^\perp\{0\}$ is true because $\Phi(v, 0) = \Phi(0, v) = 0$ for all $v \in V$. The other statement is true, more or less by the definition of non-degeneracy in the script.

To (iv): The rank of Φ is defined as the rank of any Gram-matrix associated with Φ . Let therefore $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ be a basis of V^\perp , which we complete to a basis $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ of V . W.r.t. this basis, the Gram-matrix $A = \Phi^\alpha$ is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ A' \end{pmatrix},$$

where the 0 denotes a $k \times n$ zero matrix and A' a $n - k \times n$ matrix. This shows that $\text{rank } \Phi \leq n - k = \dim V - \dim V^\perp$. Suppose that $\text{rank } \Phi < n - k$, then one row of A' is a linear combination of the other rows. Thus, there is some nonzero vector $(0, \dots, 0, a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n) \in K^n$, which annihilates A from the right, which implies that for $v := \sum_{i=k+1}^n a_i v_i$ we have $\Phi(v, u) = 0$ for all $u \in V$. However, this would mean that $v \in V^\perp$, which is a contradiction. Hence, $\text{rank } \Phi = \dim V - \dim V^\perp$ and $\text{rank } \Phi = \dim V - \dim {}^\perp V$ is just shown in the same way.

Let $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ be a basis of W which we complete to a basis $\alpha = \{v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ of V . Now any $v \in W^\perp$ can be written as $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$. For all $i = 1, \dots, k$ we have $0 = \Phi(v, v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \Phi(v_j, v_i)$. Thus, if we put $A = \Phi^\alpha$ then $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$, with some $n \times k$ -matrix A_1 , and $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \cdot A_1 = 0$. This implies $A_1^t \cdot (a_1, \dots, a_n)^t = 0$, meaning that the coordinate vectors of each $v \in W^\perp$ w.r.t. α lie in the kernel of a $k \times n$ -matrix, the dimension of which is at least $n - k$. Hence $\dim W^\perp \geq n - k = \dim V - \dim W$. The same argumentation *mutatis mutandis* gives the desired inequality in the ${}^\perp W$ -case.

To (v): Clearly, $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is a $*$ -sesquilinear form and $W \cap W^\perp = W^{\perp'}$, where \perp' denotes the complement w.r.t. $\Phi|_{W \times W}$. By (iii) we now have that $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate if and only if $\{0\} = W^{\perp'} = W \cap W^\perp$. As before, the same argumentation works in the ${}^\perp W$ -case, as well.

To (vi): If $V = W \oplus W^\perp$, then in particular, $W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$. So by (v), $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate. Conversely, if $\Phi|_{W \times W}$ is non-degenerate, we can read the preceding argument backwards and obtain that $W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$. All that remains to be shown is $V = W + W^\perp$. However, in

(iii) we have shown that $\dim W^\perp \geq \dim V - \dim W$ and for dimension reasons it follows that $V = W \oplus W^\perp$. Again, analogously it is shown that $V = W \oplus {}^\perp W$ if and only if Φ is non-degenerate.

To (vii): We have $W^\perp = \{s(-3, 1)^t \mid s \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and ${}^\perp W = \{s(-2, 1)^t \mid s \in \mathbb{R}\}$.