

# MATH223 Homework 8

(due Friday, Dec/6, 11:59pm)

1. (2 marks) Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We define the following:
- The **column space**  $\text{Col}(A)$  of  $A$  is the span of the columns of  $A$  (it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{m,1}$ ).
  - The **row space**  $\text{Row}(A)$  of  $A$  is the span of the rows of  $A$  (it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{1,n}$ ).
  - The **null space**  $\text{null}(A)$  of  $A$  is  $\{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n,1} \mid AX = 0_{\mathbb{R}^{m,1}}\}$ .

Show that

$$\left(\text{Row}(A)^\perp\right)^\perp = \text{null}(A)$$

and

$$\text{Col}(A)^\perp = \text{null}(A^t)$$

where  $^\perp$  is considered with respect to the dot product and  $M^t$  denotes the transpose of the matrix  $M$ .

2. (3 marks) This exercise describes a practical way to compute the matrix of a projection onto a subspace. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^{n,1}$  be the vector space of column vectors with  $n$  components equipped with the standard dot product, and let  $U \subseteq V$  be a subspace. Choose a basis  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_m$  of  $U$  and let

$$A = (\vec{u}_1 \vec{u}_2 \dots \vec{u}_m)$$

be the  $n \times m$  matrix whose columns are the  $\vec{u}_j$ -s. Let  $\vec{y} \in V$ . Prove that  $\exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{m,1}$  such that

$$A^t A \vec{x} = A^t \vec{y}$$

and moreover, for any such  $\vec{x}$ , we have

$$A \vec{x} = P_U \vec{y},$$

where  $P_U$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $U$ .

3. (2 marks) Let  $V = C[-1, 1]$  be the vector space of continuous real-valued functions defined on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  with inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) dt$ . Let  $W_e$  and  $W_o$  denote the subspaces of even and odd functions respectively. Prove that

$$W_e = W_o^\perp.$$

(**Hint:** We have proved in class that if  $V$  is finite-dimensional inner product space, and  $U$  is a subspace then  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ . Since  $V = C[-1, 1]$  is infinite-dimensional, we could not use this theorem. However, it is true that  $C[-1, 1] = W_e \oplus W_e^\perp$  and  $C[-1, 1] = W_o \oplus W_o^\perp$ . This should help you in answering this question. Before you jump to conclusions, note that if  $V = U \oplus W$  and  $V = U \oplus \widetilde{W}$ , we can not in general conclude that  $W = \widetilde{W}$ .)

4. (2 marks, this is Exercise 6 in Axler 6C) Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ .

$$T = TP_{(\text{null } T)^\perp} = P_{\text{range } T}T.$$

5. (2 marks) Let  $M \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with complex entries. Let  $M^*$  denote the **conjugate transpose** of  $M$ , that is  $M^*$  is an  $n \times n$  complex matrix whose entries are

$$M^*_{(i,j)} = \overline{M_{(j,i)}}.$$

Prove that

$$MM^* = I_{\mathbb{C}^n}$$

if and only if the rows of  $M$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

6. (2 marks, this is Exercise 17 in Axler 8A) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is nilpotent and  $m$  is a positive integer such that  $T^m = 0$ .
- (a) Prove that  $I - T$  is invertible and that  $(I - T)^{-1} = I + T + \dots + T^{m-1}$ .
- (b) Explain how you would guess the formula above.
7. (2 marks, this is Exercise 3 in Axler 8B) Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Suppose  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is invertible. Prove that  $T$  and  $S^{-1}TS$  have the same eigenvalues with the same multiplicities.
8. (2 marks, this is Exercise 9 in Axler 8B) Suppose  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that there exist  $D, N \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  such that  $T = D + N$ , the operator  $D$  is diagonalizable,  $N$  is nilpotent, and  $DN = ND$ .
9. (3 marks, this is Exercise 14 in Axler 8C) Suppose  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that there does not exist a direct sum decomposition of  $V$  into two nonzero subspaces invariant under  $T$  if and only if the minimal polynomial of  $T$  is of the form  $(z - \lambda)^{\dim V}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .