

Linear Algebra II

1. Exercise Sheet



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Groupwork

Exercise G1 (Three equivalent conditions for isometries)

Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space. Show that the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f is an isometry.
- (ii) $\|f(x)\| = \|x\|$ for all $x \in V$.
- (iii) If (v_1, \dots, v_n) is an orthonormal basis of V , then so is $(f(v_1), \dots, f(v_n))$.

Exercise G2 (Orthogonal group is a subgroup)

Show that $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Exercise G3 (A counter-example to surjectivity of isometries)

Let H be the real vector space of sequences $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ with $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_n^2 < +\infty$.

- (a) Prove that $\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_n y_n$ defines an inner product on H .
- (b) Let $T : H \rightarrow H$ denote the endomorphism mapping $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ to $(0, x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$. Show that T is an isometry of H , that is not surjective.

Exercise G4 (Matrix of an endomorphism with respect to a base)

We endow \mathbb{R}^2 with respect to the usual inner product. Let $\mathcal{B} = (e_1, e_2)$ be the basis of \mathbb{R}^2 given by $e_1 = (1, 1)$ and $e_2 = (2, 1)$. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be defined by $f(x, y) = (x + y, x - 2y)$.

- (a) Compute the matrix of f with respect to \mathcal{B} .
- (b) Compute the matrix of f^* with respect to \mathcal{B} .

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Exercise H1 (Normal endomorphisms)

(4 points)

Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space.

- (a) Let $f : V \rightarrow V$ be an endomorphism. Show that $\text{Ker}(f) = \text{Im}(f^*)^\perp$.
- (b) If f is normal, then $\text{Im}(f) = \text{Im}(f^*)$.
- (c) Let $f, g : V \rightarrow V$ be normal endomorphisms. Show that $f \circ g = 0$ if and only if $g \circ f = 0$.

Exercise H2 (Orthogonal projections)

Let (V, \langle, \rangle) be an inner product space, and let $p : V \rightarrow V$ be an endomorphism. Recall that p is called a projection if there exists subspaces V_1, V_2 such that $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$, and $p(x_1 + x_2) = x_1$ for all $x_i \in V_i$ and $i = 1, 2$. Furthermore, p is an orthogonal projection if there exists such V_1, V_2 with $V = V_1 \perp V_2$.

- (a) Show that p is a projection if and only if $p^2 = p$.
- (b) Show that the following statements are equivalent:
 - (i) p is an orthogonal projection.
 - (ii) $p^* = p$ and $p^2 = p$.

Exercise H3 (Eigenvalues)

Let f be a self-adjoint endomorphism of a unitary space V . Show that the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f has real positive eigenvalues.
- (ii) For all $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$, $\langle f(x), x \rangle > 0$.

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Exercise G1 (Determinant of an isometry)

Let f be an isometry of a \mathbb{K} -inner product space. Show that $|\det(f)| = 1$.

Exercise G2 (Normal endomorphisms and stable subspaces)

Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a \mathbb{K} -inner product space and let $f : V \rightarrow V$ be a normal endomorphism. If $P = a_n X^n + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 X + a_0 \in \mathbb{K}[X]$ is a polynomial, set

$$P(f) := a_n f^n + a_{n-1} f^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 f + a_0 \operatorname{Id}_V \in \operatorname{End}(V).$$

Furthermore, we denote by \bar{P} the polynomial $\bar{a}_n X^n + \bar{a}_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \cdots + \bar{a}_1 X + \bar{a}_0$.

(a) Show that there exists $P \in \mathbb{K}[X]$ such that $f^* = P(f)$.

Hint : Do first the unitary case. For this, show that there exists a polynomial P such that $P(\lambda_i) = \overline{\lambda_i}$ for all eigenvalues λ_i of f . For the euclidean case, use the unitary case and note that $\frac{P+\bar{P}}{2}$ has real coefficients for all $P \in \mathbb{C}[X]$.

(b) Let $U \subseteq V$ be a subspace such that $f(U) \subseteq U$. Show that $f^*(U) \subseteq U$. Furthermore, show that the restriction $f_U : U \rightarrow U$ of f to U is normal.

(c) Let $U \subseteq V$ be a subspace such that $f(U) \subseteq U$. Show that $f(U^\perp) \subseteq U^\perp$.

Exercise G3 (Set of normal endomorphisms)

Let V be a \mathbb{K} -inner-product space. Is the set of normal endomorphisms of V a subspace of $\operatorname{End}_{\mathbb{K}}(V)$?

Exercise G4 (G -invariant inner-product)

Let V be a \mathbb{K} -vector space and let G be a finite subgroup of $GL_{\mathbb{K}}(V)$. Show that there exists a \mathbb{K} -inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on V such that $\langle g(x), g(y) \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$ for all $g \in G$ and for all $x, y \in V$.

Exercise G5 (Finite subgroups of $O_2(\mathbb{R})$)

Let G be a finite subgroup of $O_2(\mathbb{R})$ with n elements.

(a) Show that

$$C := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, (a, b) \neq (0, 0) \right\}$$

is a subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and that

$$C \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times, \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \mapsto a + ib$$

is a bijective group homomorphism.

- (b) Show that there exists a bijective group homomorphism $SO_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow S^1 := \{z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| = 1\}$.
- (c) Assume $G \subseteq SO_2(\mathbb{R})$. Show that there exists $A \in G$ such that $G = \{I_2, A, A^2, \dots, A^{n-1}\}$.
- (d) Show that any element $A \in O_2(\mathbb{R})$ with $\det(A) = -1$ is an orthogonal reflection (see Exercise H1) and that $A^2 = I_2$.
- (e) If G is not contained in $SO_2(\mathbb{R})$, show that there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n = 2m$, and that $G \cap SO_2(\mathbb{R})$ has m elements.

Homework

Exercise H1 (Reflections)

(4+4+4 points)

Let V be a euclidean space, and let $H \subset V$ be a subspace.

- (a) Show that there exists a unique endomorphism $r_H \in \text{End}(V)$ satisfying $r_H(x) = x$ for all $x \in H$ and $r_H(x) = -x$ for all $x \in H^\perp$.
- (b) Show that r_H is an isometry. When H is a hyperplane (i.e., a subspace of V with $\dim(H) = \dim(V) - 1$), then r_H is called the *orthogonal reflection with respect to H* .
- (c) For all $f \in O(V)$, show that $f \circ r_H \circ f^{-1} = r_{f(H)}$.

Exercise H2 (Commuting normal endomorphisms)

(3+9+12* points)

Let (V, \langle, \rangle) be a \mathbb{K} -inner product space and let $f, g : V \rightarrow V$ be normal endomorphisms such that $f \circ g = g \circ f$.

- (a) Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ be an eigenvalue of f . Show that the eigenspace $E_\lambda(f)$ is g -invariant.
- (b) Assume that V is a unitary space. Show that there exists an orthonormal basis of V for which both f and g have a diagonal matrix.
- * (c) Assume now that V is a euclidean space. We want to show that there exists an orthonormal basis for which both f and g are in normal form (i.e have matrices of the form given by Theorem 1.17). We choose an orthonormal basis \mathcal{B} of V , and denote respectively by A and B the matrices of f and g with respect to \mathcal{B} . We may view A and B as endomorphisms of \mathbb{R}^n or \mathbb{C}^n where $n = \dim_{\mathbb{R}}(V)$.
 - (i) Let $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$. Define $\bar{x} := (\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n)$. Show that $\langle x, \bar{x} \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathbb{R}^n$ is a \mathbb{R} -subspace of \mathbb{R}^n of dimension ≤ 2 . When does it have dimension 0, 1, 2 ?
 - (ii) Prove that there exists a subspace of dimension 1 or 2 in \mathbb{R}^n that is stable by both A and B .
 - (iii) Deduce the result by induction. Hint: Use Exercise G2(c).

Exercise H3 (The orthogonal group is generated by reflections)

(12 points)

Let V be a euclidean space. Show that for every $g \in O(V)$ there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and orthogonal reflections r_{H_1}, \dots, r_{H_m} (see Exercise H1) such that $g = r_{H_1} \circ r_{H_2} \circ \dots \circ r_{H_m}$.
Hint : First prove the result for $\dim(V) \leq 2$, then use induction.

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Exercise G1 (Positive definite matrix)

Consider the following matrix:

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that A is positive definite.
- (b) Determine the unique symmetric positive definite matrix B such that $A = B^2$.

Exercise G2 (Square root of A^*A and AA^*)

Let $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ be a matrix. For a positive definite hermitian matrix B , we denote by \sqrt{B} the unique positive definite hermitian matrix such that $(\sqrt{B})^2 = B$.

- (a) Show that A^*A and AA^* are positive definite hermitian matrices.
- (b) For $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$, show that $\|Ax\| = \|\sqrt{A^*A}x\|$ and $\|A^*x\| = \|\sqrt{AA^*}x\|$.
- (c) Recall that there is a unique unitary matrix U_A such that $A = U_A\sqrt{A^*A}$. Show that there is a unique unitary matrix V_A such that $A = \sqrt{AA^*}V_A$. Show that $V_{A^*} = U_A^*$.
- (d) Show that $U_A = V_A$. Deduce that $U_{A^*} = U_A^*$.
- (e) Assume $A = SU = U'S$, where $U, U' \in U(n)$ and S is hermitian positive definite. Show that A is normal and that $U = U'$.

Exercise G3 (Function on Spectrum)

For a matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, we denote by $\sigma(A)$ the set of eigenvalues of A , called the spectrum of A . Let A be a normal matrix, and let $f : \sigma(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a function, let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ be a normal matrix. There exists $U \in U(n)$ such that $A = U^*DU$, where $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ is the diagonal matrix with diagonal coefficients $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. We define:

$$f(A) := U^* \text{diag}(f(\lambda_1), \dots, f(\lambda_n))U.$$

- (a) Show that $f(A)$ is independent of the choice of the decomposition $A = U^*DU$. Hint : Choose a polynomial $P \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ such that $P(\lambda_i) = f(\lambda_i)$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, and prove that $f(A) = P(A)$.

(b) Let $f, g : \sigma(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be two functions. Prove that:

$$(f + g)(A) = f(A) + g(A)$$

$$(fg)(A) = f(A)g(A)$$

$$\overline{f}(A) = (f(A))^*$$

(c) Show that $f(A)$ is normal and $\sigma(f(A)) = f(\sigma(A))$.

(d) Let $f : \sigma(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\lambda \mapsto \overline{\lambda}$. Show that $f(A) = A^*$.

(e) Assume A is invertible, and let $f : \sigma(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\lambda \mapsto \frac{1}{\lambda}$. Show that $f(A) = A^{-1}$.

(f) Let $f : \sigma(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $g : \sigma(f(A)) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Show that $(g \circ f)(A) = g(f(A))$.

(g) Prove the equivalences:

$$f(A) \text{ is unitary} \iff f \text{ has values in } S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C}, |z| = 1\}$$

$$f(A) \text{ is self-adjoint} \iff f \text{ has values in } \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(A) \text{ is positive definite} \iff f \text{ has values in } \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0\}$$

$$f(A) \text{ is an orthogonal projection} \iff f \text{ has values in } \{0, 1\}.$$

Exercise G4 (Polynomial division)

Compute the division with remainder of P by Q in the following cases:

(a) $P = X^7 + 2X^3 - X^2 + X + 1$ and $Q = X^5 + X^3 - X^2 + X - 3$.

(b) $P = X^{12} - 1$ and $Q = X^4 - 1$.

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Exercise H1 (Iwasawa decomposition)

(12 points)

Determine the Iwasawa decomposition of the matrix

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Exercise H2 (Polar decomposition, Cartan decomposition)

(12 points)

Determine the polar decomposition and a Cartan decomposition of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise H3 (Euclidean ring)

(2+4+6+6* points)

- (a) Show that the following sets form rings with respect to the addition and multiplication induced by \mathbb{C} :

$$\mathbb{Z}[i] := \{a + bi, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Q}[i] := \{a + bi, a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}.$$

- (b) Show that every element of $\mathbb{Q}[i]$ is of the form z/w for $z, w \in \mathbb{Z}[i]$ with $w \neq 0$ (this means that $\mathbb{Q}[i]$ is the quotient field of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ in the language introduced in §4 of the lecture).
- (c) Show that $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is a euclidean ring for the euclidean norm function $\mathbb{Z}[i] \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, z \mapsto |z|^2$.
- *(d) Show that $\mathbb{Z}[i]^\times := \{z \in \mathbb{Z}[i]; \exists w \in \mathbb{Z}[i]: zw = 1\} = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$.

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Exercise G1 (Equivalence relation)

Let X be a finite set with n elements, and let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a mapping such that $f \circ f = \text{Id}_X$.

(a) Show that the relation

$$x \sim y \Leftrightarrow (y = x \text{ or } y = f(x))$$

defines an equivalence relation on X .

- (b) Assume that n is odd. Show that f has a fixed point, i.e. there exists $x \in X$ such that $f(x) = x$.
- (c) Generalize this result for a mapping f satisfying $f^{(p)} := f \circ \dots \circ f = \text{Id}_X$, where p is a prime number. Show that if n is not divisible by p , then f has a fixed point. Hint : Use the equivalence relation: $y \sim x \Leftrightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, y = f^{(k)}(x)$, where by definition $f^{(0)} := \text{Id}_X$ and $f^{(k)} := (f^{-1})^{(-k)}$ for $k < 0$.

Exercise G2 (Simple roots)

(a) For a polynomial $P = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i \in K[X]$, we define its derived polynomial as:

$$P'(X) := \sum_{i=1}^n i a_i X^{i-1}.$$

Show that $(P + Q)' = P' + Q'$ and $(PQ)' = P'Q + PQ'$ for all polynomials $P, Q \in K[X]$.

- (b) An element $\alpha \in K$ is a simple root of P if P is divisible by $X - \alpha$ but not by $(X - \alpha)^2$. Prove that α is a simple root if and only if $P(\alpha) = 0$ and $P'(\alpha) \neq 0$.
- (c) Let P be an irreducible polynomial in $\mathbb{Q}[X]$. Show that P has only simple roots in \mathbb{C} .

Exercise G3 (System of congruences)

(a) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ be coprime integers. Show that there exists $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 1 \pmod{a} \\ x \equiv 0 \pmod{b} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y \equiv 0 \pmod{a} \\ y \equiv 1 \pmod{b} \end{cases}$$

(b) Let $a_0, b_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and consider the following system of congruences:

$$\begin{cases} z \equiv a_0 \pmod{a} \\ z \equiv b_0 \pmod{b} \end{cases}$$

Show that the set of elements $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying the above congruences is

$$\{a_0x + b_0y + kab, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

(c) Determine the integers $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying the following congruences:

$$\begin{cases} z \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ z \equiv 7 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

(d) Using a similar method, determine the integers $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying the following congruences:

$$\begin{cases} z \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ z \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ z \equiv 3 \pmod{11} \end{cases}$$

Exercise G4 (Greatest common divisor)

Let K be a field. For two polynomials $P, Q \in K[X]$, we denote by $\gcd_K(P, Q)$ the unique monic polynomial that is a greatest common divisor of P and Q in the ring $K[X]$.

(a) Let $P, Q \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$. Show that $\gcd_{\mathbb{Q}}(P, Q) = \gcd_{\mathbb{C}}(P, Q)$.

(b) Let $P, Q \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$. Show that P, Q are coprime in $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ if and only if they have no common root in \mathbb{C} .

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Exercise H1 (Euclidean algorithm)

(4+4+4 points)

Using the Euclidean algorithm, determine the GCD of the following elements a, b in the euclidean ring R :

(a) $a = 91091, b = 1729$ in $R = \mathbb{Z}$.

(b) $a = X^7 + 2X^6 - 3X^5 + X^2 - X + 1, b = X^5 + X^2 - 2X + 1$ in $R = \mathbb{R}[X]$.

(c) $a = 10, b = i - 7$ in $R = \mathbb{Z}[i]$ (see Ex. H3 on Ex. sheet 3).

Exercise H2 (Irreducible decomposition)

(2+2+2+2+2+2 points)

Determine the decomposition of the following polynomials into irreducible factors:

$$X^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{R}[X]$$

$$X^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{C}[X]$$

$$X^2 + 1 \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})[X]$$

$$X^2 + 1 \in (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})[X]$$

$$7X^2 - 8X + 5 \in \mathbb{R}[X]$$

$$aX^2 + bX + c \in \mathbb{R}[X] \text{ with } ac < 0$$

Exercise H3 (Ideals and quotient ring)

(2+3+4+3 points)

Let R be a commutative ring and let $X \subseteq R$ be a subset. Define a relation on R by $x \sim y$ if $x - y \in X$.

- (a) Show that \sim is an equivalence relation if and only if X is a subgroup of $(R, +)$.
(b) Let X be a subgroup of $(R, +)$. Show that the map

$$+ : (R/\sim) \times (R/\sim) \longrightarrow R/\sim, ([x], [y]) \mapsto [x + y]$$

is well defined.

- (c) Show that the map

$$\cdot : (R/\sim) \times (R/\sim) \longrightarrow R/\sim, ([x], [y]) \mapsto [xy]$$

is well defined if and only if for all $a \in R$ and $x \in X$ one has $ax \in X$. A subgroup X of $(R, +)$ satisfying this condition is called ideal of R . Show that in this case R/\sim is a commutative ring with respect to the addition and multiplication defined above.

- (d) Determine the ideals of the ring \mathbb{Z} . If R is a field, what are its ideals?

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Exercise G1 (Long exact sequences, dimensions)

(a) Consider a short exact sequence of finite-dimensional vector spaces:

$$0 \rightarrow V' \rightarrow V \rightarrow V'' \rightarrow 0.$$

Show that $\dim(V) = \dim(V') + \dim(V'')$.

(b) Let

$$0 \rightarrow V_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} V_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots \xrightarrow{f_{n-2}} V_{n-1} \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} V_n \rightarrow 0$$

be a long exact sequence of vector spaces. Show that one obtains short exact sequences:

$$0 \rightarrow \operatorname{Im}(f_i) \rightarrow V_{i+1} \rightarrow \operatorname{Im}(f_{i+1}) \rightarrow 0$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n-2$.

(c) Assume further that the vector spaces V_1, \dots, V_n in (b) are finite-dimensional. Prove that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \dim(V_i) = 0.$$

Exercise G2 (Quotient of polynomial ring)

Let K be a field and $P \in K[X]$ be a nonzero polynomial. Give a basis of the K -vector space $K[X]/(P)$, where (P) is the principal ideal of $K[X]$ generated by P , and show $\dim(K[X]/(P)) = \deg(P)$.

Exercise G3 (Semi-inner-product)

Let V be an \mathbb{R} -vector space and let $B : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a symmetric bilinear form such that $B(v, v) \geq 0$ for all $v \in V$ (then B is called a *semi-inner product*). Define

$$W := V^\perp := \{x \in V ; \forall y \in V, B(x, y) = 0\}.$$

(a) Show that the following map is well-defined and is an inner-product on V/W :

$$(V/W) \times (V/W) \rightarrow K, \quad ([x]_W, [y]_W) \mapsto B(x, y).$$

- (b) Let V be the space of Riemann-integrable \mathbb{R} -valued functions on the interval $[0, 1]$. For functions $f, g \in V$, define:

$$B(f, g) := \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx.$$

Show that B is a semi-inner-product. Give an example of a nonzero function in V^\perp .

- *(c) Show that B induces an inner-product on the subspace $V' \subset V$ of continuous \mathbb{R} -valued functions on the interval $[0, 1]$.

Exercise G4 (Operations on principal ideals)

Let R be a euclidean ring, and let $a, b \in R$ be two elements.

- (a) Show that the set

$$I := \{ax + by; x, y \in R\}$$

is the ideal generated by a greatest common divisor of a and b .

- (b) Show that the intersection $J := (a) \cap (b)$ is an ideal which is generated by a lowest common multiple of a and b .
- (c) Let d be a gcd of a and b and let m be an lcm of a and b . Show that $(ab) = (dm)$.

Homework

Exercise H1 (Matrices and polynomials)

(3+4+5 points)

Let K be a field, and let $A \in M_n(K)$. Consider the map

$$\varphi : K[X] \rightarrow M_n(K), P \mapsto P(A)$$

- (a) Show that φ is a K -linear map.
- (b) Show that $\text{Ker}(\varphi)$ is an ideal $\neq \{0\}$ of $K[X]$.
- (c) Let $n = 2$, $K = \mathbb{R}$ and let A be the matrix

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

Determine the unique monic generator of the ideal $\text{Ker}(\varphi)$ ¹. Give a K -basis for $\text{Im}(\varphi)$ and determine its dimension.

Exercise H2 (A dimension formula)

(6+3+3 points)

Let V be a K -vector space, and let $V_1, V_2 \subseteq V$ be subspaces.

- (a) Show that one has a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow V_1 \cap V_2 \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow (V_1 + V_2)/V_2 \rightarrow 0.$$

- (b) Deduce that one has an isomorphism

$$V_1/(V_1 \cap V_2) \simeq (V_1 + V_2)/V_2.$$

- (c) Assume that V_1 and V_2 are finite-dimensional. Deduce from (b) that

$$\dim(V_1 \cap V_2) + \dim(V_1 + V_2) = \dim(V_1) + \dim(V_2).$$

¹ Such a generator is then the minimal polynomial of A .

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Exercise G1 (Compute a high power of a matrix)

Consider the matrix:

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Q})$$

- (a) Determine the minimal polynomial and the characteristic polynomial of A . Is A diagonalizable?
- (b) Compute A^{10} . Hint: Determine the remainder of the polynomial division of X^{10} by μ_A .

Exercise G2 (Square roots of a matrix)

Consider the symmetric matrix

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$$

- (a) Show that $\chi_A = \mu_A$ and that A is positive definite.
- (b) Let $p \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ and $M := p(A)$. Show that $M^2 = A$ if and only if μ_A divides $p^2 - X$. Determine the set of polynomials $p \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ satisfying this relation.
- (c) Compute the unique symmetric positive definite matrix M such that $M^2 = A$.

Exercise G3 (Minimal polynomials)

Let V be a finite-dimensional K -vector space, $W \subset V$ a subspace, and $f : V \rightarrow V$ an endomorphism satisfying $f(W) \subset W$. We denote respectively by μ , μ_W and $\mu_{V/W}$ the minimal polynomials of f , the restriction of f to W , and the induced endomorphism $f_{V/W}$ of V/W .

- (a) Show that $\text{lcm}(\mu_W, \mu_{V/W}) \mid \mu \mid \mu_W \mu_{V/W}$.
- (b) Give an example where $\mu \neq \text{lcm}(\mu_W, \mu_{V/W})$.

Exercise G4 (Eigenvalues)

Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ be a matrix.

- (a) Let $P \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ such that $P(A) = 0$. Show that $P(\lambda) = 0$ for all eigenvalues $\lambda \in K$ of A .
- (b) Show that the following are equivalent:
 - (i) A is nilpotent (i.e., there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $A^k = 0$.)

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- (ii) One has $\mu_A = X^r$ for some $r \geq 1$.
(iii) All eigenvalues of A are 0.

Homework

Exercise H1 (Minimal polynomial)

(12 points)

Let K be a field and let $\lambda \in K$. For all $n \geq 1$ compute the minimal polynomial of the following $n \times n$ matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \in M_n(K).$$

Exercise H2 (A one-line proof of Cayley-Hamilton's theorem?)

(12 points)

Explain why the following proof is wrong: Let K be a field and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $A \in M_n(K)$ be a matrix. One has $\chi_A = \det(XI_n - A)$. Hence by substituting A for the indeterminate X , we get

$$\chi_A(A) = \det(A \cdot I_n - A) = \det(0) = 0.$$

Exercise H3 (Nilpotency degree)

(8+4 points)

Let V be an n -dimensional vector space and $f : V \rightarrow V$ a nilpotent endomorphism (i.e., there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^k = 0$). Let $m \geq 1$ be the smallest integer such that $f^m = 0$.

- (a) Let $x \in V$ with $f^{m-1}(x) \neq 0$. Show that the system $(x, f(x), \dots, f^{m-1}(x))$ is linearly independent and deduce that $m \leq n$.
(b) Give another proof of $m \leq n$ by using the theorem of Cayley-Hamilton.

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Exercise G1 (Matrix equation)

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be an odd number. Show that there exists no matrix $A \in M_k(\mathbb{R})$ such that $A^2 = 3A - 7I_k$. Is there such a matrix in $M_k(\mathbb{C})$? Is there such a matrix in $M_k(\mathbb{F}_2)$?

Exercise G2 (Rational normal form)

In each of the following cases, determine the rational normal form of the matrix A :

- (a) $A \in M_n(K)$, $\mu_A = (X - \lambda)^{n-1}$ and $\chi_A = (X - \lambda)^n$ for $\lambda \in K$, $n \geq 2$.
- (b) $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$, $\mu_A = (X^2 + X + 1)(X - 1)$.
- (c) $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$, $A \neq 0$ and $A^3 = -A$

Exercise G3 (A proof of Cayley-Hamilton's theorem)

In this exercise, we give another proof of the theorem of Cayley-Hamilton for matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ with $n \geq 1$.

- (a) Show the relation $\chi_A(A) = 0$ when $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is diagonalizable.
- (b) Show that for every matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ there exists a sequence $(A_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ of diagonalizable matrices $A_k \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ that converges to A (with respect to some norm on $M_n(\mathbb{C})$; recall that all norms are equivalent, hence it does not matter which norm one takes).
Hint: First let A be upper-triangular. Show that there exists a sequence $(A_k)_k$ converging to A such that A_k has pairwise distinct eigenvalues. Then use the fact that every matrix in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is triangularizable.
- (c) Deduce the theorem of Cayley-Hamilton.

Exercise G4 (An identity for characteristic polynomials)

In this exercise, we prove that $\chi_{AB} = \chi_{BA}$ for $A, B \in M_n(K)$.

- (a) Show this relation assuming $A \in GL_n(K)$.
- (b) For $A, B \in M_n(K)$ arbitrary, consider the function

$$\phi : K \longrightarrow K[X], \quad \lambda \mapsto \chi_{(A - \lambda I_n)B} - \chi_{B(A - \lambda I_n)}.$$

Assume that K is an infinite field. Show that there exists infinitely many $\lambda \in K$ such that $\phi(\lambda) = 0$.

- (c) Deduce that $\chi_{AB} = \chi_{BA}$ when K is an infinite field. Hint : Show that $\phi(\lambda) = 0$ for all $\lambda \in K$, in particular for $\lambda = 0$. Note that for all $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, the function $\lambda \mapsto c_k(\phi(\lambda))$ is polynomial, where $c_k(P)$ denotes the k -th coefficient of the polynomial $P \in K[X]$.
- (d) Prove that $\chi_{AB} = \chi_{BA}$ for an arbitrary field K .
Hint: If K is finite, then observe that the field of fractions of $K[X]$ is an infinite field.

Homework

Exercise H1 (Conjugacy classes)

(2+4+3+3 points)

- (a) Show that the relation

$$A \sim B \iff A \text{ is similar to } B$$

is an equivalence relation on the set $M_n(K)$. An equivalence class for this relation is called a *conjugacy class*.

- (b) Let $p = (X^2 + 1)^2(X - 2)^3 \in \mathbb{R}[X]$. Determine the number of conjugacy classes of matrices in $M_7(\mathbb{R})$ with characteristic polynomial equal to p .
- (c) Determine the number of conjugacy classes of matrices in $M_7(\mathbb{C})$ with characteristic polynomial equal to p .
- (d) Given two monic polynomials $\chi, \mu \in K[X]$ such that μ divides χ and such that μ and χ have the same irreducible divisors in $K[X]$, show that there exists a matrix $A \in M_n(K)$ with $n = \deg(\chi)$ such that $\mu_A = \mu$ and $\chi_A = \chi$.

Exercise H2 (A matrix endomorphism)

(4+4+4 points)

Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer. Consider the endomorphism

$$\psi : M_n(K) \longrightarrow M_n(K), A \mapsto A^t$$

- (a) Show that $\psi^2 = \text{Id}_{M_n(K)}$. If $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$, show that ψ is diagonalizable. If $\text{char}(K) = 2$, show that ψ is not diagonalizable.
- (b) Determine the minimal and characteristic polynomial of ψ .
- (c) Determine the rational normal form of ψ .

Exercise H3 (Rational normal form)

(12 points)

Determine characteristic polynomial, minimal polynomial, and the rational normal form of the matrix:

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & a \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in M_4(\mathbb{C})$$

where $a \in \mathbb{C}$.

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Exercise G1 (Diagonalizability and invariant subspaces)

Let $f \in \text{End}(V)$ be an endomorphism.

- (a) Assume that f is diagonalizable. Let $W \subseteq V$ be an f -invariant subspace. Show that the restriction $f_W : W \rightarrow W$ is diagonalizable.
- (b) Assume $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$, where W_1, W_2 are f -invariant subspaces. Show that f is diagonalizable if and only if f_{V_1} and f_{V_2} are diagonalizable.

Exercise G2 (Jordan normal form)

In each of the following cases, determine the Jordan normal form.

- (a) $A \in M_n(K)$ and $\mu_A = X - \lambda$ for $\lambda \in K$.
- (b) $B \in M_4(K)$, $B^2 = B$ and $\text{rk}(B) = 3$.
- (c) $C \in M_n(K)$ with $\mu_C = (X - 2)^2$ and $\chi_C = (X - 2)^3$.
- (d) $D \in M_5(K)$ with $\mu_D = X^2$ and $\text{rk}(D) = 3$.

Exercise G3 (Diagonalizability and powers of an endomorphism)

- (a) Let $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that A^r is diagonalizable for some $r \geq 1$. Show that A is diagonalizable over \mathbb{C} .
- (b) Does (a) remain true if one replaces \mathbb{C} by \mathbb{R} ?
- (c) Does (a) remain true if one removes the assumption that A is invertible?
- (d) Does (a) remain true if one replaces \mathbb{C} by a field of characteristic p ?

Exercise G4 (Endomorphism of space of polynomials)

Let n be an integer, and denote by $K_{n-1}[X]$ the K -vector space of polynomials of degree $\leq n-1$. Consider the endomorphism:

$$f : K_{n-1}[X] \rightarrow K_{n-1}[X], \quad P \mapsto P'.$$

Determine the Jordan normal form of f .

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Exercise H1 (Similar matrices)

(12 points)

Show that the following matrices are pairwise non-similar:

$$A_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, A_2 := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, A_3 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 7 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_4 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A_5 := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 8 & 2 & 0 \\ 7 & 6 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Exercise H2 (Fitting decomposition)

(4+4+4 points)

Let $f : V \rightarrow V$ be an endomorphism of a finite-dimensional K -vector space.

- (a) Show that there exists a pair $(V_{\text{nilp}}, V_{\text{isom}})$ of f -stable subspaces, such that $V = V_{\text{nilp}} \oplus V_{\text{isom}}$ and such that the restriction $f : V_{\text{nilp}} \rightarrow V_{\text{nilp}}$ is nilpotent and $f : V_{\text{isom}} \rightarrow V_{\text{isom}}$ is an isomorphism.
- (b) Show that the pair $(V_{\text{nilp}}, V_{\text{isom}})$ is unique with these properties.
- (c) Let $g \in \text{End}(V)$ such that $f \circ g = g \circ f$. Show that $g(V_{\text{nilp}}) \subset V_{\text{nilp}}$ and $g(V_{\text{isom}}) \subset V_{\text{isom}}$.

Exercise H3 (Normal forms)

(3+3+3+3 points)

In each of the following cases, determine the rational normal form, the minimal polynomial, the characteristic polynomial. If the matrix is triangularizable, determine the Jordan normal form.

- (a) $A \in M_n(K)$, $n \geq 2$ with $\text{tr}(A) = b \in K$ and $\text{rk}(A) = 1$.
- (b) $B \in M_3(K)$ nilpotent with $\text{rk}(B) = 2$
- (c) $C \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ such that $C^4 = I_4$, $\text{tr}(C) \neq 0$, $\dim(\text{Ker}(C - I_4)) = 2$.
- (d) $D \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$, with only eigenvalues 1, 2 in \mathbb{C} , and $\text{tr}(D) = 5$ and $\text{rk}(D - I_4) = 3$

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Exercise G1 (Equivalent conditions)

Let $A \in M_n(K)$ be a matrix and $\lambda \in K$. Show that the following properties are equivalent:

- (i) A is similar to the Jordan block $J_n(\lambda)$.
- (ii) The matrix $A - \lambda I_n$ is nilpotent of rank $n - 1$.
- (iii) A is similar to a matrix of the form

$$J := \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & x_{1,2} & \cdots & x_{1,n} \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & x_{n-1,n} \\ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

where $x_{i,i+1} \neq 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n-1$.

- (iv) A is similar to a matrix of the form ${}^t J$ with J as in (iii).
- (v) $\mu_A = (X - \lambda)^n$.

Exercise G2 (Generalized Eigenspaces)

Let f be an endomorphism of a finite dimensional K -vector space V . For a polynomial p in $K[X]$ and for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, define:

$$V_k(p) := \text{Ker}(p^k(f)), \quad k \geq 1,$$

and $m_k(p) := \dim_K(V_k(p))$. Note that for $\lambda \in K$ the eigenspace of f for the eigenvalue λ is $V_1(X - \lambda)$.

- (a) Show that $V_k(p) \subseteq V_{k+1}(p)$ and $m_{k+1}(p) \geq m_k(p)$ for all $k \geq 1$. Conclude that there exists N such that $V_k(p) = V_N(p)$ for all $k \geq N$. We denote by $k_\infty(p)$ the smallest integer N satisfying this condition.
- (b) Show that if $m_k(p) = m_{k+1}(p)$ for some $k \geq 1$, then $V_r(p) = V_k(p)$ for all $r \geq k$.
- (c) Show that the sequence $a_k := m_{k+1}(p) - m_k(p)$ is decreasing (i.e., $a_{k+1} \leq a_k$ for all k). Hint: Show that $p(f)$ induces an injective K -linear map

$$V_{k+2}(p)/V_{k+1}(p) \longrightarrow V_{k+1}(p)/V_k(p).$$

(d) Assume that p is irreducible and monic. Show that the following are equivalent:

(i) There exists a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $V_k(p) \neq 0$.

(ii) $V_1(p) \neq 0$.

(iii) p divides μ_f .

Show in this case that $k_\infty(p)$ is the exponent of p in the irreducible decomposition of μ_f in $K[X]$.

(e) Show that one has a decomposition into generalized eigenspaces:

$$V = \bigoplus_{p|\mu_f} V_{k_\infty(p)}(p)$$

where the sum is over all irreducible monic factors p of μ_f in $K[X]$.

Exercise G3 (Similar matrices in low dimensions)

Let K be a field, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $A, B \in M_n(K)$ be matrices.

(a) Let $n = 2$. Show that A and B are similar if and only if $\mu_A = \mu_B$.

(b) Let $n = 3$. Show that A and B are similar if and only if $\mu_A = \mu_B$ and $\chi_A = \chi_B$.

(c) Does (b) remain true for $n = 4$?

Exercise G4 (Diagonalizability and field extensions)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $K \subseteq L$ be a field extension, and let $A \in M_n(K)$ be a matrix. If A is triangularizable over K and diagonalizable over L , show that A is already diagonalizable over K .

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Exercise H1 (Transpose)

(12 points)

Let K be a field and $A \in M_n(K)$ a matrix. Show that A is similar to its transpose tA .

Hint: Use that K is a subfield of an algebraically closed field.

Exercise H2 (Invariant subspaces)

(5+2+5 points)

Let f be an endomorphism of a finite-dimensional K -vector space V . We say that an f -invariant subspace $W \subset V$ is nontrivial if $W \neq 0, V$.

(a) Show that V has no nontrivial f -invariant subspaces if and only if $\mu_f = \chi_f$ and μ_f is irreducible in $K[X]$.

(b) For K algebraically closed, determine the endomorphisms with no nontrivial invariant subspaces.

(c) Show that V cannot be written as a direct sum of nontrivial f -invariant subspaces if and only if $\mu_f = \chi_f = p^k$ for some irreducible polynomial $p \in K[X]$.

Exercise H3 (Powers of matrices)

(9+3 points)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) For all $k \geq 1$, show that the map $GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{C}), A \mapsto A^k$ is surjective.

(b) Is the map $M_n(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow M_n(\mathbb{C}), A \mapsto A^k$ also surjective?

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Exercise G1 (Exact sequences and dual)

- (a) Consider an exact sequence of finite-dimensional K -vector spaces

$$\cdots \rightarrow V_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_{i-1}} V_i \xrightarrow{f_i} V_{i+1} \xrightarrow{f_{i+1}} V_{i+2} \rightarrow \cdots$$

Show that the dual sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow V_{i+2}^\vee \xrightarrow{f_{i+1}^\vee} V_{i+1}^\vee \xrightarrow{f_i^\vee} V_i^\vee \rightarrow \cdots$$

is exact¹.

- (b) Let $f : V \rightarrow W$ be a K -linear map. We define the cokernel of f as the quotient $\text{Coker}(f) := W / \text{Im}(f)$. Show that there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker}(f) \rightarrow V \xrightarrow{f} W \rightarrow \text{Coker}(f) \rightarrow 0$$

and deduce that there is a natural isomorphism:

$$\text{Ker}(f^\vee) \simeq \text{Coker}(f)^\vee.$$

Exercise G2 (Linear forms on K^n)

For an n -tuple $\underline{\lambda} := (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in K^n$, denote by $\varphi_{\underline{\lambda}}$ the map

$$\varphi_{\underline{\lambda}} : K^n \rightarrow K, (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i.$$

- (a) Show that $K^n \rightarrow (K^n)^\vee, \underline{\lambda} \mapsto \varphi_{\underline{\lambda}}$ is an isomorphism.
- (b) For $(\underline{\lambda}_1, \dots, \underline{\lambda}_n) \in (K^n)^n$, show that $(\varphi_{\underline{\lambda}_1}, \dots, \varphi_{\underline{\lambda}_n})$ is a basis of $(K^n)^\vee$ if and only if the $n \times n$ -matrix whose i -th column is $\underline{\lambda}_i$ is invertible.

¹ The result holds also for arbitrary not necessarily finite-dimensional vector spaces.

Exercise G3 (Tridual)

Let V be a K -vector space. Let $\iota_V : V \rightarrow V^{\vee\vee}$ denote the canonical biduality homomorphism for V . Similarly, let $\iota_{V^\vee} : V^\vee \rightarrow V^{\vee\vee\vee}$ be the canonical biduality homomorphism of V^\vee . Show the identity:

$$(\iota_V)^\vee \circ \iota_{V^\vee} = \text{Id}_{V^\vee}.$$

Exercise G4 (Evaluation morphism)

Let V be a K -vector space and let

$$\iota : V \rightarrow V^{\vee\vee}$$

be the canonical homomorphism. Recall that ι is injective. Show that ι is surjective if and only if V is finite-dimensional. Hint: For V infinite-dimensional, let $\mathcal{B} = (e_i)_{i \in I}$ be a basis of V . First show that the subspace $W \subset V^\vee$ generated by $e_i^\vee \in V^\vee$ is strictly contained in V^\vee . Then consider a nonzero linear form on V^\vee that is zero on W .

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Exercise H1 (Dual basis)

(12 points)

Let $\mathcal{B} = (e_1, e_2, e_3)$ be the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^3 . Find all vectors $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\mathcal{B}_x := (e_1, e_2, x)$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 and determine the dual basis $(\mathcal{B}_x)^\vee$.

Exercise H2 (Annihilator)

(3+3+3+3 points)

Let V be a vector space and $(U_i \subseteq V)_{i \in I}$ be a family of subspaces.

(a) Assume V is finite-dimensional, and let $U \subset V$ be a subspace. Show the identity:

$$U^{oo} = U$$

where we identified V with $V^{\vee\vee}$ via the biduality isomorphism $\iota : V \rightarrow V^{\vee\vee}$.

(b) Show that

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \right)^o = \left(\sum_{i \in I} U_i \right)^o = \bigcap_{i \in I} U_i^o.$$

(c) Show that

$$\sum_{i \in I} U_i^o \subseteq \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} U_i \right)^o$$

and for V finite-dimensional, show that this inclusion is an equality.

(d) Give an example where the inclusion in (b) is not an equality.

Exercise H3 (Projections)

(6+6 points)

Let V be a K -vector space of finite dimension n and let $U \subseteq V$ be a subspace of dimension $r \leq n$.

- (a) Show that an endomorphism $f \in \text{End}(V)$ is a projection (i.e., $f^2 = f$) with image U if and only if there exists a basis (e_1, \dots, e_n) of V with $e_1, \dots, e_r \in U$ and

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r e_i^\vee(x) e_i$$

for all $x \in V$.

- (b) Assume that (V, \langle, \rangle) is an inner-product space. Show that an endomorphism $f \in \text{End}(V)$ is an orthogonal projection with image U if and only if there exists an orthonormal basis (e_1, \dots, e_n) of V with $e_1, \dots, e_r \in U$ and

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r \langle e_i, x \rangle e_i$$

for all $x \in V$.

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Exercise G1 (Trace as a bilinear form)

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. Consider the map: $\psi : M_n(K) \times M_n(K) \rightarrow K$, $(A, B) \mapsto \text{Tr}({}^tAB)$. For $1 \leq p, q \leq n$, denote by $E_{p,q}$ the $n \times n$ -matrix whose (i, j) -coefficient is 1 if $(i, j) = (p, q)$ and 0 otherwise. Let $\mathcal{B} = (E_{p,q})_{1 \leq p, q \leq n}$ be the n^2 -tuple consisting of these matrices, in lexicographic order, i.e. $\mathcal{B} = (E_{1,1}, E_{1,2}, \dots, E_{1,n}, E_{2,1}, \dots, E_{n,n})$.

- (a) Show that ψ is a symmetric bilinear form on $M_n(K)$.
- (b) Determine the matrix $M_{\mathcal{B}}(\beta)$. Show that ψ is nondegenerate.
- (c) Let $W \subset M_n(K)$ denote the subspace of upper-triangular matrices. Determine the orthogonal W^{\perp} .
- (d) Determine $S_n(K)^{\perp}$, where $S_n(K)$ denotes the set of symmetric matrices.

Exercise G2 (Biorthogonal)

Let β be a symmetric or skew-symmetric bilinear form on a K -vector space V , and let $U \subset V$ be a subspace.

- (a) Show that $U \subseteq U^{\perp\perp}$.
- (b) Assume now that V is finite-dimensional. Show that $U + V^{\perp} = U^{\perp\perp}$.
- (c) Deduce that $U = U^{\perp\perp}$ if and only if $V^{\perp} \subseteq U$.

Exercise G3 (Quadratic forms)

A quadratic form on a finite-dimensional K -vector space V is a map $q : V \rightarrow K$ satisfying the following properties:

- (i) For all $\lambda \in K$, and all $x \in V$, one has $q(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 q(x)$.
- (ii) The map $\beta_q : V \times V \rightarrow K$, $(x, y) \mapsto q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y)$ is a bilinear form on V .

We denote by $\mathcal{Q}(V)$ the set of quadratic forms on V .

- (a) Show that $\mathcal{Q}(V)$ is a subspace of the K -vector space of functions $V \rightarrow K$ (endowed with natural addition and scalar multiplication).
- (b) Show that the product of two linear forms on V is a quadratic form.

- (c) If β is a bilinear form on V , show that $q_\beta(x) := \beta(x, x)$ defines a quadratic form on V . Show that this defines a K -linear map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L}^2(V) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathcal{Q}(V) \\ \beta & \mapsto & q_\beta \end{array}$$

- (d) Show that $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \text{Alt}(V)$, the space of alternating forms on V . Deduce that $\dim_K(\mathcal{Q}(V)) \geq \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. Show that for all $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in V^\vee$, one has $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \in \text{Im}(\phi)$.
- (e) For a quadratic form q , show that β_q is symmetric. If we denote by $\text{Sym}(V)$ the K -vector space of symmetric bilinear forms on V , show that this defines a K -linear map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{Q}(V) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \text{Sym}(V) \\ q & \mapsto & \beta_q \end{array}$$

- (f) Show that $\phi \circ \psi = 2\text{Id}_{\mathcal{Q}(V)}$. Show that for all $\beta \in \mathcal{L}^2(V)$, the symmetric bilinear form $\psi(\phi(\beta))$ is given by $(x, y) \mapsto \beta(x, y) + \beta(y, x)$.
- (g) When $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$, show that ψ is an isomorphism. Show that the restriction of ϕ to $\text{Sym}(V)$ is an isomorphism (in particular, ϕ is surjective). Deduce the dimension of $\mathcal{Q}(V)$ as a K -vector space.
- (h) Now assume $\text{char}(K) = 2$. Show that $\text{Im}(\psi)$ is the space $\text{Alt}(V) \subset \text{Sym}(V)$ of alternating forms. Deduce that there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow W \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(V) \rightarrow \text{Alt}(V) \rightarrow 0$$

where W is the space of functions $q : V \rightarrow K$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} q(x + y) &= q(x) + q(y) \\ q(\lambda x) &= \lambda^2 q(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in V$ and for all $\lambda \in K$. Deduce from (d) that $\dim(W) \geq n$.

- (i) Show that $\dim_K(W) = n$, deduce the dimension of $\mathcal{Q}(V)$ over K . Deduce that ϕ is surjective. Hint: For a basis (e_1, \dots, e_n) of V , show that $W \rightarrow K^n$, $q \mapsto (q(e_1), \dots, q(e_n))$ is an isomorphism.
- (j) When $\text{char}(K) \neq 2$, show that any function $q : V \rightarrow K$ satisfying the following conditions is a quadratic form:
- (i') For all $x \in V$, one has $q(2x) = 4q(x)$.
 - (ii) The map $\beta_q : V \times V \rightarrow K$, $(x, y) \mapsto q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y)$ is a bilinear form on V .

Exercise G4 (Bilinear form and dual)

Let V be a K -vector space. For $v, w \in V$, define a map:

$$\beta_{v,w} : V^\vee \times V^\vee \rightarrow K, \quad (\phi, \chi) \mapsto \phi(v)\chi(w).$$

- (a) Show that $\beta_{v,w}$ is a bilinear form on V^\vee .
- (b) Let T be the subspace of $\mathcal{L}^2(V^\vee)$ generated by the elements $\beta_{v,w}$ for $v, w \in V$. For a linear form $\lambda \in T^\vee$, define a function $\beta_\lambda : V \times V \rightarrow K$ by $\beta_\lambda(v, w) = \lambda(\beta_{v,w})$. Show that this defines an isomorphism of K -vector spaces

$$T^\vee \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}^2(V), \quad \lambda \mapsto \beta_\lambda.$$

Homework

Exercise H1 (Totally isotropic subspaces)

(12 points)

Let β be a symmetric or skew-symmetric bilinear form on a finite-dimensional K -vector space V , and let $U \subset V$ be a totally isotropic space. Show the formula:

$$\dim_K(U) \leq \dim_K(V) - \frac{\text{rk}(\beta)}{2}.$$

Exercise H2 (A bilinear form on a polynomial ring)

(3+4+2+3 points)

Let $V = K_{n-1}[X]$ be the K -vector space of polynomials of degree $\leq n-1$. For an integer $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let $a_k(p)$ denote the k -th coefficient of a polynomial $p \in K[X]$.

- (a) Show that the map $\beta_k : V \times V \rightarrow K$, $(p, q) \mapsto a_k(pq)$ is a symmetric bilinear form.
- (b) Let $\mathcal{B} = (1, X, \dots, X^{n-1})$ denote the canonical basis of V . Compute the matrix of β_k in \mathcal{B} .
- (c) For what values of k is β_k nondegenerate?
- (d) Find a totally isotropic subspace $W \subset V$ of maximal dimension.

Exercise H3 (Existence of adjoints)

(8+4 points)

Let β be a non-degenerate bilinear form on a finite-dimensional K -vector space V , and let $f \in \text{End}(V)$ be an endomorphism.

- (a) Show that there exists a unique endomorphism $f^* \in \text{End}(V)$ such that for all $x, y \in V$, one has

$$\beta(f(x), y) = \beta(x, f^*(y)).$$

Show that there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{f^*} & V \\ f_\beta \downarrow & & \downarrow f_\beta \\ V^\vee & \xrightarrow{f^\vee} & V^\vee \end{array}$$

where $f_\beta : V \rightarrow V^\vee$ is the map $w \mapsto \beta(\cdot, w)$.

- (b) Let \mathcal{B} be a basis of V and let \mathcal{B}^\vee be the dual basis. Prove the formula:

$$M_{\mathcal{B}}(f^*) = B^{-1} M_{\mathcal{B}}(f^\vee) B$$

where $B = M_{\mathcal{B}}(\beta)$.

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Exercise G1 (Signature)

Consider the functions:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1 : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \times M_n(\mathbb{R}) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (A, B) \mapsto \text{Tr}({}^tAB) \\ \psi_2 : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \times M_n(\mathbb{R}) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (A, B) \mapsto \text{Tr}(AB)\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Show that ψ_1, ψ_2 are symmetric bilinear forms.
- (b) Determine the signatures of ψ_1 and ψ_2 . Hint: Show that $M_n(\mathbb{R}) = S_n(\mathbb{R}) \perp A_n(\mathbb{R})$ where $S_n(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the set of symmetric matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$, and $A_n(\mathbb{R})$ the set of skew-symmetric matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Exercise G2 (Characterstic polynomials and bilinear forms)

- (a) Show that if $\chi_A = \chi_B$ for two diagonalizable matrices $A, B \in M_n(K)$, then $\text{rk}(A) = \text{rk}(B)$.
- (b) Give a counter-example to (a) when we do not assume that A and B are diagonalizable.
- (c) Let $A, B \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ be symmetric matrices such that $\chi_A = \chi_B$. Show that A and B have the same signature.
- (d) Let $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ be symmetric matrices such that $\chi_A = \chi_B$. Show that A and B are congruent.

Exercise G3 (Gram-Schmidt algorithm for anisotropic symmetric forms)

Let K be a field of characteristic $\neq 2$, and let $f \in K[X]$ be an irreducible polynomial of degree ≥ 2 . We denote by $K(X)$ the field of fractions of $K[X]$.

- (a) Show that the bilinear form on $K(X)^2$ given by the matrix

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} X & 1 \\ 1 & f \end{pmatrix}$$

is anisotropic.

- (b) Let $K = \mathbb{R}$ and $f = X^2 + 1$. Use the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to determine an orthogonal basis of $K(X)^2$. Find a matrix $P \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}(X))$ such that tPAP is diagonal.

Exercise G4 (Symplectic group)

A non-degenerate, alternating bilinear form is called a *symplectic form*. Let V be a K -vector space of even dimension $2n$, and let ψ be a symplectic form on V . We define the symplectic group of (V, ψ) by:

$$Sp(V, \psi) := \{f \in GL_K(V), \psi(f(x), f(y)) = \psi(x, y), \forall x, y \in V\}.$$

A maximal totally isotropic subspace $U \subset V$ is called a *Lagrangian*.

- (a) Show that U is a Lagrangian if and only if U is totally isotropic and $\dim_K(U) = n$. Show that the image of a Lagrangian by an element of $Sp(V, \psi)$ is again a Lagrangian.
- (b) Let U be a Lagrangian and let (e_1, \dots, e_n) be a basis of U . Show that there exists a tuple $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in V^n$ such that $\mathcal{B} = (e_1, \dots, e_n, f_1, \dots, f_n)$ is a basis of V , and such that:

$$M_{\mathcal{B}}(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} & I_n \\ -I_n & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hint: To construct f_1 , choose first a vector in the complement of U in $\text{span}(e_2, \dots, e_n)^\perp$, then rescale. Afterwards proceed by induction.

- (c) Show that for all Lagrangian subspaces U_1, U_2 in V , there exists $f \in Sp(V, \psi)$ such that $f(U_1) = U_2$.
- (d) Let U_1, U_2 be isotropic subspaces of V of the same dimension. Show that there exists $f \in Sp(V, \psi)$ such that $f(U_1) = U_2$.

Exercise G5 (Determinant of isometries)

Let β be a non-degenerate bilinear form on a finite-dimensional vector space V . Show that any isometry of V has determinant ± 1 .

Homework

Exercise H1 (Signature)

Consider the symmetric matrix:

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_3(\mathbb{R}).$$

- (a) Determine the signature of A .
- (b) Find a matrix $P \in GL_3(\mathbb{R})$ such that ${}^t P A P$ is diagonal.

Exercise H2 (Isometric bilinear forms)

In each case, determine if the matrices A and B are congruent in $M_m(K)$:

(a) $K = \mathbb{C}$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $K = \mathbb{R}$, A and B as in (a).

(c) $K = \mathbb{Q}$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 3 \\ 3 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$

(d) $K = \mathbb{R}$, A and B as in (c).

(e) $K = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$, A and B as in (c).

Exercise H3 (An isometric transformation)

Let K be a field, and $\alpha, \beta \in K^\times$ such that $\alpha + \beta \in K^\times$. Then show :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} \text{ is congruent to } \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta & 0 \\ 0 & (\alpha + \beta)\alpha\beta \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Exercise G1 (Theorem of Witt does not hold for degenerate spaces)

Give an example of a degenerate quadratic space (V, β) over a field K of characteristic $\neq 2$, a subspace $U \subseteq V$, and an injective homomorphism of quadratic spaces $s: (U, \beta_U) \rightarrow (V, \beta)$ that cannot be extended to an isometry $(V, \beta) \rightarrow (V, \beta)$.

Exercise G2 (Generalized Witt decomposition)

Let (V, β) be a quadratic space over a field of characteristic $\neq 2$. Show that there exists a decomposition

$$(V, \beta) = V^\perp \perp H \perp V_a,$$

where (H, β_H) is a hyperbolic space, (V_a, β_{V_a}) is anisotropic, and where both are determined uniquely up to isometry.

Exercise G3 (Minkowski space of spacetime)

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^4$ endowed with a Lorentz form, i.e., a symmetric bilinear form g of signature $(1, 3)$. An $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ is called *time-like* (resp. *space-like*, resp. *light-like*) if $g(x, x) < 0$ (resp. $g(x, x) > 0$, resp. $g(x, x) = 0$).

- (a) Show that the set of time-like vectors is the disjoint union of two open cones in \mathbb{R}^4 ("open" with respect to some norm on \mathbb{R}^4). Here a subset $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a *cone* if

$$x, y \in C \implies x + y \in C, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}, x \in C \implies \lambda x \in C.$$

We call one of the cones the *future cone* and one the *past cone* (it does not matter which we choose as future cone).

- (b) Let $x, y \in V$ be time-like vectors. If both are in the future cone with $g(x, x) = g(y, y) = 1$, then show that $g(x, y) \geq 1$. If x is in the future cone and $g(x, y) > 0$, then y is in the future cone.

Exercise G4 (Generalization of Witt's cancellation to degenerate spaces)

Let K be a field of characteristic $\neq 2$. Let (V, β) and (V', β') be quadratic spaces with orthogonal decompositions $V = U_1 \perp U_2$ and $V' = U'_1 \perp U'_2$. Suppose that (V, β) and (V', β') are isometric and that (U_1, β_{U_1}) and $(U'_1, \beta_{U'_1})$ are isometric. Show that (U_2, β_{U_2}) and $(U'_2, \beta_{U'_2})$ are isometric. *Hint:* The following steps might be useful:

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- (a) Let $1 \leq r \leq n$, $A \in M_r(K)$ be symmetric matrices with A invertible and assume that the matrices $n \times n$ -block matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & A \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & A' \end{pmatrix}$$

are congruent. Show that A and A' are congruent. Deduce Witt's cancelation if U_1 is totally isotropic and U_2 is non-degenerate.

- (b) Next show that cancelation holds if U_1 is totally isotropic.
- (c) Show the general case: Use induction to assume that U_1 is one-dimensional and use the second step to assume that (U_1, β_{U_1}) is anisotropic. Then proceed as in the first step of the proof of Witt's theorem.

Homework

Exercise H1 (Signature)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ be a symmetric matrix. For $k = 1, \dots, n$ let A_k be the matrix consisting of the first k rows and k columns of A . Suppose that $\det(A_k) \neq 0$ for all $k = 1, \dots, n$. Show that the signature of A is $(n - s, s)$, where s is the number of sign changes in the sequence $1, \det(A_1), \det(A_2), \dots, \det(A_n)$.

Exercise H2 (Product of reflections)

Let V be an \mathbb{R} -vector space of dimension $n \geq 2$ with a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form β . Find n reflections $s_1, \dots, s_n \in O(V, \beta)$ such that $\text{Id}_V = s_1 \circ s_2 \circ \dots \circ s_n$.

Exercise H3 (Determinant as quadratic form)

Let K be a field of characteristic $\neq 2$.

- (a) Show that $\det: M_2(K) \rightarrow K$ is a quadratic form (Exercise Sheet 11, G3) and let

$$\beta: M_2(K) \times M_2(K) \rightarrow K, \quad (A, B) \mapsto \det(A + B) - \det(A) - \det(B)$$

be the corresponding symmetric bilinear form.

- (b) Let $K = \mathbb{R}$. What is the signature of β ? What is the signature of the restriction of β to the subspace $\{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid \operatorname{tr}(A) = 0\}$.