
Homework 11
Due: Friday, May 5

1. Let V be an inner-product space.

(a) Suppose that $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$. Show that T^*T is self-adjoint.

(b) Suppose that $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ satisfies $S^2 = T^*T$. Show that for all $v \in V$,

$$\|Tv\| = \|Sv\|.$$

2. Let V be a finite-dimensional inner product space. Suppose that S and T are both isometries of V .

(a) Prove that ST is an isometry of V .

(b) Is it true that $S + T$ is an isometry of V ? Prove or give a counterexample.

3. Suppose V is a finite-dimensional inner product space, $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ is self-adjoint, λ is a number, and $\epsilon > 0$. Suppose there exists a $v \in V$ such that $\|v\| = 1$ and

$$\|Tv - \lambda v\| < \epsilon.$$

Prove that T has an eigenvalue λ' such that $|\lambda - \lambda'| < \epsilon$. (HINT: Start with an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ for V , and express v and T in terms of those vectors. In fact, this result is also true for infinite-dimensional vector spaces.)

4. Let \mathcal{E} be the standard basis on \mathbb{R}^3 . Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ be the operator whose matrix, in the standard basis, is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Verify that the minimal polynomial of T is $(x - 1)(x - 2)$.

5. Let \mathcal{E} be the standard basis on \mathbb{R}^3 , and suppose that $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3)$ has

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 1 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) What is the characteristic polynomial of T ?

(b) What is the minimal polynomial of T ?