

## Math 416: HW 11 due Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

**Important note:** This assignment is due on **Wednesday** not Friday.

**More important note:** This is the last homework assignment of the semester!

**Most important note:** There will be a combined final exam for sections C13 and D13 of Math 416, which will be held on Monday, May 7, from 7-10pm. Please notify me immediately if you have another exam in that timeslot.

**Webpage:** <http://dunfield.info/416>

**Office hours:** Here is my schedule for the rest of the semester:

- Friday, April 27 from 11am-noon.
- Monday, April 30 from 3:30-4:30pm.
- Tuesday, May 1 from 10-11am and 2-3pm.
- Thursday, May 3 from 2-3pm.
- Friday, May 4 from 12-2pm.
- Monday, May 7 from 12-2pm.

### Problems:

There is no Problem 1 on this assignment due to instructor error.

- Let  $T$  be a *normal* operator on a finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$ .
  - Prove that  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \mathcal{N}(T^*)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(T) = \mathcal{R}(T^*)$ .
  - Prove that the subspaces  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  are orthogonal.
  - Give an example of a (non-normal) linear operator  $S$  where  $\mathcal{N}(S) \neq \mathcal{N}(S^*)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(S) \neq \mathcal{R}(S^*)$ .

Hint: Use the following fact that you proved in HW 10: If  $T$  is a linear operator on finite-dimensional inner product space  $V$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(T^*)^\perp = \mathcal{N}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(T^*) = \mathcal{N}(T)^\perp$ .

- A matrix  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is *Gramian* if there is a  $B \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $A = B^t B$ . Prove that  $A$  is Gramian if and only if  $A$  is symmetric and all of its eigenvalues are non-negative.

Hint: For ( $\Leftarrow$ ), note that  $A$  is diagonalizable via an orthonormal basis  $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  where  $u_i$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ . Consider the linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where  $T(u_i) = \sqrt{\lambda_i} u_i$ . Now take  $B = [T]_{\text{std}}$  and check that  $A = B^t B$ .

- Section 6.5 of [FIS], Problem 11.
- Section 6.5 of [FIS], Problem 17.
- Section 6.5 of [FIS], Problem 24.
- Suppose  $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  is an orthogonal matrix with  $\det(A) = 1$ . (Recall from a prior assignment that any orthogonal matrix has determinant  $\pm 1$ .) In this problem, you will show  $L_A$  is rotation about a line  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $W$  passes through the origin.

- (a) First, show that any (real) eigenvalue of  $A$  must be  $\pm 1$ .
  - (b) Note that  $A$  has at least one eigenvalue since its characteristic polynomial  $f(t)$  has odd degree and hence at least one real root  $\lambda$ . In this step, you'll show that 1 is always an eigenvalue. If instead  $\lambda = -1$ , then  $f(t) = (-1 - t)(t^2 + bt + c)$  for some  $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Use that  $\det(A) = 1$  to prove that  $c < 0$  and hence by the quadratic formula that  $f(t)$  splits completely over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Now show that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $-1$  and  $1$ , with algebraic multiplicities 2 and 1 respectively.
  - (c) Let  $v_1$  be an eigenvector for  $A$  with eigenvalue 1, and set  $W = \text{span}(\{v_1\})$ . Prove that  $L_A$  preserves  $W^\perp$  and acts on it by an orthogonal transformation.
  - (d) Use Theorem 6.23 of the text to argue that the action of  $L_A$  on  $W^\perp$  is by a rotation. Hint: If instead the restriction was a reflection, find a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $A$  which shows instead that  $\det(A) = -1$ .
8. Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $P$  be the parallelepiped spanned by them. Consider the matrix  $G \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  where  $G_{ij} = \langle v_i, v_j \rangle$ . (As usual, the inner product here is just the ordinary dot product.)
- (a) Show that  $G$  is Gramian.
  - (b) Show that  $\det(G) \geq 0$ .
  - (c) Show that the unsigned volume of  $P$  is  $\sqrt{\det(G)}$ .

In fact,  $G$  is usually called the Gram matrix of these vectors.