

Start reading chapter 5 of *Linear algebra done wrong*. Solve the following problems.

1 Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Prove that the set

$$W = \{v \in V \mid T^n(v) = 0 \text{ for some natural number } n\}$$

is a subspace of  $V$ .

2 Let  $V$  be a vector space with a Hermitian inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  an orthonormal basis of  $V$  (so that  $(v_i, v_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ).

(a) Prove that for any two vectors  $x = \sum \alpha_i v_i$ ,  $y = \sum \beta_j v_j$  in  $V$ ,

$$(x, y) = \sum \alpha_k \bar{\beta}_k.$$

(b) Use part (a) to prove Parseval's identity:

$$(x, y) = \sum (x, v_k) \overline{(y, v_k)}.$$

3 Let  $V$  be a vector space with a Hermitian inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Suppose  $u, v \in V$  with  $\|u\| = 2$ ,  $\|v\| = 3$  and  $(u, v) = 2 + i$ . Compute

$$\|u + v\|^2, \quad \|u - v\|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad (u + iv, v + iu).$$

4 Consider the real vector space  $V = M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$  of real  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Is  $(A, B) := \text{tr}(AB)$  a (real) inner product on  $V$ ? Prove your answer.

5 Let  $V$  be a complex finite dimensional vector space and let  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ . Define a function  $(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\left(\sum \alpha_i b_i, \sum \beta_j b_j\right) := \sum \alpha_k \bar{\beta}_k.$$

Prove that  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  as defined above is a Hermitian inner product on the vector space  $V$ .

6 Let  $V$  be a Hermitian vector space with an inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and the corresponding norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Prove that for any vectors  $x, y \in V$

$$(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} (\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 - i\|x - iy\|^2 + i\|x + iy\|^2)$$

7 An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called **orthogonal** iff  $A^T A = I$ .

(a) Prove that any orthogonal matrix  $A$  is invertible and that  $A^{-1} = A^T$ .

(b) Prove that  $A$  is orthogonal if and only if for any  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(Av, Aw) = (v, w).$$

Here  $(v, w) = \sum v_i w_i$  is the standard inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(c) Prove that a matrix  $A$  is orthogonal if and only if its columns are orthonormal: for any two columns  $a_i, a_j$  of  $A$ ,  $(a_i, a_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .

(d) Prove that the permutation matrices  $\rho(\sigma)$ ,  $\sigma \in S_n$  are orthogonal.

(e) Prove that orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrices form a group under the matrix multiplication (groups are mentioned in lecture 18). This group is usually denoted by  $O(n)$  and is called the orthogonal group in dimension  $n$ . In particular check that

- $I \in O(n)$
- For any  $A \in O(n)$  the inverse  $A^{-1}$  is also in  $O(n)$ .