

※ 考生請注意：本試題不可使用計算機。請於答案卷(卡)作答，於本試題紙上作答者，不予計分。

Unless otherwise specified, all the matrices are assumed to be complex matrices. The field of real numbers is denoted by \mathbb{R} and the field of complex numbers is denoted by \mathbb{C} . We also use I_n to denote the $n \times n$ identity matrix, while 0 denotes the zero vector.

1. Prove or give a counterexample for each of the following statements.

- (a) (5 points) Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix. If $A^k = I_n$ for some positive integer k , then A is invertible.
- (b) (5 points) Let A, B be two $m \times n$ matrices. If both systems $Ax = 0$ and $Bx = 0$ have nontrivial solutions, then $(A + B)x = 0$ has nontrivial solutions.
- (c) (5 points) If v_1, \dots, v_n are linearly independent, then $T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)$ are linearly independent, where $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation and $v_i \in V$.
- (d) (5 points) If $T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)$ are linearly independent, then v_1, \dots, v_n are linearly independent, where $T : V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation and $v_i \in V$.

2. (20 points) Find all possible real number x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 and x_5 that satisfy the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 = -1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 + x_5 = 2 \\ 4x_1 - x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 - x_5 = 0. \end{cases}$$

3. (20 points) Find an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is a diagonal matrix, where A is given by

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

4. Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator on a finite dimensional complex inner product space V . The adjoint of T is the linear operator $T^* : V \rightarrow V$ such that $\langle T(v), w \rangle = \langle v, T^*(w) \rangle$ for all $v, w \in V$.

- (a) (5 points) Suppose $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Prove that λ is an eigenvalue of T if and only if $\bar{\lambda}$ is an eigenvalue of T^* . (We use $\bar{\lambda}$ to denote the complex conjugate of λ .)
- (b) (5 points) If T is self-adjoint, that is, $T = T^*$, prove that every eigenvalue of T is real.
- (c) (5 points) Show that every eigenvalue of T^*T is a positive real number.
- (d) (5 points) If T is normal, that is, $T^*T = TT^*$, prove that $\text{Ker } T = \text{Ker } T^*$. Recall that the kernel of T is defined as $\text{Ker } T = \{v \in V \mid T(v) = 0\}$.
- (e) (5 points) Prove that if T is normal, then $\text{Ker } T^k = \text{Ker } T$ for all positive integer k .

5. (8 points) Let

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

Show that every eigenvalue of A is a positive real number. (Hint: It suffices to show that A is positive definite.)

6. (7 points) Let A be an $n \times n$ Hermitian matrix (that is, $A = A^*$, where A^* denotes its conjugate transpose) satisfying the condition $A^5 + A^3 + A = 3I_n$. Show that $A = I_n$. (Hint: Use the fact that every eigenvalue of A is real, and consider the minimal polynomial.)