



Mathematics for Physicists II

Sheet 13

Exercise 1. Let $(X, \langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle)$ be a finite-dimensional, non-degenerate inner product space, $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Show the following.

(i) $(S + T)^t = S^t + T^t$.

[1 Point]

(ii) $(\lambda S)^t = \lambda S^t$.

[1 Point]

(iii) $(S \circ T)^t = T^t \circ S^t$.

[1 Point]

(iv) $(S^t)^t = S$.

[1 Point]

Exercise 2. (i) Give an example of a finite-dimensional, positive definite inner product space $(X, \langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle)$ and of an operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ such that T preserves orthogonality with respect to $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$, but T is not unitary.

[1 Point]

(ii) Let $(X, \langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle)$ be a finite-dimensional, positive definite inner product space, and $U \in \mathcal{L}(X)$. Show the following.

(a) U is unitary if and only if $U^t \circ U = \text{id}_X$.

[2 Points]

(b) If U is unitary, then U is invertible and $U^{-1} = U^t$.

[1 Point]

Exercise 3. (i) Let $(X, \langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle)$ be a finite-dimensional, positive definite inner product space, and $U \in \mathcal{L}(X)$. If U is unitary, then U^t is unitary.

[2 Points]

(ii) If X is a linear space with $\dim(X) = n \geq 1$, $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$, and v_1, \dots, v_n are eigenvectors of T with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, respectively, such that $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ for every $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $i \neq j$, show that $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis of X .

[2 Points]

Exercise 4. Let X be a non-trivial finite-dimensional linear space, $B_X = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ a basis of X , and $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$. Show that B_X diagonalises T if and only if v_1, \dots, v_n are eigenvectors of T .

[4 Points]

Exercise 5. (i) If $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable, where J is an interval of \mathbb{R} , show that the ordinary differential equation

$$x'(t) = ax(t) \tag{1}$$

has as set of solutions the set

$$\text{Sol}(1) = \{s : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \exists C \in \mathbb{R} \forall t \in J (s(t) = Ce^{at})\}.$$

[2 Points]

(ii) Let the system of odes (5.15), and let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$A = \text{Diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n).$$

If Sol is the set of solutions of the system (5.15), then Sol is a linear space and

$$\text{Sol} = \langle [e^{\lambda_1 t}], \dots, [e^{\lambda_n t}] \rangle,$$

where

$$[e^{\lambda_1 t}] := (e^{\lambda_1 t}, \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0}), \dots, [e^{\lambda_n t}] := (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t}).$$

[2 Points]

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