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1. (5×4) Let V, W be finite-dimensional vector spaces. Prove or disprove the following statements.
- (a) If a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ is surjective, then the transpose map $T^t : W^* \rightarrow V^*$ induced by T is injective.
- (b) Let $f(t)$ be a non-constant monic polynomial of degree n . Then there exists a linear operator T on n -dimensional space V with the characteristic polynomial $\phi_T(t) = (-1)^n f(t)$.
- (c) Let T be a linear operator on an inner product space V and T^* be its adjoint. Then $[T^*]_{\mathfrak{B}} = [T]_{\mathfrak{B}}^*$ for any ordered basis \mathfrak{B} .
- (d) Every orthogonal operator on \mathbb{R}^2 of determinant 1 is a composition of two reflections about lines.
2. (a) (5) State the Cyclic Decomposition Theorem for primary modules over a principal ideal domain. You don't have to give a proof.
- (b) (10) Let A, B be $n \times n$ square matrices with entries in a field F . Then prove that A, B are similar if and only if F_A^n, F_B^n are isomorphic as $F[t]$ -modules, where F_A^n, F_B^n means n -dimensional vector spaces with linear operators $L_A, L_B : F^n \rightarrow F^n$, respectively.
- (c) (5) Explain why the following two matrices are *not* similar.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) (5) Prove that a linear operator T on a finite-dimensional vector space V is diagonalizable if and only if its minimal polynomial is the product of *distinct* linear factors.
3. (5×2)
- (a) Evaluate the determinant of the following matrix

$$A = (a_{ij})_{2010 \times 2010}, \text{ where } a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } i = j \\ 1 & \text{if } |i - j| = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) A square matrix whose columns consist of nonnegative numbers whose sum is 1 is called a *stochastic matrix*. Show that any stochastic matrix has an eigenvalue 1.

4. (a) (10) A self-adjoint linear operator T on a finite-dimensional inner product space V is called *positive semi-definite* if $\langle T(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{v} \rangle \geq 0$ for all nonzero $\mathbf{v} \in V$. Prove that a self-adjoint linear operator T is positive semi-definite if and only if all of its eigenvalues are non-negative.
- (b) (10) Let V and W be finite-dimensional inner product spaces and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation of rank r . Then prove that there exist orthonormal bases $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ for V and $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$ for W and positive scalars $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r$ such that

$$T(v_i) = \begin{cases} \sigma_i w_i & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq r, \\ 0 & \text{if } i > r. \end{cases}$$

- (c) (5) For given matrix A , find a unitary matrix U and a positive semi-definite matrix P satisfying $A = UP$, where

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

Verify that this decomposition is *not* unique.

5. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space with a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form B .
- (a) (5) Let $f \in V^*$ be a linear functional on V . Then show that there exists a unique vector $\mathbf{w} \in V$ such that $f(\mathbf{v}) = B(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$.
- (b) (10) Let W be a subspace of V^* and $W^0 = \{\mathbf{v} \in V : f(\mathbf{v}) = 0 \text{ for } f \in W\}$. Then prove that $\dim V = \dim W + \dim W^0$.
- (c) (5) Let $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_i\}$ be a basis for V . Then prove that there exists a basis $\mathfrak{B}' = \{v'_i\}$ for V such that $B(v_i, v'_j) = \delta_{ij}$.