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1. ( $5 \times 4$ ) Give a brief proof or a counterexample to prove or disprove the following statements.
  - a) Every matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  is invertible if and only if  $\det A = \pm 1$ .
  - b) Let  $T$  be a invertible normal operator on a finite-dimensional complex inner product space  $V$ . Then every eigenvalue of  $T$  is pure imaginary if and only if  $T + T^* = 0$ .
  - c) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space with a non-degenerate bilinear form  $B$  and  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Then  $W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$ .
  - d) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional vector space with a non-degenerate bilinear form  $B$ , and let  $f \in V^*$  be a linear functional on  $V$ . Then show that there exists a unique vector  $w \in V$  such that  $f(v) = B(v, w)$ .
  
2. ( $5 \times 2$ )
  - a) Construct a  $2011 \times 2011$  real matrix  $A$  such that  $A^{2011} = O$ , but  $A^{2010} \neq O$ .
  - b) Prove that if a real *symmetric* matrix  $A$  satisfies  $A^{2011} = O$ , then  $A = O$ .
  
3. ( $5 \times 3$ ) Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces over a field  $F$  of dimension  $n, m$ , respectively.
  - a) Prove that the dimension of the tensor product  $V \otimes W$  over  $F$  is  $mn$ .
  - b) Let  $T = L_A, U = L_B$  be linear operators on  $V, W$ , respectively, which induce the linear operator  $T \otimes U$  on  $V \otimes W$ . Then determine the matrix representation of  $T \otimes U$  with respect to the standard (lexicographically) ordered basis.
  - c) Determine  $\det(T \otimes U)$ . You don't have to justify your answer.
  
4.
  - a) (5) State the Cyclic Decomposition Theorem for primary modules over a principal ideal domain. You don't have to give a proof.
  - b) (8) Consider the following real matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & -6 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 3 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

which has the characteristic polynomial  $\phi_A(t) = -(t^2+2)^2(t-2)$ . Then find a rational canonical basis to determine the rational canonical form of  $A$ .

2 5. ( $7 \times 2$ )

a) Find the spectral decomposition of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b) Find a positive definite matrix  $P$  and a unitary matrix  $U$  satisfying  $PU = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Show that  $P$  and  $U$  are uniquely determined.

6. Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $W$  be a finite-dimensional subspace of  $V$ .

a) (5) Prove that for every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , there exist unique vectors  $\mathbf{w} \in W$ ,  $\mathbf{w}' \in W^\perp$  satisfying  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}'$ .

b) (8) Find the minimal solution of the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + 2z &= 6 \\ 2x - z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

7. (10) Show that every orthogonal operator in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be decomposed as a composition of at most three reflections about lines.

8. (5) Let  $B$  be a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the matrix representation  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  with respect to the standard ordered basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Find the basis  $\mathcal{B}'$  for  $V$  such that  $B(e_i, v'_j) = \delta_{ij}$  for  $e_i \in \mathcal{B}, v_j \in \mathcal{B}'$ . (Hint: Consider the dual basis  $\mathcal{B}^*$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $V^*$ .)