

SOLUTIONS to ASSIGNMENT 5.

MATH 311

FALL 2010

1. #13 §8.1. If U is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n show that $U^{\perp\perp} = U$ where $U^{\perp\perp} = (U^\perp)^\perp$. [Hint: Show that $U \subseteq U^{\perp\perp}$ and use Theorem 4 §8.1 twice.] 8 marks

Solution. If $X \in U$ then $X \bullet Y = 0$ for all $Y \in U^\perp$, whence $X \in U^{\perp\perp}$. Now Theorem 4 §8.1 shows that $\dim(U) = n - \dim(U^\perp)$. But the same theorem applied to $U^{\perp\perp}$ shows that $\dim(U^\perp) = n - \dim(U^{\perp\perp})$. Hence $\dim(U) = n - (n - \dim(U^{\perp\perp})) = \dim(U^{\perp\perp})$. Since $U \subseteq U^{\perp\perp}$ it follows that $U = U^{\perp\perp}$.

2. If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, show that $\text{null}(A) = [\text{row}(A)]^\perp$. 8 marks

Solution. Let R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m denote the rows of A . If $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the j^{th} entry of AX is $R_j \bullet X$. Hence $\text{null}(A) = \{X \mid AX = 0\} = \{X \mid R_i \bullet X = 0 \text{ for each } i\}$. But $\text{row}(A) = \text{span}\{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m\}$, so Lemma 2 §8.1 shows that $\text{null}(A) = [\text{row}(A)]^\perp$, as desired.

3. #13 §8.1. Assume that A and B are orthogonally similar (that is $P^T A P = B$ for some orthogonal matrix P).

- (a) If A and B are invertible, show that A^{-1} and B^{-1} are orthogonally similar. 3 marks
 (b) Show that A^2 and B^2 are orthogonally similar. 2 marks
 (c) Show that if A is symmetric, so also is B . 3 marks

Solution. Assume $B = P^T A P$ where P is orthogonal.

- (a) Since $P^{-1} = P^T$, we have $B^{-1} = P^{-1} A^{-1} (P^{-1})^T = P^T A^{-1} P$.
 (b) $B^2 = (P^T A P)(P^T A P) = P^T A^2 P$.
 (c) If $A = A^T$ then $B^T = P^T A^T P = P^T A P = B$.

4. #5 §8.3. If A and B are positive definite, show that $\begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite. 8 marks

Solution. If A is $n \times n$ and B is $m \times m$, let $Z \neq 0$ in \mathbb{R}^{m+n} . If $Z = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$ where $X \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $Z^T \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} Z = [X^T \ Y^T] \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = X^T A X + Y^T B Y > 0$ because $X \neq 0$ or $Y \neq 0$.

5. (a) #9 §8.6. Show that $\langle ZX, Y \rangle = \langle X, Z^H Y \rangle$ for all $Z \in M_{nn}(C)$ and all $X, Y \in \mathbb{C}^n$. 3 marks

#15 §8.6. Let U be a unitary matrix. Show that

- (b) $\|UX\| = \|X\|$ for all X in \mathbb{C}^n . 2 marks
 (c) $|\lambda| = 1$ for every eigenvalue λ of U . 3 marks

Solution. (a). $\langle X, Y \rangle = X^T \bar{Y}$ for columns X and Y in \mathbb{C}^n . Hence

$$\langle X, Z^H Y \rangle = X^T \overline{(Z^H Y)} = X^T Z^T \bar{Y} = (ZX)^T \bar{Y} = \langle ZX, Y \rangle.$$

(b). Use (a): $\|UX\|^2 = \langle UX, UX \rangle = \langle X, U^H UX \rangle = \langle X, X \rangle = \|X\|^2$.

(c). If $UX = \lambda X$, $X \neq 0$, then $\|X\| = \|UX\| = \|\lambda X\| = |\lambda| \|X\|$, using (b). Since $\|X\| \neq 0$, this gives $|\lambda| = 1$.

Total: 40 marks