

Notations and Definitions:

- \mathbb{R}^n : set of n -dimensional real vectors.
- $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$: set of $n \times n$ real matrices.
- $\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$: set of real polynomials of degree $\leq n$.
- A^T : the transpose of the matrix A .
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is positive definite if $x^T A x > 0$ for any nonzero $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Problems:

1. Let \mathcal{V} be an m ($m \leq n$) dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a projection on \mathcal{V} , that is, $Px \in \mathcal{V}$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $Pv = v$ for any $v \in \mathcal{V}$.
 - (i) Show that $\det P = 0$. 5%
 - (ii) Let $V_m = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ form an orthonormal basis of \mathcal{V} . Find a project P on \mathcal{V} and represent P in a matrix form. 10%
2. Let $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n$ be $n + 1$ distinct real numbers and $y_k \in \mathbb{R}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Show that there is a unique polynomial $p(x) \in \mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that $p(x_k) = y_k$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$. 10%
3. Let $A = A^T$, $B, D = D^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be the identity matrix.
 - (i) Assume that A is positive definite. Show that if $D - B^T A^{-1} B$ is positive definite, then $M = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & D \end{bmatrix}$ is also positive definite. 10%
 - (ii) Verify that if $\gamma > \|B\|_2^2$, then $M = \begin{bmatrix} I & B \\ B^T & \gamma I \end{bmatrix}$ is also positive definite.
Here $\|B\|_2^2 = \sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \|x\|_2 = 1}} (x^T B^T B x)$. 10%
4. Assume that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is fixed. Let T be a linear operator on $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ defined by $T(B) = AB$. Show that the minimal polynomial for T is the minimal polynomial for A . 10%
5. Let \mathcal{U} be an inner product space consisting of continuous complex-valued functions on the interval $0 \leq x \leq 1$ with the inner product

$$(f|g) = \int_0^1 f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx \text{ for any } f, g \in \mathcal{U}.$$

- (i) Show that $h_k(x) = e^{2\pi i k x}$, $k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ are mutually orthogonal. Here $i = \sqrt{-1}$. 5%
- (ii) Verify the Bessel's inequality

$$\sum_{k=-n}^n \left| \int_0^1 f(t) e^{2\pi i k t} dt \right|^2 \leq \int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt \text{ for } f \in \mathcal{U}.$$

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6. Let

$$\mathcal{W} = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \in C^2([0, 1]) \text{ and } f(0) = 0 = f(1)\}$$

be an inner product space with the inner product

$$(f|g) = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx \text{ for any } f, g \in \mathcal{W}.$$

Here $f \in C^2([0, 1])$ means that f is defined on $[0, 1]$ and its second derivative is also defined and continuous on $[0, 1]$. Let D^2 be an operator on \mathcal{W} defined by

$$D^2(f) = \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \text{ for } f \in \mathcal{W}.$$

(i) Show that D^2 is self-adjoint. 10% (Hint: Use integration by parts!)

(ii) Show that D^2 is positive definite, i.e., $(D^2f|f) > 0$ for any nonzero function $f \in \mathcal{W}$. 10%

7. Let $T : \rho_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \rho_2(\mathbb{R})$ be define by $T(f) = f(0) + f(1)(x + x^2)$. Show that T is diagonalizable. 10%