

**Reminder:** Midterm is Tuesday November 6, 4:30-6:20 in MC 4064.

**Math 245**  
**Assignment 5**  
**Due Wednesday November 14**

1. (a) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Find the matrix (with respect to the standard basis) of the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto  $\text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$ .

2. Find an orthonormal basis which diagonalizes  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 20 & -3 \\ 20 & 0 & -3 \\ -3 & -3 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$ , and find a unitary  $U$  so that  $U^*TU$  is diagonal.

3. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  with a positive semidefinite sesquilinear form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . i.e.  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$ .

- (a) Show that  $N := \{v : \langle v, v \rangle = 0\}$  is a subspace.

**Hint:** first show that  $N = \{v : \langle v, u \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } u \in V\}$ .

- (b) Put a relation on  $V$  by  $u \equiv v$  if and only if  $u - v \in N$ . Prove that this is an equivalence relation.

- (c) Let  $W = V/N$  denote the set of equivalence classes. Show that this is a vector space with the operations  $\alpha[v] = [\alpha v]$  and  $[u] + [v] = [u + v]$ . That is, show that these operations are well defined, and that  $W$  satisfies the properties of a vector space.

- (d) Define an inner product on  $W$  by  $\langle [u], [v] \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle$ . Prove that this is well defined. Then show that it is a positive definite sesquilinear form on  $W$ .

4. (a) Hence show that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  on a complex inner product space  $V$  is *positive* (i.e. self-adjoint with non-negative eigenvalues) if and only if  $\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in V$ .

**Hint:** first show that  $T$  is self-adjoint by using this analogue of Assignment 3, 5(a):

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\langle T(x+y), x+y \rangle - \langle T(x-y), x-y \rangle + i \langle T(x+iy), x+iy \rangle - i \langle T(x-iy), x-iy \rangle).$$

- (b) If  $T$  is any matrix in  $\mathcal{L}(V)$ , show that  $T^*T$  is positive.

- (c) Find a matrix  $T$  acting on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which is not self-adjoint, but  $\langle Tx, x \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

5. Show that two normal matrices  $N$  and  $M$  can be diagonalized by the same orthonormal basis (*simultaneous diagonalization*) if and only if  $NM = MN$ .

**Hint:** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) start with one, say  $N$ , already diagonalized, and compute  $NM = MN$  to find conditions on the matrix form of  $M$ .

6. **Bonus.** Show that a positive matrix  $A$  has a unique positive square root.

**Hint:** Diagonalize  $A$  and find the 'obvious' square root  $B$ . Notice that there must be a polynomial  $p$  so that  $B = p(A)$ . Hence show that if  $C$  is another square root, then  $BC = CB$ . Apply problem 5.