

NOTES and Comments on Inner Products and Operators on Inner Product Spaces

Throughout this document, \mathcal{V} will be a finite dimensional vector space over the field \mathbb{C} or \mathbb{R} , u, v, w , etc., will be vectors in \mathcal{V} , S, T , etc., will be linear transformations/operators acting on \mathcal{V} and mapping into \mathcal{V} , and A, B, C , etc., will be real or complex matrices, but might also be considered the transformation on \mathbb{C}^n that has the given matrix as its associated matrix with respect to the usual basis for \mathbb{C}^n . The symbol I will represent the identity transformation or the identity matrix appropriate to the context. References will be to *Linear Algebra for Engineering and Science*, Cowen, 1995. After the notes and comments section, there is a list of important things from that book, which I hope to cover in class, to know for the course Final Exam, as well as the Qualifying Exams I might write. At the end of this document, there is a list of *un-starred!* problems from that book that might help review material from your undergraduate course.

- **Section 4.2:** Most of the material in this section are things I would expect to have been in your undergrad course.
- **Section 4.3:** I would expect Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization to have been in your undergrad course. Probably QR-factorization was not in your undergrad course, and we will not discuss it either. The take-away message, however, is important: In any inner product space, for any well-ordered spanning set for a subspace W , applying the Gram-Schmidt algorithm leads to a well-ordered orthonormal basis for W .

Core Material

- **Section 4.4:** Definition of *orthogonal complement*, Thm. 4.18 on properties of orthogonal complements, Thm. 4.19 relationships between ranges and null spaces of matrices in an inner product space.
- **Section 6.1:** Thm. 6.1, for any subspace W , decomposition of \mathcal{V} into a direct sum of W and W^\perp ; closest points. Definition of orthogonal projections. Thm. 6.5 orthogonal projection onto a subspace. Thm. 6.6 characterization of orthogonal projections.
- **Section 9.1:** Definitions of unitary, Hermitian (self-adjoint, symmetric). Thm. 9.4 Schur's Triangularization Theorem
- **Section 9.2:** Thm. 9.5, 9.6 eigenvalues and eigenvectors of Hermitian matrices Thm. 9.7 unitary diagonalization of Hermitian matrices and corollaries.
- **Section 9.3:** Definition of normal matrices. Thm. 9.14 eigenvalues and eigenvectors of normal matrices. Thm. 9.17 spectral theorem for normal matrices.

Suggested Review (no-star) Problems

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