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Math 507      Advanced Linear Algebra      Fall 2025      Quiz 9 - 10      Feingold

**Fill in the blanks. No reasons needed to justify your answers.**

NOTATIONS:  $\mathbb{R}$  is the real numbers,  $\mathbb{C}$  is the complex numbers. For any  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{C}_n^m$ , the complex conjugate of  $A$  is  $\overline{A} = [\overline{a_{ij}}]$ . Each problem is worth 1 point.

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(1) If  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}_n^n$  and  $(AX) \cdot Y = X \cdot (BY)$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the **relationship** between  $A$  and  $B$  is \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) For  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the **most general situation** when you can be sure  $\|v_1 + \dots + v_k\|^2 = \|v_1\|^2 + \dots + \|v_k\|^2$  is when the set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) The Triangle Inequality in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|X + Y\| \leq \|X\| + \|Y\|$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , implies that for any  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have  $\|v_1 + \dots + v_k\| \leq$  \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) For  $Z, W \in \mathbb{C}^n$  we have the dot product  $Z \cdot W = Z^T \overline{W}$ , where  $\overline{W}$  is the complex conjugate of  $W$ . If  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}_n^n$  and  $(AZ) \cdot W = Z \cdot (BW)$  for all  $Z, W \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , then the **relationship** between  $A$  and  $B$  is \_\_\_\_\_

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(5) A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}_n^n$  is called **unitary** when  $\overline{A}^T = A^{-1}$ . Using the fact that  $\det(\overline{A}) = \overline{\det(A)}$  for any matrix  $A$ , we can say that for  $A$  unitary,  $\det(A) = z = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$  must satisfy the following condition on  $a$  and  $b$ : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Show all work for these problems.**

- (6) (2 Pts) Show that  $M = [m_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is **positive definite**.

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- (7) (3 Pts) The matrix  $M$  from (6) defines an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by the formula  $(X, Y) = X^T M Y$ . Let  $S = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $\theta_{X,Y}$  be the angle between  $X$  and  $Y$  in the geometry determined by  $M$ . Then:

$$\cos(\theta_{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2}) = \quad \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3}) = \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_3}) =$$

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but justifications were included in the solutions for your understanding.**

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- (1) If  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}_n^n$  and  $(AX) \cdot Y = X \cdot (BY)$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the **relationship** between  $A$  and  $B$  is:  $\underline{A^T = B}$ .

**Justification:**  $(AX) \cdot Y = (AX)^T Y = X^T A^T Y = X \cdot (A^T Y) = X \cdot (BY)$  so  $X \cdot (A^T Y - BY) = 0$  is true for all  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This being true for all  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  gives  $0_1^n = A^T Y - BY = (A^T - B)Y$ , and that being true for all  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  gives  $A^T - B = 0_n^n$  so  $A^T = B$ .

- (2) For  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the **most general situation** when you can be sure  $\|v_1 + \dots + v_k\|^2 = \|v_1\|^2 + \dots + \|v_k\|^2$  is when the set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is orthogonal.

**Justification:** This is the generalized Pythagorean Theorem.

- (3) The Triangle Inequality in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|X + Y\| \leq \|X\| + \|Y\|$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , implies that for any  $v_1, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have  $\|v_1 + \dots + v_k\| \leq \|v_1\| + \dots + \|v_k\|$ .

**Justification:** Follows from the Triangle Inequality by induction on  $k$ .

- (4) For  $Z, W \in \mathbb{C}^n$  we have the dot product  $Z \cdot W = Z^T \bar{W}$ , where  $\bar{W}$  is the complex conjugate of  $W$ . If  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}_n^n$  and  $(AZ) \cdot W = Z \cdot (BW)$  for all  $Z, W \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , then the **relationship** between  $A$  and  $B$  is:  $\underline{\bar{A}^T = B}$ .

**Justification:**  $(AZ) \cdot W = (AZ)^T \bar{W} = Z^T A^T \bar{W} = Z^T \overline{\bar{A}^T W} = Z \cdot (\bar{A}^T W) = Z \cdot (BW)$  true for all  $Z, W \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . The rest of the argument is as in problem (1).

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**Justification:**  $\bar{A}^T = A^{-1}$  means  $I_n = A\bar{A}^T$  so  $1 = \det(I_n) = \det(A\bar{A}^T) = \det(A)\det(\bar{A}^T) = \det(A)\det(\bar{A}) = z\bar{z}$ . Note that for  $z = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\bar{z} = a - bi$  so  $z\bar{z} = (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$ . Then the condition on  $z$  is that  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ , which is a circle in  $\mathbb{C}$ , which could be written as  $\{z = a + bi = \cos(\phi) + i\sin(\phi) \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi\}$ .

Show all work for these problems.

(6) (2 Pts) Show that  $M = [m_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is **positive definite**.

**Solution:** We have  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 2xy - 2yz = x^2 + (x - y)^2 + (y - z)^2 + z^2 \geq 0$  since it is the sum of real squares. That expression is 0 iff  $0 = x = x - y = y - z = z$  iff  $x = y = z = 0$  so  $M$  is positive definite.

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**Solution:** Let  $M = [m_{ij}]$  from (1). Since  $(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j) = \mathbf{e}_i^T M \mathbf{e}_j = m_{ij}$  and

$$\cos(\theta_{\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j}) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle}{(\|\mathbf{e}_i\|)(\|\mathbf{e}_j\|)} = \frac{m_{ij}}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}} = \frac{m_{ij}}{2}$$

we get

$$\cos(\theta_{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2}) = \frac{-1}{2} \quad \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3}) = \frac{-1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(\theta_{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_3}) = 0$$

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