

1. (20 points) For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}),$$

find an expression for A^n , where n is an arbitrary integer.

2. (10 points) Suppose $\beta = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ is an orthonormal set (with respect to the standard inner product) in $\mathbb{R}^n$. Let $W = \text{span } \beta$ and T be the orthonormal projection on W . Find $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. Specify your answer.
3. (10 points) Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + 4y^2$. Find new coordinates x', y' so that $f(x, y)$ can be written as $\lambda_1(x')^2 + \lambda_2(y')^2$. Determine the graph of $f(x, y) = 1$ is an ellipse or a hyperbola.
4. (20 points) A linear operator T on a finite dimensional real inner product space is called *positive definite* if T is self-adjoint and $\langle T(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} \rangle > 0$ for all $\mathbf{x}$. A matrix $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is *positive definite* if L_A is positive definite. Now, let T be self-adjoint and $A = [T]_\beta$, where β is an orthonormal basis of V . Show that T is positive-definite if and only if $\sum_{i,j} a_i a_{ij} a_j > 0$ for all n -tuples $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$.

5. (20 points) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The characteristic polynomial of A is given by $t^4 - 4t^3 + 4t^2$. Find a Jordan form J for A and a matrix Q such that $J = Q^{-1}AQ$.

6. (20 points) For
- $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$
- , let
- $q_A(t)$
- denote the minimal polynomial of
- A
- and
- $\mathcal{P}(A)$
- denote the vector space

$$\{p(A) \mid p \text{ is any real coefficient polynomial}\}.$$

Show that $\dim \mathcal{P}(A) = \deg q_A(t)$.