

# 640:350:01 Homework 9

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## 2.4.7

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.

(a) Suppose that  $A^2 = O$ . Prove that  $A$  is not invertible.

(b) Suppose that  $AB = O$  for some nonzero  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$ . Could  $A$  be invertible? Explain.

(a) Proof:

Assume  $A^2 = O$ . Suppose  $A$  is invertible. Then  $A = AI = A(AA^{-1}) = (AA)A^{-1} = A^2A^{-1} = OA^{-1} = O$ . But  $A = O$  clearly contradicts  $A$  being invertible. Thus  $A$  is not invertible. ■

(b) Proof:

Assume  $AB = O$ . Suppose  $A$  is invertible. Then  $B = IB = (A^{-1}A)B = A^{-1}(AB) = A^{-1}O = O$ . This contradicts  $B$  being nonzero. Thus  $A$  is not invertible. ■

## 2.4.10(b)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $AB = I_n$ . Prove  $A = B^{-1}$  (and hence  $B = A^{-1}$ ).

Proof:

Assume  $AB = I_n$ . By part (a),  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible. Thus  $A = AI_n = A(BB^{-1}) = (AB)B^{-1} = I_n B^{-1} = B^{-1}$  and  $B = I_n B = (A^{-1}A)B = A^{-1}(AB) = A^{-1}I_n = A^{-1}$ . ■

## 2.5.2(c)

Find the change of coordinate matrix that changes  $\beta'$ -coordinates into  $\beta$ -coordinates, where  $\beta = \{(2, 5), (-1, -3)\}$  and  $\beta' = \{e_1, e_2\}$  are ordered bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

The change of coordinate matrix we want to find is  $[I_{\mathbb{R}^2}]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$ . We see that

$$I_{\mathbb{R}^2}(e_1) = e_1 = (1, 0) = 3(2, 5) + 5(-1, -3)$$

$$I_{\mathbb{R}^2}(e_2) = e_2 = (0, 1) = -1(2, 5) - 2(-1, -3)$$

Thus

$$[I_{\mathbb{R}^2}]_{\beta'}^{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and, for any  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$[x]_{\beta} = [I_{\mathbb{R}^2}(x)]_{\beta} = [I_{\mathbb{R}^2}]_{\beta'}^{\beta} [x]_{\beta'} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x - y \\ 5x - 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

### 2.5.5

Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $P_1(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $T(p(x)) = p'(x)$ , the derivative of  $p(x)$ . Let  $\beta = \{1, x\}$  and  $\beta' = \{1 + x, 1 - x\}$ . Use Theorem 2.23 and the fact that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

to find  $[T]_{\beta'}$ .

We first find  $[T]_{\beta}$ . We see that

$$T(1) = 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(x) = 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We now find  $Q = [I_{P_1(\mathbb{R})}]_{\beta'}^{\beta}$ . We see that

$$I_{P_1(\mathbb{R})}(1 + x) = 1 + x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_{P_1(\mathbb{R})}(1 - x) = 1 - x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

By Theorem 2.23, we now have

$$\begin{aligned} [T]_{\beta'} &= Q^{-1} [T]_{\beta} Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## 2.5.7

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , let  $L$  be the line  $y = mx$ , where  $m \neq 0$ . Find an expression for  $T(x, y)$ , where

- (a)  $T$  is the reflection of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  about  $L$ .  
 (b)  $T$  is the projection on  $L$  along the line perpendicular to  $L$ .

- (a) Let  $w_1 = (1, m)$ , a vector parallel to  $L$ , and  $w_2 = (-m, 1)$ , a vector perpendicular to  $L$ , be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Clearly  $\beta = \{w_1, w_2\}$  and  $\beta' = \{e_1, e_2\}$  are ordered bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We now find  $[T]_\beta$ . We see that

$$\begin{aligned} T(w_1) &= w_1 = (w_1 \ w_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ T(w_2) &= -w_2 = (w_1 \ w_2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We now find  $Q = [I_{\mathbb{R}^2}]_{\beta'}^\beta$ . We see that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mathbb{R}^2}(e_1) &= e_1 = (1, 0) = \frac{1}{m^2 + 1}(1, m) + \frac{-m}{m^2 + 1}(-m, 1) \\ I_{\mathbb{R}^2}(e_2) &= e_2 = (0, 1) = \frac{m}{m^2 + 1}(1, m) + \frac{1}{m^2 + 1}(-m, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$Q = \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ -m & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$Q^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -m \\ m & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

By Theorem 2.23, we now have

$$\begin{aligned} [T]_{\beta'} &= Q^{-1}[T]_\beta Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -m \\ m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ -m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - m^2 & 2m \\ 2m & m^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= [T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}]_{\beta'} = [T]_{\beta'} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right]_{\beta'} = [T]_{\beta'} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - m^2 & 2m \\ 2m & m^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} (1 - m^2)x + 2my \\ 2mx + (m^2 - 1)y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $w_1, w_2, \beta$ , and  $\beta'$  be defined as in part (a). We now find  $[T]_\beta$ . We see that

$$T(w_1) = w_1 = (w_1 \ w_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(w_2) = 0 = (w_1 \ w_2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus

$$[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The change of coordinate matrix  $Q = [I_{\mathbb{R}^2}]_{\beta'}^\beta$  and its inverse  $Q^{-1}$  are the same as in part (a).

By Theorem 2.23, we now have

$$[T]_{\beta'} = Q^{-1}[T]_\beta Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -m \\ m & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ -m & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ m & m^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= [T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}]_{\beta'} = [T]_{\beta'} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right]_{\beta'} = [T]_{\beta'} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ m & m^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2 + 1} \begin{pmatrix} x + my \\ mx + m^2y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$