

# Solutions for aabUpdate07.132.w17.pdf

1. (a) Write  $v \in V$  as  $x + y$  where  $x \in W$  and  $y \in W^\perp$ . Then  $E_v = x$ . Now  $x = x + 0$  where  $0 \in W^\perp$ , so  $E_x = x$ . Hence  $E^2_v = E_x = x = E_v$ , so that  $E^2 = E$ .

To see self-adjointness, also write  $w = u' + v'$  where  $u' \in W$  and  $v' \in W^\perp$ . Then

$$\langle E_v, w \rangle = \langle x, u' + v' \rangle = \underbrace{\langle x, u' \rangle}_{x \perp v'} + \langle x, v' \rangle$$

$$= \langle x, E_w \rangle = \underbrace{\langle x + y, E_w \rangle}_{y \perp E_w} = \langle v, E_w \rangle$$

which shows that  $E^* = E$ .  $\blacksquare$

(b) Let  $x \in V$ . Then  $E_1 E_2 x \in W_1$  and

$E_2 E_1 x \in W_2$ ; since  $E_1 E_2 = E_2 E_1$ , it follows

that  $E_1 E_2 x = E_2 E_1 x \in W_1 \cap W_2$ .

Suppose that  $x \in W_1 \cap W_2$ . Then

$E_1 x = E_2 x = x$ , and

$$E_1 E_2 x = E_1 x = x.$$

Now suppose  $y \in (W_1 \cap W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp + W_2^\perp$ .

Write  $y = y_1 + y_2$ , where  $y_i \in W_i^\perp$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 E_2 y &= E_1 E_2 y_1 + E_1 E_2 y_2 = \\ &\quad E_2 E_1 y_1 + E_1 E_2 y_2 = \\ &\quad \underset{=0}{\textcircled{0}} + \underset{=0}{\textcircled{0}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(W_1 \cap W_2)^\perp$  is the kernel of  $E_1 E_2$ . ■

2. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $T$  is invertible. Let  $S = T^{-1}$ .

$$\text{Then } ST = I = TS \Rightarrow$$

$$T^* S^* = (ST)^* = \overset{\text{I}}{\underset{\text{I}}{\text{I}}}^* = (TS)^* = S^* T^*.$$

$$\text{Therefore } I^* = I \Rightarrow S^* = (T^*)^{-1}.$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $T^*$  is invertible, go through the preceding to show  $T^{**} = \overline{T}$  is invertible. ■

3. (a) Suppose  $T_1 + T_2$  are conformal and write  $T_i = r_i S_i$  where  $S_i$  is orthogonal.  $r_i > 0$ .

Then  $T_1 T_2 = r_1 r_2 S_1 S_2$ ; since

$S_1 S_2$  is orthogonal,  $T_1 T_2$  is conformal.

Likewise  $(r_1 S_1)^{-1} = r_1^{-1} S_1^{-1}$ , which is conformal since  $r_1 > 0$  and  $S_1^{-1}$  is orthogonal.

(b) If  $T = rS$  is conformal as above

then  $T^* = rS^*$ , and since  $S^* = S^{-1}$  we

have  $T^* T = r^2 S^* S = r^2 I = r^2 S S^* =$

$$T T^*.$$

4. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & k \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\det A = 2k - 16$

is positive, then  $A$  is positive definite, while if  $\det A < 0$  then  $A$  is neither positive definite nor positive semidefinite because it has a negative eigenvalue.

Now  $\det A > 0$  if  $k \geq 8$   
 $\det A < 0$  if  $k \leq 8$  so  $A$  is pos def  
neither

in such cases.

What if  $\det A = 0$ , so that  $k=8$ ?

$\det A = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ker } A \neq \{0\} \Rightarrow 0$  is an

eigenvalue. To get the other eigenvalues,  
we can use determinants or the formula

$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{sum of diagonal entries} = 10$ .

Since (say)  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , we must have  $\lambda_2 = 10$ ,  
which means  $A$  is positive semidefinite  
if  $k=8$ . ■

5. Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be an orthonormal basis  
of eigenvectors for  $A$ , with eigenvalues ordered  
so that  $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_m$ . Then  $x = \sum c_j u_j \Rightarrow$   
 $\langle Ax, x \rangle = \sum \lambda_j c_j^2$ . We get a lower  
estimate by replacing the  $\lambda_j$  with  $\lambda_1$

and we get an upper estimate if we replace the  $\lambda_j$  with  $\lambda_n = \beta$ .

More precisely

$$|x|^2 \alpha \leq \langle Ax, x \rangle \leq \beta |x|^2$$

and if  $x \neq 0$  we can divide by  $|x|^2$  to obtain

$$\alpha \leq \frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{|x|^2} \leq \beta. \blacksquare$$

6. It is only necessary to compute

$$\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{|x|^2} \quad \text{for } A \text{ and } x \text{ as}$$

in the problem, obtaining a value of

$$\frac{14}{3}$$

as a lower bound for the largest eigenvalue.  $\blacksquare$