

Read: Lax, Chapter 7, pages 89–100.

1. Let  $X$  be a complex inner product space, and  $A: X \rightarrow X$ .
  - (a) Show that if  $\langle Ax, x \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $A = 0$ .
  - (b) Give an explicit example of how the previous part fails if  $X$  is a real inner product space.
  - (c) Show that  $A$  is self-adjoint if and only if  $\langle Ax, x \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $x \in X$ .
  - (d) Show that on a real inner product space,  $A$  is self-adjoint and  $\langle Ax, x \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $A = 0$ .

2. Let  $X$  be the space of continuous complex-valued functions on  $[-1, 1]$  and define an inner product on  $X$  by

$$(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(s)\overline{g(s)} ds.$$

Let  $m(s)$  be a continuous function of absolute value 1, that is,  $|m(s)| = 1$ ,  $-1 \leq s \leq 1$ . Define  $M$  to be multiplication by  $m$ :

$$(Mf)(s) = m(s)f(s).$$

Show that  $M$  is unitary.

3. Fix an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and let  $S$  be the cyclic shift mapping  $S(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (a_2, \dots, a_n, a_1)$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $S$  is unitary.
  - (b) Find the characteristic and minimal polynomials, eigenvalues, and eigenvectors of  $S$ .
  - (c) Find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $S$ .
4. Consider the quadratic form  $q(x) = 2x_1^2 + 6x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2$ .
  - (a) Write this as  $q(x) = x^T Ax$ , for some  $A$ .
  - (b) Write  $A = PDP^T$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix and  $P$  is orthogonal with determinant 1.
  - (c) Change variables by letting  $z = P^T x$ . Sketch the level curve  $q(x) = 1$  in both the  $z_1z_2$ -plane and in the  $x_1x_2$ -plane.
5. Let  $N: X \rightarrow X$  be a linear map of a finite-dimensional complex inner product space. Prove that the following are equivalent:
  - (i)  $N$  is normal (that is,  $NN^* = N^*N$ ).
  - (ii)  $N$  is unitarily similar to a diagonal matrix (i.e.,  $N = UDU^*$ ).
  - (iii) Every eigenvector of  $N$  is an eigenvector of  $N^*$ .