

Advanced Algebra Exam (100 points), 2024-04-25

Throughout, $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{F} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.

- 27 $\frac{4}{11}$ 1. (30 points) Let $V = \mathbb{F}^{2 \times 2}$ and $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in V$.

- (1) Define the linear transformation $\phi : X \mapsto AX - XA$, prove that ϕ is not invertible.
 (2) Define the right multiplication transformation $A_R : V \rightarrow V$ by $X \mapsto XA$, find the matrix of A_R under the basis $M = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}\}$, where:

$$E_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (3) For any $B \in V$, define the left multiplication transformation $B_L : X \mapsto BX$ on V , prove that $A_R B_L = B_L A_R$.

- 18 $\frac{28}{33}$ 2. (20 points) Let ϕ be an invertible linear transformation on an $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space V , and let W be a finite-dimensional ϕ -invariant subspace. Prove:

- (1) $\phi|_W$ is an invertible linear transformation on W .
 (2) W is also an invariant subspace of ϕ^{-1} and $\phi^{-1}|_W = (\phi|_W)^{-1}$.

- 11 $\frac{17}{43}$ 3. (20 points) Let p be an odd prime number. Prove that

$$g(y) = (p-1)y^{p-2} + (p-2)C_p^1 y^{p-3} + \cdots + 2C_p^{p-3} y + C_p^{p-2}$$

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and

$$f(x) = (p-1)x^{p-2} + (p-2)x^{p-3} + \cdots + 2x + 1$$

are irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$. Here $C_n^m = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$.

- 16 $\frac{14}{33}$ 4. (18 points) Let ψ and ϕ be two linear transformations on the $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space V such that $\psi^2 = \psi$ and $\phi^2 = \phi$. Prove:

- (1) $\text{Im } \psi = \text{Im } \phi$ if and only if $\psi\phi = \phi$ and $\phi\psi = \psi$.
 (2) $\text{Ker } \psi = \text{Ker } \phi$ if and only if $\psi\phi = \psi$ and $\phi\psi = \phi$.

- 5 $\frac{3}{11}$ 5. (12 points) Let V be an $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space and $f, g_1, \dots, g_s \in V^*$ such that

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^s \text{Ker } g_j \subseteq \text{Ker } f.$$

Prove that there exist $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s \in \mathbb{F}$, such that

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^s b_j g_j.$$