

MA 1111/1212: Linear Algebra  
Tutorial problems, December 9, 2015

1. The set of all complex numbers forms a 2-dimensional (real) vector space with a basis  $\mathbf{1}, i$ . Compute, relative to this basis, the matrix of the linear transformation of that space which maps every complex number  $z$  to  $(3 - 7i)z$ .

2. The space of all  $2 \times 2$ -matrices forms a 4-dimensional vector space with a basis  $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $e_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute, relative to this basis, the matrix of the linear transformation of that space which maps every  $2 \times 2$ -matrix  $X$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot X - X \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

3. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  a basis of  $V$ ,  $\varphi: V \rightarrow V$  a linear transformation whose matrix  $A_{\varphi, e}$  relative to the basis  $e_1, e_2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the transition matrix  $M_{ef}$  from the basis  $e_1, e_2$  to the basis  $f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$ , and compute the matrix  $A_{\varphi, f}$ .

(b) Compute the matrix  $A_{\varphi, v}$  of the linear transformation  $\varphi$  relative to the basis of standard unit vectors  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

4. For the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , find a closed formula for  $A^n$ .