

OPERATIONS WITH MATRICES

15.49] Find  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Book Answer:

$x = -33/5, y = -26/5$

15.50] If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices such that  $AB = 0$ , prove that we can have  $A \neq 0, B \neq 0$ . Is the result true for non-square matrices?

15.51] If  $AB = AC$ , is it true that  $B = C$ ? Explain.

15.53] A linear transformation from an  $(x_1, x_2)$  to a  $(y_1, y_2)$  coordinate system is defined as

$y_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2, y_2 = a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2$ . (a) If  $Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  show that the

transformation can be written  $Y = AX$ . (b) If  $X = BU$  where  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, U = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

show that  $x_1 = b_{11}u_1 + b_{12}u_2, x_2 = b_{21}u_1 + b_{22}u_2$ . Thus obtain  $y_1, y_2$  in terms of  $u_1, u_2$  and explain how you can use the approach to motivate a definition of  $AB$ .

15.55] Let  $P$  [Fig. 15-1, below] have coordinates  $(x, y)$  relative to an  $xy$  coordinate system and  $(x', y')$  relative to an  $x'y'$  coordinate system which is rotated through an angle  $\theta$  relative to the  $xy$  coordinate system.

(a) Prove that the relationship between the coordinates or transformation from  $(x, y)$  to  $(x', y')$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Show that the square matrix in (a) is skew-symmetric.

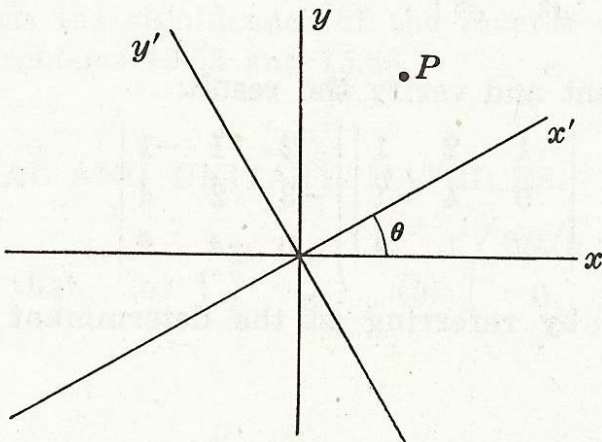


Fig. 15-1

- 15.58] Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$ . (a) Show that  $X^T AX = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} x_j x_k$ , which is called a *quadratic form* in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . (b) Show that if  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix, i.e.  $a_{jk} = a_{kj}$ , then  $X^T AX = a_{11}x_1^2 + a_{22}x_2^2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n^2 + 2a_{12}x_1x_2 + 2a_{13}x_1x_3 + \cdots$ , which is called a *symmetric quadratic form*. (c) What does the quadratic form become if  $A$  is skew-symmetric?

- 15.59] Write the quadratic forms (a)  $4x_1^2 - 6x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2$ , (b)  $x_1^2 - 2x_2^2 + 4x_3^2 + 2x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3 + 4x_2x_3$  in terms of matrices.

- 15.60] If  $A$  is Hermitian or skew-Hermitian, the quadratic form  $\bar{X}^T AX$  is called a Hermitian or skew-Hermitian form respectively. Prove that for every choice of  $X$  (a) the value of a Hermitian form is always real, (b) the value of a skew-Hermitian form is zero or pure imaginary.

- 15.61] Prove that every square matrix  $C$  can be written as  $A+B$  where  $A$  is Hermitian and  $B$  is skew-Hermitian.

#### ORTHOGONAL AND UNITARY MATRICES. ORTHOGONAL VECTORS

- 15.87] Find a unit vector which is orthogonal to each of the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

#### SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

- 15.93] Given the system of equations  $\begin{cases} 3x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 = 2 \\ 2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = -1 \end{cases}$  show that any two of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  can be solved in terms of the remaining one and thus that there are infinitely many solutions.

#### EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

- 15.96a] Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for .. the following matrix.

$$(a) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Book Answer:

$$(a) 3, 4, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 15.98] (a) Prove that if the eigenvalues of a matrix  $A$  are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ , then the eigenvalues of  $A^2$  are  $\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \dots$ .  
(b) Generalize the result in (a).

- 15.99] Prove that the eigenvalues of a skew-Hermitian matrix [or skew-symmetric real matrix] are either zero or pure imaginary.

- 15.107] (a) Find a transformation which removes the  $xy$  term in  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 16$  and (b) give a geometric interpretation of the result.

15.108] Discuss the relationship between Problem 15.107 and the problem of finding the maximum or minimum of  $x^2 + y^2$  subject to the condition  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 16$ . [*Hint.* Use the method of Lagrange multipliers.]