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**Homework 12**

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**Exercise 1** For a symmetric matrix  $\mathcal{A} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , one says that  $\mathcal{A}$  is positive definite if  $\langle \mathcal{A}X, X \rangle > 0$  for any  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $X \neq 0$ . In fact, this is precisely the condition which makes the bilinear map  $F_{\mathcal{A}}$  define a scalar product, see Exercise 3 in Homework 6. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is symmetric and positive definite, show that

- (i) All eigenvalues of  $L_{\mathcal{A}}$  are strictly positive,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}^2$  is symmetric and positive definite,
- (iii)  $\mathcal{A}^{-1}$  is symmetric and positive definite.

**Exercise 2** Let  $\mathcal{A} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be symmetric. Show that there exists  $\mathcal{B} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\mathcal{B}^3 = \mathcal{A}$ .

**Exercise 3** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , and consider the associated linear map  $L_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . Compute  $\mathcal{A}^n$  for  $n = 2$ ,  $n = 3$ ,  $n = 25$  and  $n = \infty$ . You are allowed to use the result of Homework 10, Exercise 6.

**Exercise 4** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and consider the associated linear map  $L_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ . Determine the eigenvalues of  $L_{\mathcal{A}}$  and the corresponding eigenspaces.

**Exercise 5** Let  $\mathcal{A} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and assume that  $L_{\mathcal{A}}$  has  $n$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Then, show the following equalities:

- (i)  $\text{Det}(\mathcal{A}) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$  (product of the eigenvalues)
- (ii)  $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$  (sum of the eigenvalues)