MA502 Linear Algebra W. J. Martin September 14, 2017

## MA502 Assignment 2

DUE DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the beginning of class.

Please carefully read the presentation rules below. Any paper submitted which is sloppy or uses two sides of a page will be returned immediately with no credit.

- 1.) Exercise 1 on p83 (Chapter 2) of Roman.
- 2.) Exercise 9 on p83 (Chapter 2) of Roman.
- 3.) Exercise 13 on p84 (Chapter 2) of Roman.
- 4.) Consider the operator  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $\tau: f(x) \mapsto f'(x)$  (first derivative). Describe all eigenvectors of operator  $\tau$ . Explain.
- 5(a) Construct an example  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{3\times 3}(\mathbb{C})$  with exactly one eigenvector up to equivalence under scalar multiplication. Choose A so that the corresponding eigenvalue is i.
- (b) Construct, or prove non-existence of  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{3\times 3}(\mathbb{C})$  with **no** eigenvectors.
- (c) In part (a), what are the other eigenvalues of your matrix A? Why do I know them already?
- 6.) Write each of the following matrices as a linear combination of projection matrices:

- 7.) Suppose P and Q are  $n \times n$  projection matrices with real entries such that PQ = 0. What can you say about their column spaces? Explain.
- 8.) Let  $\tau$  be a linear operator on vector space V over  $\mathbb{F}$  and suppose  $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_k$  are eigenvectors belonging to distinct eigenvalues:  $\tau \mathbf{v}_j = \lambda_j \mathbf{v}_j$  with  $\lambda_j \neq \lambda_\ell$  unless  $j = \ell$ . Prove that the set  $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  is linearly independent in V.

## BASIC RULES FOR MA502 ASSIGNMENTS

- I) Each student must compose his/her assignments independently. However, rough work may be done in groups;
- II) Write legibly and use only one side of each sheet of paper;
- III) Show your work. Explain your answers using FULL SENTENCES;
- IV) Late assignments will, in general, not be accepted for credit.