

Notation: We denote by  $\mathbb{C}$  the set of complex numbers. For any positive integer  $n$ , we denote by  $\mathbb{C}^n$  the  $n$ -dimensional column vector spaces over  $\mathbb{C}$ ; let  $I_n$  be the identity matrix in  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Problem 1 (15pts).** Let  $T : \mathbb{C}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(v) = A \cdot v$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 4}(\mathbb{C}).$$

- (1) (5 pts) Find the rank and the nullity of  $T$ .
- (2) (10pts) Find a base of  $\text{Ker } T$  (the kernel of  $T$ ).

**Problem 2 (15pts).** For any complex number  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , let  $V_a$  be the subspace spanned by the row vectors

$$(2, -5, a), (1, a, -4), (a, -1, -2).$$

Determine all possible values  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} V_a = 2$ .

**Problem 3 (25pts).** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (1) (15pts) Find an invertible matrix  $P \in M_3(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.
- (2) (10pts) Find an invertible matrix  $Q \in M_3(\mathbb{C})$  such that

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem 4 (15pts).** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be a Hermitian matrix  $\iff A = A^*$ .

- (1) (5 pts) Show that  $\text{Ker } A \cap \text{Im } A = \{0\}$ .
- (2) (10pts) If  $A^3 = 2A^2 + 2A$ , show that  $A = 0$ .

**Problem 5 (15pts).** Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $A^n = 0$  but  $A^{n-1} \neq 0$ .

- (1) (7pts) Show that there exists  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $\{v, Av, A^2v, \dots, A^{n-1}v\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .
- (2) (8pts) If  $B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $AB = BA$ , prove that

$$B = a_0 + a_1A + a_2A^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}A^{n-1}$$

for some  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Problem 6 (15pts).** Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ . Suppose that the eigenvalues of  $A, B$  are all non-negative real numbers and that  $\text{null}(A) = \text{null}(A^2)$  and  $\text{null}(B) = \text{null}(B^2)$ . If  $A^4 = B^4$ , prove that  $A = B$ .

(Recall that  $\text{null}(A) :=$ the nullity of  $A =$  the dimension of the kernel of  $A$ )