

Math 290 ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA
SOLUTION FOR QUIZ – XII (03/25)

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{[I] (12pts)} \quad & (2 + \sqrt{-1}) + (3 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 2) \\ &= 2 + \sqrt{-1} + 3 + (\sqrt{-1} \cdot 2) \\ &= (2 + 3) + \sqrt{-1} (1 + 2) \\ &= (\boxed{5}) + \sqrt{-1} (\boxed{3}). \end{aligned}$$

$$(1b) \quad \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{-1} = -1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1c) \quad & \sqrt{-2} \cdot \sqrt{-5} = \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{5} \\ &= \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{5} \\ &= (\sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{-1}) (\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{5}) \\ &= (-1) \sqrt{10} = -\sqrt{10}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1d) \quad & (4 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 3) (-1 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 2) \\ &= \left[\boxed{4} \cdot (\boxed{-1}) - \boxed{3} \cdot \boxed{2} \right] \\ &\quad + \sqrt{-1} \left[\boxed{4} \cdot \boxed{2} + \boxed{3} \cdot (\boxed{-1}) \right] \\ &= -10 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5. \end{aligned}$$

(2) The complex number $a + \sqrt{-1} b$ and the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ correspond to each other (where a and b are real numbers). We write this as

$$a + \sqrt{-1} b \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

As for the two complex numbers in (1d), we have

$$4 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 3 \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{4} & \boxed{-3} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix} = A,$$

and

$$(-1) + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 2 \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{-1} \end{bmatrix} = B.$$

We calculate AB as

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{4} & \boxed{-3} \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-10} & \boxed{-5} \\ \boxed{5} & \boxed{-10} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus

$$\left(\boxed{-10} \right) + \sqrt{-1} \left(\boxed{5} \right) \longleftrightarrow AB.$$

This last complex number is exactly the same as the result of (1d).

[II] (8pts) (1) We may use the formula

$$\left(a + \sqrt{-1} b \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \left(a - \sqrt{-1} b \right),$$

and find

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(5 + \sqrt{-1} (-2) \right)^{-1} \\
&= \frac{1}{\boxed{5^2 + (-2)^2}} \cdot \left[\left(\boxed{5} \right) + \sqrt{-1} \left(\boxed{2} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\boxed{29}} \cdot \left[\left(\boxed{5} \right) + \sqrt{-1} \left(\boxed{2} \right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad 5 + \sqrt{-1} (-2) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{5} & \boxed{2} \\ \boxed{-2} & \boxed{5} \end{bmatrix} = C$$

We may calculate C^{-1} as

$$\begin{aligned}
C^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\boxed{5 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot (-2)}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{5} & \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{5} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{\boxed{29}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{5} & \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{5} \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

The complex number $\frac{1}{29} (5 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 2)$ and this last matrix clearly correspond to each other.

[III] (12pts) (1) The absolute value of a complex number is defined as

$$\left| a + \sqrt{-1} b \right| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad \left(a, b \text{ are real numbers} \right).$$

We may find the absolute value of $12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| 12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5 \right| &= \sqrt{12^2 + 5^2} \\
&= \sqrt{169} = 13.
\end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad 12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \left[\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 12 \\ \hline 5 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline -5 \\ \hline 12 \\ \hline \end{array} \right] = D.$$

We may calculate $\det D$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \det D &= 12 \cdot 12 - (-5) \cdot 5 \\ &= 144 + 25 = 169. \end{aligned}$$

The result of (1) above, that is, 13, and the quantity $\sqrt{\det D} = \sqrt{169}$, are equal.

(3) The conjugate of a complex number is defined as

$$\overline{a + \sqrt{-1} b} = a - \sqrt{-1} b \quad (a, b \text{ are real numbers}).$$

We may find the conjugate of $12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5$ as

$$\overline{12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5} = 12 - \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5.$$

Also, we may find

$$\begin{aligned} & (12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5) \left(\overline{12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5} \right) \\ &= (12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5) (12 - \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5) \\ &= [12 \cdot 12 - 5 \cdot (-5)] + \sqrt{-1} [12 \cdot (-5) + 5 \cdot 12] \\ &= 169 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 0 = 169. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly

$$(12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5) \left(\overline{12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5} \right) = |12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5|^2.$$

(4) For the same matrix D as in (2),

$$D^T = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{12} & \boxed{5} \\ \boxed{-5} & \boxed{12} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$D D^T = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{12} & \boxed{-5} \\ \boxed{5} & \boxed{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{12} & \boxed{5} \\ \boxed{-5} & \boxed{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{169} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{169} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly

$$\overline{12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5} \longleftrightarrow D^T,$$

and

$$\left| 12 + \sqrt{-1} \cdot 5 \right|^2 \longleftrightarrow DD^T.$$

[IV] (18pts) Let

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{-1} \\ \sqrt{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\det X = 1, \quad \det Y = 1, \quad \det Z = 1.$$

(2) For the above X , Y and Z ,

$$\begin{aligned} X^2 &= -I, & Y^2 &= -I, & Z^2 &= -I, \\ XY &= -Z, & YZ &= -X, & ZX &= -Y, \\ YX &= Z, & ZY &= X, & XZ &= Y. \end{aligned}$$

(3) True or false :

“ An arbitrary 2×2 matrix of form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a + \sqrt{-1} b & -c + \sqrt{-1} d \\ c + \sqrt{-1} d & a - \sqrt{-1} b \end{bmatrix}$$

is a linear combination of I , X , Y , and Z . ”

The answer is “true”. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} a + \sqrt{-1} b & -c + \sqrt{-1} d \\ c + \sqrt{-1} d & a - \sqrt{-1} b \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{-1} b & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -c \\ c & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{-1} d \\ \sqrt{-1} d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{-1} \\ \sqrt{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= aI + bX + cY + dZ. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that an arbitrary 2×2 matrix of form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a + \sqrt{-1} b & -c + \sqrt{-1} d \\ c + \sqrt{-1} d & a - \sqrt{-1} b \end{bmatrix}$$

is a linear combination of I , X , Y and Z .

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad & \begin{vmatrix} a + \sqrt{-1} b & -c + \sqrt{-1} d \\ c + \sqrt{-1} d & a - \sqrt{-1} b \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (a + \sqrt{-1} b)(a - \sqrt{-1} b) - (-c + \sqrt{-1} d)(c + \sqrt{-1} d) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (a + \sqrt{-1} b) (a - \sqrt{-1} b) + (c - \sqrt{-1} d) (c + \sqrt{-1} d) \\
&= (a^2 + b^2) + \sqrt{-1} (-ab + ba) + (c^2 + d^2) + \sqrt{-1} (-cd + dc) \\
&= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + \sqrt{-1} (-ab + ba - cd + dc) \\
&= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2.
\end{aligned}$$

(5) True or false :

“ For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a + \sqrt{-1} b & -c + \sqrt{-1} d \\ c + \sqrt{-1} d & a - \sqrt{-1} b \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a' + \sqrt{-1} b' & -c' + \sqrt{-1} d' \\ c' + \sqrt{-1} d' & a' - \sqrt{-1} b' \end{bmatrix},$$

their product AB is of form $\begin{bmatrix} a'' + \sqrt{-1} b'' & -c'' + \sqrt{-1} d'' \\ c'' + \sqrt{-1} d'' & a'' - \sqrt{-1} b'' \end{bmatrix}$.”

The answer is “true”. Indeed, AB equals

$$\begin{bmatrix} (aa' - bb' - cc' - dd') & - (ac' + bd' + ca' - db') \\ + \sqrt{-1} (ab' + ba' - cd' + dc') & + \sqrt{-1} (ad' - bc' + cb' + da') \\ (ac' + bd' + ca' - db') & (aa' - bb' - cc' - dd') \\ + \sqrt{-1} (ad' - bc' + cb' + da') & - \sqrt{-1} (ab' + ba' - cd' + dc') \end{bmatrix}.$$

This exactly falls into the pattern $\begin{bmatrix} a'' + \sqrt{-1} b'' & -c'' + \sqrt{-1} d'' \\ c'' + \sqrt{-1} d'' & a'' - \sqrt{-1} b'' \end{bmatrix}$, where

$$a'' = a a' - b b' - c c' - d d',$$

$$b'' = a b' + b a' - c d' + d c',$$

$$c'' = a c' + b d' + c a' - d b',$$

$$d'' = a d' - b c' + c b' + d a'.$$