

## Notes on Chapter 4

1. Some review:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \bar{y}_i$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 = \|x\|^2$$

$$A^* = \bar{A}^T$$

$$(AB)^* = (\bar{A}\bar{B})^T = \bar{B}^T \bar{A}^T = B^* A^*$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = y^* x$$

U is unitary if  $U^*U = I$ , which means that the columns form an orthonormal basis for  $C^N$  (so do the rows). If U is real and unitary, it is called orthogonal, and then  $U^T U = I$ .

2. If U is unitary,  $\langle Ux, Uy \rangle = (Uy)^*(Ux) = y^* U^* U x = y^* x = \langle x, y \rangle$ . Thus U is "norm-preserving", that is  $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$ . U is also "angle-preserving" because the angle between two vectors is defined as  $\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|}$  and so the angle between Ux and Uy is the same as the angle between x and y.

3. If U is unitary, all eigenvalues have  $|\lambda| = 1$ . Proof: If  $Uz = \lambda z$ , then  $|\lambda|^2 z^* z = \bar{\lambda} \lambda z^* z = (\lambda z)^*(\lambda z) = (Uz)^*(Uz) = z^* U^* U z = z^* z$  and since  $z^* z = \|z\|^2 \neq 0$ ,  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

4. If U is unitary, we prove that U is "unitarily similar" (unitarily equivalent) to a diagonal matrix, that is, that  $U = SDS^{-1}$ , where D is diagonal and S is unitary. Note that since  $US = SD$ , this means that U has an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors. The proof is by induction. Obviously it is true for any 1 by 1 matrix, just take S=I. Assume the claim is true for every n-1 by n-1 matrix. Then let U be an n by n unitary matrix; and let  $\lambda_1$  be an eigenvalue, with eigenvector  $u_1$ , of norm (2-norm) one. Then put  $u_1$  in the first column of S, and pick the other columns of S to complete an "orthonormal" basis for  $C^n$ , so that S is unitary, and then  $US = SB$ , or  $U = SBS^{-1}$  where B has the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & w^T \\ 0 & B_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now since U is unitary,  $B = S^{-1}US = S^*US$  is also unitary, because  $B^*B = (S^*US)^*(S^*US) = S^*U^*SS^*US = I$ . Thus the first column of B is orthogonal to the other columns, which means  $w = 0$ , and  $B_1$  must be a

unitary  $n-1$  by  $n-1$  matrix. Thus by assumption,  $B_1 = P_1 D_1 P_1^{-1} = P_1 D_1 P_1^*$  where  $D_1$  is diagonal and  $P_1$  is unitary. Then:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & D_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & P_1^* \end{bmatrix}$$

or  $B = PDP^*$ , where  $P$  is unitary.

Now since  $U = SBS^* = S(PDP^*)S^* = (SP)D(SP)^*$ ,  $U$  is unitarily similar to a diagonal matrix (note that  $SP$  is unitary).

5. A permutation matrix is a special unitary matrix, which is just the identity matrix with rows permuted. When a vector  $x$  is multiplied by  $P$ , the result is just a permutation of the elements of  $x$ .
6. A Householder matrix is  $H = I - 2ww^*$ , where  $\|w\| = 1$ . Then  $H^*H = (I - 2ww^*)^*(I - 2ww^*) = (I - 2ww^*)(I - 2ww^*) = I - 4ww^* + 4w(w^*w)w^* = I$ , so a Householder matrix is unitary.
7. Schur's theorem says that every matrix is unitarily similar to an upper triangular matrix.