

Problem 9

If $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2i \\ i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 - i \\ 1 + 2i \end{pmatrix}$, show that

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$(b) \quad (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \overline{(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})}$$

Solution

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = (1 - 2i \quad i \quad 2) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 - i \\ 1 + 2i \end{pmatrix} = (1 - 2i)(2) + (i)(3 - i) + (2)(1 + 2i) = 5 + 3i$$

$$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} = (2 \quad 3 - i \quad 1 + 2i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2i \\ i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = (2)(1 - 2i) + (3 - i)(i) + (1 + 2i)(2) = 5 + 3i$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x}$.

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^T \overline{\mathbf{y}} = (1 - 2i \quad i \quad 2) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 + i \\ 1 - 2i \end{pmatrix} = (1 - 2i)(2) + (i)(3 + i) + (2)(1 - 2i) = 3 - 5i$$

$$(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}^T \overline{\mathbf{x}} = (2 \quad 3 - i \quad 1 + 2i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2i \\ -i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = (2)(1 + 2i) + (3 - i)(-i) + (1 + 2i)(2) = 3 + 5i$$

Therefore, $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \overline{(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})}$.