

**EXERCISES 2.2** (submit by 24.04.2015)

In all the exercises,  $V$  is a finite-dimensional inner product space over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

1. Linear operator  $T$  is called *self-adjoint* if  $T^* = T$ . Prove the following properties of self-adjoint operators:
  - (a) If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are self-adjoint, then  $T_1^2$ ,  $T_1 + T_2$ ,  $\alpha T_1$  (here  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ), and  $T_1 T_2 + T_2 T_1$  are self-adjoint. (Note that  $T_1 T_2$  is not necessarily self-adjoint!)
  - (b) If  $T$  is self-adjoint, then all its eigenvalues are real numbers.
  - (c)  $T$  is self-adjoint if and only if there exists an orthonormal basis in which the matrix of  $T$  is diagonal with real entries.
2. Linear operator  $T$  is called *skew-adjoint* if  $T^* = -T$ . Prove the following properties of skew-adjoint operators:
  - (a) If  $T$  is skew-adjoint, then all its eigenvalues are purely imaginary.
  - (b)  $T$  is skew-adjoint if and only if there exists an orthonormal basis in which the matrix of  $T$  is diagonal with purely imaginary entries.
  - (c)  $T$  is skew-adjoint if and only if  $iT$  is self-adjoint.