

MA30003/MA41003 - Linear Algebra

Problem Sheet 4 *

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1 Inner product spaces

Problem 1.1. In \mathbb{C}^2 , show that $\langle x, y \rangle = xAy^*$ is an inner product, where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Compute $\langle x, y \rangle$ for $x = (1 - i, 2 + 3i)$ and $y = (2 + i, 3 - 2i)$.

Problem 1.2. Let V be an inner product space, and suppose that x and y are orthogonal vectors in V . Prove that $\|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$.

Problem 1.3. Suppose that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$ are two inner products on a vector space V . Prove that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1 + \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$ is another inner product on V .

Problem 1.4. Prove that if V is an inner product space, then $|\langle x, y \rangle| = \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$ if and only if one of the vectors x or y is a multiple of the other.

Problem 1.5. Let V be a vector space over F , where $F = \mathbb{R}$ or $F = \mathbb{C}$, and let W be an inner product space over F with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. If $T : V \rightarrow W$ is linear, Prove that $\langle x, y \rangle' = \langle T(x), T(y) \rangle$ defines an inner product on V if and only if T is one-to-one.

Problem 1.6. Let V be an inner product space, S and S_0 be subsets of V , and W be a finite-dimensional subspace of V . Prove the following results.

- (a) $S_0 \subseteq S$ implies that $S^\perp \subseteq S_0^\perp$.
- (b) $S \subseteq (S^\perp)^\perp$; so $\text{span}(S) \subseteq (S^\perp)^\perp$.
- (c) $W = (W^\perp)^\perp$.
- (d) $V = W \oplus W^\perp$.

Problem 1.7. Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of finite-dimensional inner product space. Prove that $(W_1 + W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp \cap W_2^\perp$ and $(W_1 \cap W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp + W_2^\perp$.

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Problem 1.8. Let T be a linear operator on an inner product space V . If $\langle T(x), y \rangle = 0$ for all $x, y \in V$, prove that $T = 0$. In fact, prove this result if the equality holds for all x and y in some basis for V .

Problem 1.9. In each of the following parts, find the orthogonal projection of the given vector on the given subspace W of the inner product space V .

(a) $V = \mathbb{R}^2, u = (2, 6)$, and $W = \{(x, y) : y = 4x\}$.

(b) $V = \mathbb{R}^3, u = (2, 1, 3)$, and $W = \{(x, y, z) : x + 3y - 2z = 0\}$.

(c) $V = P(\mathbb{R})$ with the inner product $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$, $h(x) = 4 + 3x - 2x^2$, and $W = P_1(\mathbb{R})$

Problem 1.10. Let $V = \mathbb{C}([-1, 1])$ with the inner product $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t)dt$, and let W be the subspace of $P_2(\mathbb{R})$, viewed as a space of functions. Use the orthonormal basis obtained from standard ordered basis for W to compute the "best" (closest) second-degree polynomial approximation of the function $h(t) = e^t$ on the interval $[-1, 1]$.