

Exercises in Basic Mathematical Tools

Assignment 1 Norm – Equality

Consider $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and the *Euclidean norm* as defined in the lecture. Show that

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} . \quad (1)$$

Hint Use the definition of the Euclidean norm and the properties of the scalar product.

Assignment 2 Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality

Prove the *Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality*

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle^2 \leq \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

using the properties of the scalar product discussed in the lecture.

Hint Check out $\langle \mathbf{x} + \lambda \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} + \lambda \mathbf{y} \rangle$!

Assignment 3 Function Space

Let $X = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ denote the function space of all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- a) Show that X is a vector space!
- b) For each of the following subsets $S \subset X$, decide whether it is a subspace, and justify your statement!
 - (i) $S := \{f \in X \mid f(0) = 1 + f(1)\} \subset X$
 - (ii) $S := \{f \in X \mid 2f(-1) = f(1)\} \subset X$
 - (iii) $S := \{f \in X \mid f(-1) = 0\} \subset X$
 - (iv) $S := \{f \in X \mid f(x) = f(1-x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset X$
 - (v) $S := \{f \in X \mid f(x^3) = f(x)^5 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset X$
 - (vi) $S := \{f \in X \mid f \text{ is continuous}\} \subset X$

Assignment 4 **Linear Dependence**

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Is it possible to write the vector $\mathbf{v} = (3, 0, 2)^\top \in \mathbb{R}$ as linear combination of the three other vectors, i. e.

$$\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{x} + \mu \mathbf{y} + \nu \mathbf{z}$$

for some scalars $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$, given the following values?

- a) $\mathbf{x} = (1, 1, 0)^\top, \mathbf{y} = (1, 0, 1)^\top, \mathbf{z} = (0, 1, 0)^\top$
- b) $\mathbf{x} = (1, 1, 0)^\top, \mathbf{y} = (-2, -3, 1)^\top, \mathbf{z} = (1, 0, 1)^\top$
- c) $\mathbf{x} = (1, 0, 0)^\top, \mathbf{y} = (0, 0, 1)^\top, \mathbf{z} = (1, 0, 1)^\top$
- d) Which of these sets form a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Assignment 5 **Properties of the Matrix Product**

In the following we will discuss certain properties of the matrix product.

- a) *No commutativity*: Find two matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ such that $AB \neq BA$.
- b) Matrix multiplication is not commutative in general. However, there exists a subset of matrices, such that $AB = BA$ holds: Consider two matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $A^\top = A$ and $B^\top = B$ and $(BA)^\top = BA$ (such matrices are called symmetric). Show that – in this case – $AB = BA$ holds.

Hint $AB = (B^\top A^\top)^\top \quad \forall A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- c) *Distributivity*: Consider three matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$. Show:

$$(A + B)C = AC + BC$$

Hint For two matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$, the elements of the product $C = AB$ are given by:

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^m a_{il} b_{lj}$$