

# ACM/IDS 104 APPLIED LINEAR ALGEBRA

## PROBLEM SET 3

Please submit your solution as a [single PDF file](#), that contains both the written-up and published code parts, via [Gradescope](#) by **9pm Tuesday, October 24**. An example of the submission process is shown here: [https://www.gradescope.com/get\\_started#student-submission](https://www.gradescope.com/get_started#student-submission)

- For theoretical problems, please use a pen, not a pencil: it is hard to read scanned submission written by a pencil.
- For coding problems, please convert your MATLAB livescripts (.mlx) to PDF by selecting **Live Editor** → **Save** → **Export to PDF** and merge them with the rest of your solution.
- After uploading your submission to Gradescope, please label all pages.

### Problem 1. (10 POINTS) INNER PRODUCTS VS NORMS

We know that an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on a vector space  $V$  induces a norm on  $V$ :

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}. \quad (1)$$

- (a) (5 points) Suppose we know the norm in (1), i.e. we can compute  $\|v\|$  for any  $v \in V$ . Is it possible to reconstruct the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  from the norm? That is, to find  $\langle u, v \rangle$  for any  $u, v \in V$ .
- (b) (5 points) Are there two distinct inner products that induce the same norm? In other words, can you find  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1 \neq \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$ , such that  $\|\cdot\|_1 = \|\cdot\|_2$ ?

### Problem 2. (10 POINTS) CONTINUOUSLY DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS

Let  $C^1[0, 1]$  be a vector space of continuously differentiable functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Let

$$\langle f, g \rangle_1 = \int_0^1 f'(x)g'(x)dx \quad \text{and} \quad \langle f, g \rangle_2 = \int_0^1 (f(x)g(x) + f'(x)g'(x))dx. \quad (2)$$

- (a) (3 points) One of the two products in (2) defines an inner product on  $C^1[0, 1]$ . Determine which one and explain why.
- (b) (3 points) Denote the inner product from part (a) by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Write down explicitly the Cauchy-Schwarz and triangle inequalities based on  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .
- (c) (4 points) Find the angle between  $f(x) = 1$  and  $g(x) = e^x$ .

Remark: The norm induced by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  belongs to the family of Sobolev norms. Sobolev spaces are natural homes for solutions of PDEs (more natural than spaces of continuously differentiable functions).

### Problem 3. (10 POINTS) THE K-MEANS ALGORITHM FOR CLUSTERING

Complete Problem 3 in `PS3.mlx`.

### Problem 4. (10 POINTS) GRAM MATRICES

Consider a vector space  $C^1[0, 1]$  of continuously differentiable functions on  $[0, 1]$  with the  $L^2$  inner product.

- (a) (3 points) Find the Gram matrix  $G$  associated with  $1, e^x, e^{2x}$ .
- (b) (3 points) Is  $G$  positive definite?
- (c) (3 points) Answer (a) and (b) using the inner product from Problem 2.
- (d) (1 point) Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$  be two different inner products on  $C^1[0, 1]$ , and  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the Gram matrices associated with  $1, e^x, e^{2x}$  computed with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$ . Can you find  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$  such that one of the Gram matrices is positive definite and the other one is not?

**Problem 5.**<sup>1</sup> (10 POINTS) GRAM MATRICES FOR TEXT CLASSIFICATION  
Complete Problem 5 in `PS3.mlx`.

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<sup>1</sup>Inspired by New York's presidential primary, April 19, 2016.