

# Chapter 6

## Inner product spaces

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# 6A Inner Products and Norms

1 Prove or give a counterexample: If  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ , then

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^m \langle v_j, v_k \rangle \geq 0.$$

**Solution:**

We can use additivity in both slots of the inner product to show that the sum in question is a squared norm of a vector:

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^m \langle v_j, v_k \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^m \langle v_j, \sum_{k=1}^m v_k \rangle = \langle \sum_{j=1}^m v_j, \sum_{k=1}^m v_k \rangle = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m v_j \right\|^2 \geq 0 \quad \square$$

**2** Suppose  $S \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Define  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  by

$$\langle u, v \rangle_1 = \langle Su, Sv \rangle$$

for  $u, v \in V$ . Show that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  is an inner product on  $V$  if and only if  $S$  is injective.

**Solution:**

—→ Suppose  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  is an inner product. Then let  $v \in V$  be a vector such that  $Sv = 0$ . Then examine the following:

$$\langle v, v \rangle_1 = \langle Sv, Sv \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle = 0$$

By the definiteness of the inner product,  $\langle v, v \rangle_1 = 0$  if and only if  $v = 0$ . This requires that  $\text{null } S = \{0\}$ , which is equivalent to  $S$  being injective.

←— Suppose  $S$  is injective. Positivity and definiteness of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  arise directly from fact that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is positive and definite:

$\langle Su, Su \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $Su = 0$ ;  $S$  is injective, hence  $Su = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$ .

Additivity in the first slot:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u + v, w \rangle_1 &= \langle S(u + v), Sw \rangle = \langle Su + Sv, Sw \rangle \\ &= \langle Su, Sw \rangle + \langle Sv, Sw \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle_1 + \langle v, w \rangle_1 \end{aligned}$$

Homogeneity in the first slot:

$$\langle \lambda u, v \rangle_1 = \langle S(\lambda u), Sv \rangle = \langle \lambda Su, Sv \rangle = \lambda \langle Su, Sv \rangle = \lambda \langle u, v \rangle_1$$

Conjugate symmetry:

$$\langle u, v \rangle_1 = \langle Su, Sv \rangle = \overline{\langle Sv, Su \rangle} = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle_1}$$

Thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  is an inner product.  $\square$

**3** (a) Show that the function taking an ordered pair  $((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2))$  of elements of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $|x_1 y_1| + |x_2 y_2|$  is not an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) Show that the function taking an ordered pair  $((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3))$  of elements of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $x_1 y_1 + x_3 y_3$  is not an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:**

(a) Let us test the "additivity in first slot" property:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2), (z_1, z_2) \rangle &= |(x_1 + y_1)z_1| + |(x_2 + y_2)z_2| \\ &= |x_1 z_1 + y_1 z_1| + |x_2 z_2 + y_2 z_2| \end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$

$$\langle (x_1, x_2), (z_1, z_2) \rangle + \langle (y_1, y_2), (z_1, z_2) \rangle = |x_1 z_1| + |y_1 z_1| + |x_2 z_2| + |y_2 z_2| \quad (6.2)$$

For a given function to be an inner product, the right hand sides of equations (1) and (2) must be equal. In fact, they aren't equal in general case, as only *inequality*  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$  holds.  $\square$

(b) Note that  $((0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0))$  maps to zero. Hence, the definiteness property is not satisfied and this function is not an inner product.  $\square$

4 Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that  $\|Tv\| \leq \|v\|$  for every  $v \in V$ . Prove that  $T - \sqrt{2}I$  is injective.

**Solution:**

$$\|Tv\| \leq \|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle} < \sqrt{2}\sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle} = \sqrt{2\langle v, v \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle \sqrt{2}v, \sqrt{2}v \rangle} = \|\sqrt{2}v\|$$

$$\text{Hence } \|Tv\| < \|\sqrt{2}v\|$$

Suppose  $T - \sqrt{2}I$  is not invertible Then  $\exists v \in V, v \neq 0$  such that :

$$(T - \sqrt{2}I)v = 0 \Rightarrow Tv = \sqrt{2}v \text{ which must mean } \|Tv\| = \|\sqrt{2}v\|$$

which is not true, as we have shown earlier.

Thus  $T - \sqrt{2}I$  is invertible and hence is injective.  $\square$

5 Suppose  $V$  is a real inner product space.

(a) Show that  $\langle u + v, u - v \rangle = \|u\|^2 - \|v\|^2$  for every  $u, v \in V$ .

(b) Show that if  $u, v \in V$  have the same norm, then  $u + v$  is orthogonal to  $u - v$ .

(c) Use part (b) to show that the diagonals of a rhombus are perpendicular to each other.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \langle u + v, u - v \rangle &= \langle u, u \rangle - \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle - \langle v, v \rangle \\ &= \{\langle v, u \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle \text{ for real inner product spaces}\} \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle - \langle v, v \rangle = \|u\|^2 - \|v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $\|u\| = \|v\|$ , then  $\langle u + v, u - v \rangle = \|u\|^2 - \|v\|^2 = 0$ , so  $u + v$  is orthogonal to  $u - v$ .

(c) Rhombus is a parallelogram with equal sides. If vectors  $v$  and  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$  define sides of rhombus, then diagonals are defined by  $v + u$  and  $v - u$ . From (b) follows that  $v + u$  and  $v - u$  are orthogonal, i.e. diagonals of rhombus are perpendicular.  $\square$

**6** Suppose  $u, v \in V$ . Prove that  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \|u\| \leq \|u + av\|$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\langle u + av, u + av \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, av \rangle + \langle av, u \rangle + |a|^2 \langle v, v \rangle$$

$\longrightarrow$  If  $\langle v, u \rangle = 0$ :

$$\langle u + av, u + av \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle + \bar{a} \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} + a \langle v, u \rangle + |a|^2 \langle v, v \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle + |a|^2 \langle v, v \rangle \geq \langle u, u \rangle$$

Hence  $\|u + av\| \geq \|u\|$

$\longleftarrow$  If  $\|u\| \leq \|u + av\|$

Let  $a = \varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0$ ). Then:

$$\langle u + av, u + av \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle + \varepsilon \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} + \varepsilon \langle v, u \rangle + \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$2\varepsilon \Re \langle v, u \rangle = \langle u + av, u + av \rangle - \langle u, u \rangle - \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle \geq -\varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$\Re \langle v, u \rangle \geq -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \langle v, v \rangle \quad (6.1)$$

Let  $a = -\varepsilon$ . Then:

$$2\varepsilon \Re \langle v, u \rangle = \langle u + av, u + av \rangle - \langle u, u \rangle - \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle \leq \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$\Re \langle v, u \rangle \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \langle v, v \rangle \quad (6.2)$$

Note, that  $\langle v, v \rangle$  and  $\varepsilon$  are greater than zero. Both (1) and (2) can hold simultaneously only if  $\Re \langle v, u \rangle = 0$ .

Let  $a = i\varepsilon$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u + av, u + av \rangle &= \langle u, u \rangle - i\varepsilon \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} + i\varepsilon \langle v, u \rangle + \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle - 2\varepsilon \Im \langle v, u \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$2\varepsilon \Im \langle v, u \rangle = \langle u + av, u + av \rangle - \langle u, u \rangle - \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle \leq \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$\Im \langle v, u \rangle \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \langle v, v \rangle \quad (6.3)$$

Let  $a = -i\varepsilon$ . Then:

$$\langle u + av, u + av \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle + \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle + 2\varepsilon \Im \langle v, u \rangle$$

$$2\varepsilon \Im \langle v, u \rangle = \langle u + av, u + av \rangle - \langle u, u \rangle - \varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle \geq -\varepsilon^2 \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$\Im \langle v, u \rangle \geq -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \langle v, v \rangle \quad (6.4)$$

As before, (3) and (4) must be valid for all  $\varepsilon$ , thus we conclude  $\Im \langle v, u \rangle = 0$ .

That means  $\langle v, u \rangle = 0$ , as desired.  $\square$

**7** Suppose  $u, v \in V$ . Prove that  $\|au + bv\| = \|bu + av\|$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $\|u\| = \|v\|$ .

**Solution:**

$$\langle au + bv, au + bv \rangle = a^2 \langle u, u \rangle + b^2 \langle v, v \rangle + ab (\langle v, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle)$$

← If  $\|u\| = \|v\|$ , then  $\langle u, u \rangle = \langle v, v \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \|au + bv\|^2 &= a^2 \langle u, u \rangle + b^2 \langle v, v \rangle + ab (\langle v, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle) = \\ &= a^2 \langle v, v \rangle + 2ab \Re \langle v, u \rangle + b^2 \langle u, u \rangle = \langle av + bu, av + bu \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\|au + bv\| = \|bu + av\|$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

→ If  $\|au + bu\| = \|bu + av\|$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\|bu + av\|^2 = b^2 \langle u, u \rangle + 2ab \Re \langle v, u \rangle + a^2 \langle v, v \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|au + bv\|^2 - \|bu + av\|^2 &= 0 = (a^2 - b^2) \langle u, u \rangle + (b^2 - a^2) \langle v, v \rangle \\ &= (a^2 - b^2) (\|u\|^2 - \|v\|^2) \end{aligned}$$

The last equation is valid for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . That means  $\|u\|^2 - \|v\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \|u\| = \|v\| \quad \square$

**8** Suppose  $a, b, c, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ . Prove that  $a + b + c + 4x + 9y \leq 10$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $v, u \in \mathbb{R}^5$ :  $v = (a, b, c, x, y)$  and  $u = (1, 1, 1, 4, 9)$ . Then:

$$\|v\|^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|u\|^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 4^2 + 9^2 = 100$$

Now we use Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$a + b + c + 4x + 9y = \langle v, u \rangle \leq \|v\| \|u\| \leq 1 \cdot 10 = 10 \quad \square$$

**9** Suppose  $u, v \in V$  and  $\|u\| = \|v\| = 1$  and  $\langle u, v \rangle = 1$ . Prove that  $u = v$ .

**Solution:**

Note, that  $\langle u, v \rangle = 1 = \|u\| \cdot \|v\|$ . By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality  $u$  is a scalar multiple of  $v$ :  $u = \alpha v$ .

$$1 = \langle u, v \rangle = \langle \alpha v, v \rangle = \alpha \langle v, v \rangle = \alpha \|v\|^2 = \alpha \cdot 1 = \alpha \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = 1$$

Hence,  $v = u$  as desired  $\square$

**10** Suppose  $u, v \in V$  and  $\|u\| \leq 1$  and  $\|v\| \leq 1$ . Prove that

$$\sqrt{1 - \|u\|^2} \sqrt{1 - \|v\|^2} \leq 1 - |\langle u, v \rangle|$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \|u\|^2)(1 - \|v\|^2) &= (1 - \|u\|)(1 + \|u\|)(1 - \|v\|)(1 + \|v\|) \\ &= (1 - \|u\| + \|v\| - \|u\|\|v\|)(1 + \|u\| - \|v\| - \|u\|\|v\|) \\ &= (1 - \|u\|\|v\|)^2 - (\|u\| - \|v\|)^2 \leq (1 - \|u\|\|v\|)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the square root on both sides we get:

$$\sqrt{1 - \|u\|^2} \sqrt{1 - \|v\|^2} \leq 1 - \|u\| \cdot \|v\| \leq 1 - |\langle u, v \rangle| \quad \square$$

**11** Find vectors  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $u$  is a scalar multiple of  $(1, 3)$ ,  $v$  is orthogonal to  $(1, 3)$ , and  $(1, 2) = u + v$ .

**Solution:**

This problem is an orthogonal decomposition problem. Let  $v = \lambda \cdot (1, 3)$ , then:

$$(1, 2) = \lambda \cdot (1, 3) + v$$

Thus we can find  $\lambda$  as:

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle (1, 2), (1, 3) \rangle}{\langle (1, 3), (1, 3) \rangle} = \frac{1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 3}{1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 3} = \frac{7}{10} = 0.7$$

and  $v$  as:

$$v = (1, 2) - 0.7 \cdot (1, 3) = (0.3, -0.1)$$

The answer is:

$$u = (0.7, 2.1), \quad v = (0.3, -0.1)$$

**12** Suppose  $a, b, c, d$  are positive numbers.

(a) Prove that  $(a + b + c + d) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right) \geq 16$ .

(b) For which positive numbers  $a, b, c, d$  is the inequality above an equality?

**Solution:**

(a) As  $a, b, c, d$  are all positive we can represent sums in both brackets as squared norms of vectors  $v = (\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}, \sqrt{c}, \sqrt{d})$  and  $u = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}})$ .

$$a + b + c + d = \|v\|^2 \quad 1/a + 1/b + 1/c + 1/d = \|u\|^2$$



By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}\|v\|^2\|u\|^2 &\geq |\langle v, u \rangle|^2 = \left| \sqrt{a} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{b} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} + \sqrt{c} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{d} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \right|^2 = \\ &= |1 + 1 + 1 + 1|^2 = 16\end{aligned}$$

Thus indeed:

$$16 \leq (a + b + c + d) \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right) \quad \square$$

(b) The inequality becomes equality when  $a = b = c = d = 1$ .

**13** Show that the square of an average is less than or equal to the average of the squares. More precisely, show that if  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the square of the average of  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  is less than or equal to the average of  $a_1^2, \dots, a_n^2$ .

**Solution:**

We need to prove the inequality:

$$\left( \frac{1}{n}(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) \right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{n}(a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2)$$

which can be rearranged into:

$$(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^2 \leq n(a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2)$$

thus we will try to derive the last inequality.

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned}a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2 &= \|(a_1, \dots, a_n)\|^2, \\ n &= \|(1, \dots, 1)\|^2\end{aligned}$$

for  $(a_1, \dots, a_n), (1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with euclidean inner product. Also, note that:

$$a_1 + \dots + a_n = \langle (1, \dots, 1), (a_1, \dots, a_n) \rangle$$

Setting  $v_1 = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $v_2 = (1, \dots, 1)$  and using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we get:

$$|\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle| \leq \|v_1\| \cdot \|v_2\| \quad \text{or} \quad |\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle|^2 \leq \|v_1\|^2 \cdot \|v_2\|^2$$

Substituting  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  back we get:

$$(a_1 + \dots + a_n)^2 \leq n(a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2) \quad \square$$

**14** Suppose  $v \in V$  and  $v \neq 0$ . Prove that  $v/\|v\|$  is the unique closest element on the unit sphere of  $V$  to  $v$ . More precisely, prove that if  $u \in V$  and  $\|u\| = 1$ , then

$$\left\| v - \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right\| \leq \|v - u\|,$$

with equality only if  $u = v/\|v\|$ .

**Solution:**

Firstly, we calculate the value of the supposed “least norm”:

$$\left\| v - \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right\| = \left| 1 - \frac{1}{\|v\|} \right| \|v\| = \|\|v\| - 1\|$$

Now, let us examine any  $u$  on the unit sphere of  $V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|v - u\|^2 &= \|v\|^2 + \|u\|^2 - 2\Re\langle v, u \rangle \geq \|v\|^2 - 2\|u\|\|v\| + \|u\|^2 \\ &= \|v\|^2 - 2\|v\| + 1 = (\|v\| - 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Where we used Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. The sign is *greater than* because the inner product has minus sign in front of it. Thus indeed

$$\|v - u\| \geq \left\| v - \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right\|$$

The uniqueness is also guaranteed by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, as it becomes equality only when one of the vectors is a scalar multiple of the other. Here, there are two options: it is either  $v/\|v\|$  or  $-v/\|v\|$ . For the second option the “distance” is obviously greater:

$$\left\| v + \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right\| = |1 + \|v\|| > \|\|v\| - 1\|$$

QED  $\square$

**15** Suppose  $u, v$  are nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Prove that

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \|u\|\|v\| \cos \theta$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $u$  and  $v$  (thinking of  $u$  and  $v$  as arrows with initial point at the origin).

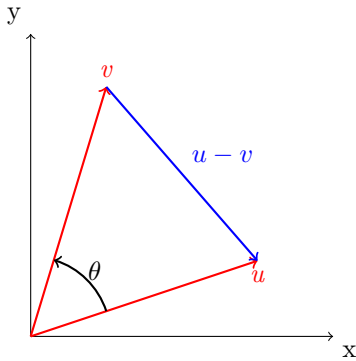


Figure 6.1: Illustration for *Problem 6A.15*.

**Solution:**

Let us write the law of cosines on the triangle shown in figure in the left part of the page:

$$\|u - v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2\|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta$$

At the same time:

$$\begin{aligned}\|u - v\|^2 &= \langle u - v, u - v \rangle \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle - 2\langle u, v \rangle \\ &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2\langle u, v \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Comparing right sides of these two expressions we conclude that:

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \|u\|\|v\|\cos\theta \quad \square$$

**16** The angle between two vectors (thought of as arrows with initial point at the origin) in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be defined geometrically. However, geometry is not as clear in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for  $n > 3$ . Thus the angle between two nonzero vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined to be

$$\arccos \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|\|y\|},$$

where the motivation for this definition comes from the previous exercise. Explain why the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is needed to show that this definition makes sense.

**Solution:**

Note that  $\arccos x$  is defined for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . So for the definition above to make sense, it must always produce expression under inverse cosine function that lies within this range. Cauchy-Schwarz inequality does exactly that:

$$|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\|\|v\|$$

for any  $u, v \in V$ . So the expression:

$$\frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|}{\|u\|\|v\|}$$

is always less than or equal to 1.  $\square$

17 Prove that

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k^2 \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{b_k^2}{k} \right)$$

for all real numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$ .

**Solution:**

Consider vectors  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with Euclidean inner-product :

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= (a_1, \sqrt{2}a_2, \dots, \sqrt{n}a_n) && \text{with some } a_1, \dots, a_n \\ v_2 &= \left(b_1, \frac{b_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, \frac{b_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) && \text{and } b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} (\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle)^2 &\leq \|v_1\|^2 \|v_2\|^2 \\ \|v_1\|^2 &= a_1^2 + 2a_2^2 + \dots + na_n^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n j a_j^2 \\ \|v_2\|^2 &= b_1^2 + \frac{b_2^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{b_n^2}{n} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{b_j^2}{j} \\ \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle &= a_1 b_1 + \sqrt{2}a_2 \cdot \frac{b_2}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \sqrt{n}a_n \cdot \frac{b_n}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &= a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j b_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n j a_j^2 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{b_j^2}{j} \right) \quad \square$$

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(a) Suppose  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is continuous. Show that

$$\left( \int_1^\infty f \right)^2 \leq \int_1^\infty x^2 (f(x))^2 dx.$$

(b) For which continuous function  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is the inequality in (a) an equality with both sides finite?

**Solution:**

(a) To show that the inequality in this problem is true, we will first define an inner product on space  $V$  of continuous functions  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ :

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_1^\infty x^2 f(x) g(x) dx$$

Indeed, this definition satisfies all properties of an inner product:

- Positivity:  $f(x)$  and  $g(x) \geq 0$  by definition and  $x^2 > 0$ , hence the integral is non-negative. ✓
- Definiteness: the non-negativity of the expression under integral sign guarantees that the integral equals zero if and only if this expression is always zero. ✓
- Additivity in first slot: this is guaranteed by the properties of integral

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f + h, g \rangle &= \int_1^\infty x^2 (f(x) + h(x)) g(x) dx \\ &= \int_1^\infty x^2 f(x) g(x) dx + \int_1^\infty x^2 h(x) g(x) dx = \langle f, g \rangle + \langle h, g \rangle \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

- Homogeneity in first slot:

$$\langle \lambda f, g \rangle = \int_1^\infty x^2 \lambda f(x) g(x) dx = \lambda \int_1^\infty x^2 f(x) g(x) dx = \lambda \langle f, g \rangle \quad \checkmark$$

- Conjugate symmetry is guaranteed by the fact the functions in question are real-valued. ✓

Now we note that

$$\int_1^\infty f dx = \int_1^\infty x^2 f(x) \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \langle f, \frac{1}{x^2} \rangle$$

Then we can use Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\langle f, \frac{1}{x^2} \rangle^2 \leq \langle f, f \rangle \cdot \langle \frac{1}{x^2}, \frac{1}{x^2} \rangle = \int_1^\infty x^2 (f(x))^2 dx \cdot \int_1^\infty x^2 \left( \frac{1}{x^2} \right)^2 dx$$

Using the fact that

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 1$$

we arrive at the conclusion that:

$$\left( \int_1^\infty f dx \right)^2 \leq \int_1^\infty x^2 (f(x))^2 dx \quad \square$$

(b) The inequality becomes equality for  $f(x) = 1/x^2$ .

**19** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ . Prove that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then

$$|\lambda|^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |\mathcal{M}(T)_{j,k}|^2,$$

where  $\mathcal{M}(T)_{j,k}$  denotes the entry in row  $j$ , column  $k$  of the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .

**Solution:**

For a given basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of  $V$  we will define an isomorphic space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that if  $v \in V$  and  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n$  then the isomorphism is defined as:

$$x = S(v) = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

For  $\mathbb{C}^n$  we will use a Euclidean inner product.

Now let  $v \in V$  be an eigenvector of  $T$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and such that the corresponding vector  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$  has norm  $\|x\| = 1$ . A vector in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  corresponding to  $Tv$  is  $(\sum_j^n a_j \mathcal{M}(T)_{j,1}, \dots, \sum_j^n a_j \mathcal{M}(T)_{j,n})$ .

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S(Tv), S(Tv) \rangle &= \langle \lambda x, \lambda x \rangle = |\lambda|^2 \\ \langle S(Tv), S(Tv) \rangle &= \sum_k^n \left| \sum_j^n a_j \mathcal{M}(T)_{j,k} \right|^2 = \sum_k^n |\langle x, (\mathcal{M}(T)_{1,k}, \dots, \mathcal{M}(T)_{n,k}) \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_k^n \|x\|^2 \cdot \|(\mathcal{M}(T)_{1,k}, \dots, \mathcal{M}(T)_{n,k})\|^2 \\ &= \sum_k^n \sum_j^n |\mathcal{M}(T)_{j,k}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where we used Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. Thus

$$|\lambda|^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n |\mathcal{M}(T)_{j,k}|^2 \quad \square$$

**20** Prove that if  $u, v \in V$ , then  $|||u|| - ||v||| \leq ||u - v||$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u - v\|^2 &= \langle u - v, u - v \rangle \\
&= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle - 2\Re\langle u, v \rangle \\
&\geq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2|\langle u, v \rangle| \\
&\geq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - 2\|u\|\|v\| \\
&= (\|u\| - \|v\|)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left| \|u\| - \|v\| \right| \leq \|u - v\| \quad \square$$

**21** Suppose  $u, v \in V$  are such that

$$\|u\| = 3, \quad \|u + v\| = 4, \quad \|u - v\| = 6$$

What number does  $\|v\|$  equal?

**Solution:**

By parallelogram equality:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2 &= 2\|u\|^2 + 2\|v\|^2 \\
\|v\| &= + \left( \frac{1}{2} (\|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2) - \|u\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{2} (16 + 36) - 9 \right)^{1/2} = (8 + 18 - 9)^{1/2} = (8 + 9)^{1/2} = \sqrt{17}
\end{aligned}$$

**22** Show that if  $u, v \in V$ , then

$$\|u + v\|\|u - v\| \leq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2.$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u + v\|^2\|u - v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle \langle u - v, u - v \rangle \\
&= (\|u\|^2 + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \|v\|^2) (\|u\|^2 - \langle u, v \rangle - \langle v, u \rangle + \|v\|^2) \\
&= \|u\|^4 - \langle u, v \rangle \|u\|^2 - \langle v, u \rangle \|u\|^2 + \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 \\
&\quad + \langle u, v \rangle \|u\|^2 - \langle u, v \rangle^2 - \langle u, v \rangle \langle v, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle \|v\|^2 \\
&\quad + \langle v, u \rangle \|u\|^2 - \langle v, u \rangle \langle u, v \rangle - \langle v, u \rangle^2 + \langle v, u \rangle \|v\|^2 \\
&\quad + \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2 - \langle u, v \rangle \|v\|^2 - \langle v, u \rangle \|v\|^2 + \|v\|^4 \\
&= \|u\|^4 + 2\|u\|^2\|v\|^2 + \|v\|^4 - \langle u, v \rangle^2 - 2\langle u, v \rangle \langle v, u \rangle - \langle v, u \rangle^2 \\
&= \|u\|^4 + 2\|u\|^2\|v\|^2 + \|v\|^4 - (\langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle)^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \|u\|^4 + 2\|u\|^2\|v\|^2 + \|v\|^4 - (\Re\langle u, v \rangle)^2 \\
&\geq \|u\|^4 + 2\|u\|^2\|v\|^2 + \|v\|^4 = (\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\|u + v\|\|u - v\| \leq \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \quad \square$$

**23** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$  are such that  $\|v_k\| \leq 1$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ . Show that there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \{1, -1\}$  such that

$$\|a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m\| \leq \sqrt{m}.$$

**Solution:**

The solution to this problem is by induction:

Base case: If  $m = 1$ , then we take  $a_1 = 1$  and have  $v_1 \leq \sqrt{1} = 1 \checkmark$ .

Hypothesis: If  $m = k$  then there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \{1, -1\}$  such that  $\|a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k\| \leq \sqrt{k}$ .

Inductive step: Let  $m = k + 1$ , then let  $w = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k$ .

Choose  $a_{k+1} = 1$  if

$$\|w + v_{k+1}\| \leq \|w - v_{k+1}\|$$

otherwise choose  $a_{k+1} = -1$ . Then we use the parallelogram equality:

$$\|w + a_{k+1} v_{k+1}\|^2 + \|w - a_{k+1} v_{k+1}\|^2 = 2\|w\|^2 + 2\|a_{k+1} v_{k+1}\|^2 \leq 2k + 2 \quad (6.1)$$

But also:

$$\|w + a_{k+1} v_{k+1}\|^2 + \|w - a_{k+1} v_{k+1}\|^2 \geq 2\|w + a_{k+1} v_{k+1}\|^2 \quad (6.2)$$

Combining (6.1) and (6.2), we arrive at:

$$\|w + a_{k+1} v_{k+1}\| \leq \sqrt{k+1} \quad \square$$

**24** Prove or give a counterexample: If  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm associated with an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , then there exists  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\|(x, y)\| \neq \max\{x, y\}$ .

**Solution:**

In order to prove this we will try to disprove the negation of “then”-part of the statement above. The negation is that: for all pairs  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  it is true that  $\|(x, y)\| = \max\{x, y\}$ .

Let  $x = -1 = y$ , then

$$\|(x, x)\| = \|(-1, -1)\| = \max\{-1, -1\} = -1$$

But  $\|(x, x)\| = \sqrt{\langle (x, x), (x, x) \rangle} = -1$ . So  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = \pm i$  which contradicts positivity of the inner-product. Thus  $\|(x, y)\| \neq \max\{x, y\}$ .  $\square$



**25** Suppose  $p > 0$ . Prove that there is an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that the associated norm is given by

$$\|(x, y)\| = (x^p + y^p)^{1/p}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  if and only if  $p = 2$ .

**Solution:**

← If  $p = 2$  then the inner product clearly exists, it's the Euclidean inner product.

→ If such inner product exists for some  $p$ . Note, that  $p > 0$ , otherwise norm is not defined. Later we discuss  $p > 0$ .

$$\langle (x, y), (x, y) \rangle = \|(x, y)\|^2 = (x^p + y^p)^{2/p}$$

For  $(x, y) = (1, -1)$ :

$$\|(1, -1)\| = (1^p + (-1)^p)^{1/p} = (1 + (-1)^p)^{1/p}$$

Note that this norm cannot be equal to zero and thus is defined only for even  $p$ . So  $p = 2k, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|(x, y)\| = (x^{2k} + y^{2k})^{1/2k}.$$

Now we use parallelogram equality on vectors  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0)$ :

$$\|(1, 0)\|^2 = \left((1^{2k} + 0)^{1/2k}\right)^2 = 1 = \|(0, 1)\|^2$$

$$\|(1, 1)\|^2 = (1^{2k} + 1^{2k})^{1/k} = 2^{1/k}$$

$$\|(1, -1)\|^2 = 2^{1/k}$$

$$\|(1, 1)\|^2 + \|(1, -1)\|^2 = 2(\|(1, 0)\|^2 + \|(0, 1)\|^2)$$

$$2^{1/k} + 2^{1/k} = 2 \cdot (1 + 1)$$

$$2^{1/k} = 2 \Rightarrow k = 1 \Rightarrow p = 2 \quad \square$$

**26** Suppose  $V$  is a real inner product space. Prove that

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2}{4}$$

for all  $u, v \in V$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 &= \langle u + v, u + v \rangle - \langle u - v, u - v \rangle = \\ &= \langle u, u \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle - (\langle u, u \rangle - \langle u, v \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle v, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle) = 2\langle u, v \rangle + 2\langle v, u \rangle = 4\langle u, v \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2}{4} \quad \text{for all } u, v \in V \quad \square$$

**27** Suppose  $V$  is a complex inner product space. Prove that

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 + \|u + iv\|^2 i - \|u - iv\|^2 i}{4}$$

for all  $u, v \in V$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\|u + v\|^2 &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + \langle u, v \rangle + \langle v, u \rangle \\ \|u - v\|^2 &= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 - \langle u, v \rangle - \langle v, u \rangle \\ i \cdot \|u + iv\|^2 &= i (\|u\|^2 - i\langle u, v \rangle + i\langle v, u \rangle + \|v\|^2) \\ i \cdot \|u - iv\|^2 &= i (\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + i\langle u, v \rangle - i\langle v, u \rangle)\end{aligned}$$

Combining these we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 + i\|u + iv\|^2 - i\|u - iv\|^2 &= 2\langle u, v \rangle + 2\langle v, u \rangle + \\ &\quad + \langle u, v \rangle - \langle v, u \rangle - (-\langle u, v \rangle) - \langle v, u \rangle = 4\langle u, v \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 + \|u + iv\|^2 i - \|u - iv\|^2 i}{4} \quad \text{for all } u, v \in V \quad \square$$

**28** A norm on a vector space  $U$  is a function

$$\|\cdot\| : U \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

such that  $\|u\| = 0$  if and only if  $u = 0$ ,  $\|\alpha u\| = |\alpha|\|u\|$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$  and all  $u \in U$ , and  $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$  for all  $u, v \in U$ . Prove that a norm satisfying the parallelogram equality comes from an inner product (in other words, show that if  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $U$  satisfying the parallelogram equality, then there is an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $U$  such that  $\|u\| = \langle u, u \rangle^{1/2}$  for all  $u \in U$ ).

**29** Suppose  $V_1, \dots, V_m$  are inner product spaces. Show that the equation

$$\langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_m) \rangle = \langle u_1, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle u_m, v_m \rangle$$

defines an inner product on  $V_1 \times \dots \times V_m$ .

**Solution:**

Positivity:  $\langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (u_1, \dots, u_m) \rangle \geq 0$

Each  $\langle u_i, u_i \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $u_i \in V_i$ , hence their sum is also non-negative. ✓

Definiteness:  $\langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (u_1, \dots, u_m) \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow u_1, \dots, u_m = 0$

$\langle u_i, u_i \rangle$  are all nonnegative, hence their sum can be zero only if each  $\langle u_i, u_i \rangle = 0$  which in turn means every  $u_i = 0$ . ✓

Additivity in first slot:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (u_1, \dots, u_m) + (v_1, \dots, v_m), (w_1, \dots, w_m) \rangle &= \langle (u_1 + v_1, \dots, u_m + v_m), (w_1, \dots, w_m) \rangle \\ &= \langle u_1 + v_1, w_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle u_m + v_m, w_m \rangle \\ &= \langle u_1, w_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle u_m, w_m \rangle + \langle v_1, w_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle v_m, w_m \rangle \\ &= \langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (w_1, \dots, w_m) \rangle + \langle (v_1, \dots, v_m), (w_1, \dots, w_m) \rangle \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Homogeneity in first slot:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lambda (u_1, \dots, u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_m) \rangle &= \langle (\lambda u_1, \dots, \lambda u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_m) \rangle \\ &= \langle \lambda u_1, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle \lambda u_m, v_m \rangle = \lambda \langle u_1, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \lambda \langle u_m, v_m \rangle \\ &= \lambda (\langle u_1, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle u_m, v_m \rangle) = \lambda \langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_m) \rangle \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Conjugate symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_m) \rangle &= \langle u_1, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle u_m, v_m \rangle = \overline{\langle v_1, u_1 \rangle} + \dots \\ + \overline{\langle v_m, u_m \rangle} &= \overline{\langle v_1, u_1 \rangle} + \dots + \overline{\langle u_m, u_m \rangle} = \langle (u_1, \dots, u_m), (v_1, \dots, v_m) \rangle \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Thus the inner product is indeed well-defined.  $\square$

**30** Suppose  $V$  is a real inner product space. For  $u, v, w, x \in V$ , define

$$\langle u + iv, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, x \rangle + (\langle v, w \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle)i.$$

(a) Show that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}$  makes  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$  into a complex inner product space.

(b) Show that if  $u, v \in V$ , then

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} = \langle u, v \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \|u + iv\|_{\mathbb{C}}^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2.$$

**Solution:**

We check the properties of an inner product:

Positivity:

$$\langle u + iv, u + iv \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} = \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle + (\langle v, u \rangle - \langle u, v \rangle)i = \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

the last equality sign is because for real inner-product spaces  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$ , and the inequality is because of positivity of the inner product.

Definiteness:

Here we can use the expression above. The sum  $\langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle$  can equal zero only if both terms equal zero (because of positivity). They, in turn, can be zero if and only if  $u = 0$  and  $v = 0$ . Thus we have:

$$\langle u + iv, u + iv \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow u + iv = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Additivity in first slot:

Let  $u, v, w, x, y, z \in V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (u + iv) + (w + ix), y + iz \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} &= \langle (u + w) + i(v + x), y + iz \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \\ &= \langle u + w, y \rangle + \langle v + x, z \rangle + (\langle v + x, y \rangle - \langle u + w, z \rangle)i \\ &= \langle u, y \rangle + \langle v, z \rangle + (\langle v, y \rangle - \langle u, z \rangle)i + \langle w, y \rangle + \langle x, z \rangle + (\langle x, y \rangle - \langle w, z \rangle)i \\ &= \langle u + iv, y + iz \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} + \langle w + ix, y + iz \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Homogeneity in first slot:

Let  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lambda(u + iv), w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} &= \langle (\alpha u - \beta v) + i(\alpha v + \beta u), w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \\ &= \langle \alpha u + i\alpha v, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} + \langle -\beta v + i\beta u, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \\ \langle \alpha u + i\alpha v, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} &= \langle \alpha u, w \rangle + \langle \alpha v, x \rangle + (\langle \alpha v, w \rangle - \langle \alpha u, x \rangle)i \\ &= \alpha (\langle v, x \rangle + (\langle v, w \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle)i) \\ &= \alpha \langle u + iv, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \\ \langle -\beta v + i\beta u, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} &= \langle -\beta v, w \rangle + \langle \beta u, x \rangle + (\langle \beta u, w \rangle - \langle -\beta v, x \rangle)i \\ &= i\beta [\langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, x \rangle + (\langle v, w \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle)i] \\ &= i\beta \langle u + iv, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lambda(u + iv), w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} &= \alpha \langle u + iv, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} + i\beta \langle u + iv, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \\ &= \lambda \langle u + iv, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Conjugate symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle u + iv, w + ix \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} &= \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, x \rangle + (\langle v, w \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle)i \\
&= \overline{\langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, x \rangle - (\langle v, w \rangle - \langle u, x \rangle)i} \\
&= \overline{\langle w, u \rangle + \langle x, v \rangle + (\langle x, u \rangle - \langle w, v \rangle)i} \\
&= \overline{\langle w + ix, u + iv \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}} \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Here we exchanged the order in real-valued inner products.

Thus,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}$  makes  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$  into a complex inner product space.  $\square$

(b) First equation:

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle 0, 0 \rangle + (\langle 0, v \rangle - \langle u, 0 \rangle)i = \langle u, v \rangle \quad \checkmark$$

Second equation:

$$\|u + iv\|_{\mathbb{C}}^2 = \langle u + iv, u + iv \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} = \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 \quad \checkmark$$

**31** Suppose  $u, v, w \in V$ . Prove that

$$\left\| w - \frac{1}{2}(u + v) \right\|^2 = \frac{\|w - u\|^2 + \|w - v\|^2}{2} - \frac{\|u - v\|^2}{4}.$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| w - \frac{1}{2}(u + v) \right\|^2 &= \left\langle w - \frac{u + v}{2}, w - \frac{u + v}{2} \right\rangle \\
&= \langle w, w \rangle - \left\langle w, \frac{u + v}{2} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{u + v}{2}, w \right\rangle + \frac{1}{4} \langle u + v, u + v \rangle \\
&= \langle w, w \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle w, u \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle w, v \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle u, w \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle v, w \rangle \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \langle u, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle v, v \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \|u - v\|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (\langle w, w \rangle - \langle w, u \rangle - \langle u, w \rangle + \langle u, u \rangle) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\langle w, w \rangle - \langle w, v \rangle - \langle v, w \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle) - \frac{1}{4} \|u - v\|^2 \\
&= \frac{\|w - u\|^2 + \|w - v\|^2}{2} - \frac{\|u - v\|^2}{4} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**32** Suppose  $E$  is a subset of  $V$  with the property that  $u, v \in E$  implies  $\frac{1}{2}(u + v) \in E$ . Let  $w \in V$ . Show that there is at most one point in  $E$  that is closest to  $w$ . In other words, show that there is at most one  $u \in E$  such that

$$\|w - u\| \leq \|w - x\|$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

**Solution:**

From the previous problem we know that:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| w - \frac{1}{2}(u + v) \right\|^2 &= \frac{\|w - u\|^2 + \|w - v\|^2}{2} - \frac{\|u - v\|^2}{4} \\ \|w - u\|^2 &= \frac{1}{2}\|u - v\|^2 + 2 \left\| w - \frac{1}{2}(u + v) \right\|^2 - \|w - v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $u$  is one of the closest points in  $E$ . Then suppose  $v$  is another closest point in  $E$ , so that  $\|w - u\| = \|w - v\|$  and  $u \neq v$ . Then  $\frac{1}{2}(\|w - u\|^2 + \|w - v\|^2) = \|w - u\|^2$ . Now notice:

$$\|w - u\|^2 = \left\| w - \frac{1}{2}(u + v) \right\|^2 + \frac{1}{4}\|u - v\|^2 > \left\| w - \frac{1}{2}(u + v) \right\|^2$$

where the last inequality is true because  $\|u - v\| \geq 0$  for  $u \neq v$ .

But  $\frac{1}{2}(u + v) \in E$  and  $\left\| w - \frac{1}{2}(u + v) \right\| < \|w - u\| = \|w - v\|$ . That means  $u$  and  $v$  cannot be even in the set of closest points to  $w$ . Thus it can be at most one closest point.  $\square$

**33** Suppose  $f, g$  are differentiable functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(a) Show that

$$\langle f(t), g(t) \rangle' = \langle f'(t), g(t) \rangle + \langle f(t), g'(t) \rangle.$$

(b) Suppose  $c$  is a positive number and  $\|f(t)\| = c$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $\langle f'(t), f(t) \rangle = 0$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(c) Interpret the result in (b) geometrically in terms of the tangent vector to a curve lying on a sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  centered at the origin.

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle' &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle f(t + \Delta t), g(t + \Delta t) \rangle - \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle}{\Delta t} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle f(t + \Delta t), g(t + \Delta t) \rangle - \langle f(t), g(t) \rangle + \langle f(t), g(t + \Delta t) \rangle - \langle f(t), g(t + \Delta t) \rangle}{\Delta t} \\
 &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle f(t + \Delta t) - f(t), g(t + \Delta t) \rangle}{\Delta t} + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle f(t), g(t + \Delta t) - g(t) \rangle}{\Delta t} \\
 &= \left\langle \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}, g(t) \right\rangle + \left\langle f(t), \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(t + \Delta t) - g(t)}{\Delta t} \right\rangle \\
 &= \langle f'(t), g(t) \rangle + \langle f(t), g'(t) \rangle \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f(t)\| = c &\Rightarrow \langle f(t), f(t) \rangle = c^2 \\
 \langle f'(t), f(t) \rangle &= \langle f(t), f(t) \rangle' - \underbrace{\langle f(t), f'(t) \rangle}_{= \langle f'(t), f(t) \rangle}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\langle f'(t), f(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle f(t), f(t) \rangle' = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} c^2 \equiv 0$ .

(c) Assume for some  $f(t)$ :  $\langle f(t), f(t) \rangle = f_1^2(t) + \dots + f_n^2(t) = c^2$

Thus, one can see that  $f(t)$  describes a family of parametric curves on an  $n$ -dimensional sphere.

Tangent to a curve is given by  $f'(t)$ .  $\langle f'(t), f(t) \rangle = 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  means tangent vector is always orthogonal to a curve on the sphere.

**34** Use inner products to prove Apollonius's identity: In a triangle with sides of length  $a, b$ , and  $c$ , let  $d$  be the length of the line segment from the midpoint of the side of length  $c$  to the opposite vertex. Then

$$a^2 + b^2 = \frac{1}{2}c^2 + 2d^2.$$

**Solution:**

Note that  $\vec{c} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}\vec{c} = \vec{d} - \vec{b}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}\vec{c} = \vec{a} - \vec{d}$ . Hence

$$0 = \vec{d} - \vec{b} - \vec{a} + \vec{d} \Rightarrow \vec{d} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2 + b^2 &= \|\vec{a}\|^2 + \|\vec{b}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\vec{a} - \vec{b}\|^2 + \|\vec{a} + \vec{b}\|^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \|c\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{a} + \vec{b}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{c}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|2\vec{d}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}c^2 + 2d^2 \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

**35** Fix a positive integer  $n$ . The *Laplacian*  $\Delta p$  of a twice differentiable real-valued function  $p$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by

$$\Delta p = \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x_1^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x_n^2}$$

The function  $p$  is called *harmonic* if  $\Delta p = 0$ .

A *polynomial* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear combination of functions of the form  $x_1^{m_1} \cdots x_n^{m_n}$ , where  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  are nonnegative integers.

Suppose  $q$  is a polynomial on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that there exists a harmonic polynomial  $p$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $p(x) = q(x)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

**Solution:**

Suppose  $q$  is a polynomial of degree  $m = \max\{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$ . If  $m < 2$ , then  $q$  is harmonic automatically. Otherwise, let us define an operator  $T$  on the vector space of polynomials on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of degree  $m$ :

$$Tr = \Delta((1 - \|x\|^2)r)$$

for every polynomial  $r$  in this vector space.

Suppose  $\xi \in \text{null } T$ .

$$T\xi = \Delta((1 - \|x\|^2)\xi) = 0$$

That means,  $(1 - \|x\|^2)\xi$  is harmonic. Also,  $(1 - \|x\|^2)\xi = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . Hence,  $(1 - \|x\|^2)\xi = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $1 - \|x\|^2 \neq 0$  for all possible  $x$ , thus  $\xi$  must equal zero. That means,  $T$  is injective and, because vector space is finite dimensional, is invertible.

Now define

$$p = q + (1 - \|x\|^2)r$$

Obviously,  $p = q$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ . We wish for  $p$  to be harmonic:

$$\Delta p = 0 = \Delta q + \Delta((1 - \|x\|^2)r) = \Delta q + Tr \quad \Rightarrow \quad Tr = -\Delta q$$

As  $T$  is invertible, we can always choose  $r$  such that:

$$r = T^{-1}(\Delta q)$$

Thus, the desired polynomial  $p$  is:

$$p = q + (1 - \|x\|^2) \cdot T^{-1}(\Delta q) \quad \square$$



## 6B Orthonormal Bases

1 Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is a list of vectors in  $V$  such that

$$\|a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m e_m\|^2 = |a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_m|^2$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}$ . Show that  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal list.

**Solution:**

Take some  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and choose  $a_k = 1$  and  $a_j = 0$  for all  $j \neq k$ . Then:

$$\|a_k e_k\|^2 = |a_k|^2 \|e_k\|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|a_k e_k\|^2 = |a_k|^2$$

Hence,  $\|e_k\| = 1$ . Repeating this process for every possible value of  $k$ , we conclude that  $\|e_j\| = 1$  for every vector in  $e_1, \dots, e_m$ .

Now we want to show that these vectors are all orthogonal to each other. Take any  $j, k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $j \neq k$  and choose  $a_j = a_k = 1$ , with all other coefficients being zero.

$$\|e_j + e_k\|^2 = \|e_j\|^2 + \|e_k\|^2 + 2\Re\langle e_j, e_k \rangle$$

But also  $\|e_j + e_k\|^2 = 2$ . Therefore,  $\Re\langle e_j, e_k \rangle = 0$ . If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ , then we can stop here.

If  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ , then for the same pair  $j, k$  we choose  $a_j = 1$  and  $a_k = i$ .

$$\|e_j + i \cdot e_k\|^2 = \|e_j\|^2 + \|e_k\|^2 + 2\Im\langle e_j, e_k \rangle$$

And also  $\|e_j + i \cdot e_k\|^2 = 2$ . Therefore,  $\Im\langle e_j, e_k \rangle = 0$ .

Thus, we have shown that  $\langle e_j, e_k \rangle = 0$ . As this conclusion is true for every pair of distinct  $e_j$  and  $e_k$ , the list  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is orthonormal.  $\square$

2 (a) Suppose  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that both

$$(\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta) \quad \text{and} \quad (\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (\sin \theta, -\cos \theta)$$

are orthonormal bases of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) Show that each orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is of the form given by one of the two possibilities of part (a).

**Solution:**

(a) Firstly, we check the norm of the first list of vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)\| &= (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)^{1/2} = \sqrt{1} = 1 \\ \|(-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)\| &= ((-\sin \theta)^2 + \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2} = \sqrt{1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then, we check orthogonality:

$$\langle (\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta) \rangle = \cos \theta \cdot (-\sin \theta) + \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta = 0$$

Thus,  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

In the same way we examine the second list of vectors:

$$\|(\sin \theta, -\cos \theta)\| = (\sin^2 \theta + (-\cos \theta)^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\langle (\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (\sin \theta, -\cos \theta) \rangle = \cos \theta \cdot \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cdot (-\cos \theta) = 0$$

Thus,  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (\sin \theta, -\cos \theta)$  is also an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) Suppose  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$  is some orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then the following equations must hold:

$$\begin{cases} x_1^2 + y_1^2 = 1 \\ x_2^2 + y_2^2 = 1 \\ x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Because of the first two equations in the system, we can parameterize the variables in the following way.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \cos \theta, & y_1 &= \sin \theta \\ x_2 &= \sin \theta, & y_2 &= \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Then checking the orthogonality:

$$\cos \theta \sin \phi + \sin \theta \cos \phi = 0$$

The sum in the left-hand side folds into a sine of a sum:

$$\sin(\theta + \phi) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta + \phi = \pi n$$

If  $n$  is even, then  $\phi = 2k\pi - \theta$  and:

$$(x_1, y_1) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$$(x_2, y_2) = (\sin 2k\pi - \theta, \cos 2k\pi - \theta) = (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$$

that is the first possibility from (a).

If  $n$  is odd, then  $\phi = (2k + 1)\pi - \theta$  and:

$$(x_1, y_1) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$$(x_2, y_2) = (\sin (2k + 1)\pi - \theta, \cos (2k + 1)\pi - \theta) = (\sin \theta, -\cos \theta)$$

that is the second possibility from (a).  $\square$

**3** Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $V$  and  $v \in V$ . Prove that

$$\|v\|^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle v, e_m \rangle|^2 \iff v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)$$

**Solution:**

← If  $v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)$ , then we can regard  $\text{span}$  of a given list of orthonormal vectors as a subspace  $U$  of  $V$  with the given list as basis and  $v \in U$ , then the desired equation on the left is true.

→ If  $v \in V$  and  $\|v\|^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle v, e_m \rangle|^2$ .

Suppose  $v \notin \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)$ . We can construct new subspace by extending the given  $\text{span}$  to  $\text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m, v)$ . Applying the Gram-Schmidt procedure to it, we get vector  $e_{m+1}$  orthogonal to all other  $e_i$ :

$$e_{m+1} = \frac{v - \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \dots - \langle v, e_m \rangle e_m}{\|v - \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \dots - \langle v, e_m \rangle e_m\|}$$

Then we take inner product with  $v$ :

$$\langle v, e_{m+1} \rangle = \frac{\langle v, v \rangle - |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 - \dots - |\langle v, e_m \rangle|^2}{\|v - \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \dots - \langle v, e_m \rangle e_m\|} = 0$$

Hence the list  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is sufficient to span  $v$ .  $\square$

**4** Suppose  $n$  is a positive integer. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots, \frac{\cos nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots, \frac{\sin nx}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

is an orthonormal list of vectors in  $\mathcal{C}[-\pi, \pi]$ , the vector space of continuous real-valued functions on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fg$$

**Solution:**

First, we check norms:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} (\pi - (-\pi)) = 1 \\ \left\langle \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\cos kx \cdot \cos kx}{\pi} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \pi = 1 \\ \left\langle \frac{\sin kx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin kx \cdot \sin kx}{\pi} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2(kx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \pi = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then we check orthogonality:

$$\begin{aligned}\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} dx = \frac{1}{k\pi\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sin kx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{\sin \pi k + \sin \pi k}{k\pi\sqrt{2}} = 0 \\ \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\sin kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\sin kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} dx = -\frac{1}{k\pi\sqrt{2}} \cdot \cos kx \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = -\frac{\cos \pi k - \cos \pi k}{k\pi\sqrt{2}} = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left\langle \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos mx}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\cos(kx) \cos(mx)}{\pi} dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos((k+m)x) dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos((k-m)x) dx \right) = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left\langle \frac{\sin kx}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\sin mx}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin(kx) \sin(mx)}{\pi} dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos((k+m)x) dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos((k-m)x) dx \right) = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left\langle \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\sin mx}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\cos(kx) \sin(mx)}{\pi} dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin((k+m)x) dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin((k-m)x) dx \right) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the list in question is indeed orthonormal.  $\square$

**5** Suppose  $f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. For each nonnegative integer  $k$ , define

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx \quad \text{and} \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx$$

Prove that

$$\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k^2 + b_k^2) \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2.$$

**Solution:**

As the vector space of continuous functions is infinite dimensional, we can extend the list from Problem 4 to any arbitrarily large  $n$ . Using the Bessel's inequality, we get:

$$\left| \left\langle f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \left| \left\langle f, \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2 + \left| \left\langle f, \frac{\sin kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle \right|^2 \right) \leq \langle f, f \rangle \quad (6.1)$$

Note, that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(0 \cdot x) dx = a_0 \\ \left\langle f, \frac{\cos kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(kx) dx = a_k \\ \left\langle f, \frac{\sin kx}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(kx) dx = b_k \\ \langle f, f \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Inserting it into (6.1), we get:

$$\frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k^2 + b_k^2) \leq \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2$$

as desired.  $\square$

**6** Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

(a) Prove that if  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are vectors in  $V$  such that

$$\|e_k - v_k\| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

for each  $k$ , then  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ .

(b) Show that there exist  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  such that

$$\|e_k - v_k\| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

for each  $k$ , but  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is not linearly independent.

**Solution:**

(a)  $V$  is finite-dimension, so we are left to show that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is linearly independent. Suppose it is not, so that there exist such  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  such that  $a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$ . Let us examine the following sum:

$$\sum_i^n \|a_i(e_i - v_i)\| = \sum_i^n |a_i| \|e_i - v_i\| < \frac{\sum_i^n |a_i|}{\sqrt{n}}$$

On the other hand, the triangle inequality gives:

$$\sum_i^n \|a_i(e_i - v_i)\| \geq \left\| \sum_i^n a_i(e_i - v_i) \right\| = \left\| \sum_i^n a_i e_i - \sum_i^n a_i v_i \right\| = \left\| \sum_i^n a_i e_i \right\|$$

Thus, we have:

$$\left\| \sum_i^n a_i e_i \right\| < \frac{\sum_i^n |a_i|}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Squaring both sides of the inequality, we get:

$$\left\| \sum_i^n a_i e_i \right\|^2 = \sum_i^n |a_i|^2 < \frac{(\sum_i^n |a_i|)^2}{n}$$

We know from *Problem 6A.13* that:

$$n \sum_i^n |a_i|^2 \geq \left( \sum_i^n |a_i| \right)^2$$

Thus we have contradiction and our assumption that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  could be not linearly independent is wrong. Hence,  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  indeed.  $\square$

(b) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$  with Euclidean norm and  $e_1 = (1, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1)$ . Then choose  $v_1 = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$  and  $v_2 = (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . Clearly,  $v_1 = -v_2$ , so the list  $v_1, v_2$  is not linearly independent. Meanwhile:

$$\|e_1 - v_1\| = \sqrt{(1 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + (0 + \frac{1}{2})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\|e_2 - v_2\| = \sqrt{(0 + \frac{1}{2})^2 + (1 - \frac{1}{2})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

**7** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^3)$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to the basis  $(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2)$ . Find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to which  $T$  has an upper-triangular matrix.

**Solution:**

To find such basis, we have to apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to the given basis, as it guarantees that  $T$  will have an upper-triangular matrix with respect to the produced orthonormal basis.

Let  $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 1, 2)$ .  $v_1$  is already normalized, so we can choose  $e_1 = v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ .

$$\langle v_2, e_1 \rangle = 1$$

$$f_2 = v_2 - \langle v_2, e_1 \rangle e_1 = (1, 1, 1) - (1, 0, 0) = (0, 1, 1)$$

$$\|f_2\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Hence  $e_2 = (0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ .

$$\langle v_3, e_1 \rangle = 1$$

$$\langle v_3, e_2 \rangle = 0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f_3 = v_3 - \langle v_3, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle v_3, e_2 \rangle e_2$$

$$= (1, 1, 2) - (1, 0, 0) - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\|f_3\| = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Hence  $e_3 = (0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ , and the required orthonormal basis is  $(1, 0, 0), (0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}), (0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ .

**8** Make  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  into an inner product space by defining  $\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^1 pq$  for all  $p, q \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

(a) Apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to the basis  $1, x, x^2$  to produce an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

(b) The differentiation operator (the operator that takes  $p$  to  $p'$ ) on  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to the basis  $1, x, x^2$ , which is not an orthonormal basis. Find the matrix of the differentiation operator on  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  with respect to the orthonormal basis produced in (a) and verify that this matrix is upper triangular, as expected from the proof of 6.37.

**Solution:**

(a) Let  $p_1 = 1$ ,  $p_2 = x$ ,  $p_3 = x^2$ .  $\|p_1\| = 1$ , so we can take  $e_1 = 1$ .

$$\langle p_2, e_1 \rangle = \int_0^1 x \cdot 1 dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$q_2 = p_2 - \langle p_2, e_1 \rangle e_1 = x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\|q_2\|^2 = \int_0^1 \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 dx = \frac{(x - 1/2)^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$e_2 = q_2 / \|q_2\| = \sqrt{3}(2x - 1)$$

$$\langle p_3, e_1 \rangle = \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot 1 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p_3, e_2 \rangle &= \int_0^1 x^2 \sqrt{3}(2x - 1) dx = \sqrt{3} \int_0^1 (2x^3 - x^2) dx \\ &= \sqrt{3} \left( 2 \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$q_3 = p_3 - \langle p_3, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle p_3, e_2 \rangle e_2 = x^2 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{3}(2x - 1) = x^2 - x - \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|q_3\|^2 &= \int_0^1 \left(x^2 - x - \frac{1}{6}\right)^2 dx = \int_0^1 \left(x^4 - 2x^3 + \frac{4}{3}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{36}\right) dx \\ &= \left( \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{4x^3}{9} - \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{x}{36} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{180} \end{aligned}$$

$$e_3 = q_3 / \|q_3\| = 6\sqrt{5} \left( x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6} \right)$$

Thus, the required orthonormal basis is:  $1, \sqrt{3}(2x - 1), 6\sqrt{5}(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6})$ .

(b) We examine how the differentiation operator acts on the basis in order to construct the matrix of this operator.

$$D(e_1) = 1' = 0$$

$$D(e_2) = \left( \sqrt{3}(2x - 1) \right)' = \sqrt{3} \cdot 2 = 2\sqrt{3}e_1$$

$$D(e_3) = \left( 6\sqrt{5}(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}) \right)' = 6\sqrt{5}(2x - 1) = \frac{6\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}}e_2$$



So the matrix is:

$$\mathcal{M}(D) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{6\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

upper-triangular indeed.

**9** Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is the result of applying the Gram-Schmidt procedure to a linearly independent list  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  in  $V$ . Prove that  $\langle v_k, e_k \rangle > 0$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ .

**Solution:**

In the Gram-Schmidt procedure every vector  $e_k$  is written as  $f_k/\|f_k\|$  where  $f_k$  is:

$$f_k = v_k - \langle v_k, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \dots - \langle v_k, e_{k-1} \rangle e_{k-1}$$

Take the inner product of  $f_k$  with  $v_k$ :

$$\langle f_k, v_k \rangle = \langle v_k, v_k \rangle - |\langle v_k, e_1 \rangle|^2 - \dots - |\langle v_k, e_{k-1} \rangle|^2 > 0$$

where we used Bessel's inequality in the end. Here the sign is *greater*, because equality can be only if  $v_k \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_{k-1})$ , which is not the case.

Thus,  $\langle f_k, v_k \rangle > 0$ , so  $\langle v_k, e_k \rangle > 0$  as well.  $\square$

**10** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is a linearly independent list in  $V$ . Explain why the orthonormal list produced by the formulas of the Gram-Schmidt procedure is the only orthonormal list  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  in  $V$  such the  $\langle v_k, e_k \rangle > 0$  and  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_k)$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ .

**Solution:**

If we choose  $e'_k = -e_k$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , then

$$\langle v_k, e'_k \rangle = -\langle v_k, e_k \rangle < 0$$

Any other option will fail the condition on spans.

The first vector must always be either  $v_1/\|v_1\|$ , otherwise spans will be different. Then if we take some  $e'_2$  not generated by the Gram-Schmidt procedure, then it must be a linear combination of "Gram-Schmidt"-vectors, so  $\text{span}(e_1, e'_2) \neq \text{span}(e_1, e_2) = \text{span}(v_1, v_2)$ . The same logic can be applied at any step of choosing some  $e_k$ .

Thus, the only option for both conditions to hold is the list generated by the Gram-Schmidt procedure.  $\square$

**11** Find a polynomial  $q \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $p(\frac{1}{2}) = \int_0^1 pq$  for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Solution:**

Here we have a linear functional:  $\varphi(p) = p(\frac{1}{2})$ ; and we need to find a polynomial such that the inner product  $\langle p, q \rangle$  represents this linear functional. We already know the orthonormal basis from the *Problem 6B.8*, so we only need to compute the coefficients in the representation.

$$\varphi(e_1) = e_1(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$$

$$\varphi(e_2) = e_2(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{3}(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 1) = 0$$

$$\varphi(e_3) = e_3(\frac{1}{2}) = 6\sqrt{5}(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}) = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$q = \overline{\varphi(e_1)e_1} + \overline{\varphi(e_2)e_2} + \overline{\varphi(e_3)e_3} = 1 + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \cdot 6\sqrt{5} \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

Thus,  $q = -15x^2 + 15x - \frac{3}{2}$ .

**12** Find a polynomial  $q \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\int_0^1 p(x) \cos(\pi x) dx = \int_0^1 pq$$

for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Solution:**

Once again we will use the basis from Problem 8.

$$\varphi(e_1) = \int_0^1 \cos(\pi x) dx = 0$$

$$\varphi(e_2) = \int_0^1 \sqrt{3}(2x - 1) \cos(\pi x) dx = \frac{-4\sqrt{3}}{\pi^2}$$

$$\varphi(e_3) = \int_0^1 6\sqrt{5}(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}) \cos(\pi x) dx = 0$$

Hence:

$$q(x) = -\frac{12}{\pi^2}(2x - 1)$$

**13** Show that a list  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  of vectors in  $V$  is linearly dependent if and only if the Gram-Schmidt formula in 6.32 produces  $f_k = 0$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

**Solution:**

← Suppose  $f_k = 0$  for some  $k$ . Then:

$$0 = v_k - \frac{\langle v_k, f_1 \rangle}{\|f_1\|^2} f_1 - \dots - \frac{\langle v_k, f_{k-1} \rangle}{\|f_{k-1}\|^2} f_{k-1}$$

or

$$v_k = \frac{\langle v_k, f_1 \rangle}{\|f_1\|^2} f_1 + \dots + \frac{\langle v_k, f_{k-1} \rangle}{\|f_{k-1}\|^2} f_{k-1}$$

every  $f_j$  in this sum is a linear combination of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$ , hence  $v_k$  is a linear combination of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$  too. It means the list  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  is linearly dependent and hence  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is also linearly dependent.

→ Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is linearly dependent. It means, there is  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $v_k \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$ . Because  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_{k-1})$ ,  $v_k \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_{k-1})$ . The span of orthonormal list  $e_1, \dots, e_{k-1}$  is a subspace and we can regard this list as a basis of this subspace. Then, the vector  $v_k$  can be expressed as follows:

$$v_k = \langle v_k, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \dots + \langle v_k, e_{k-1} \rangle e_{k-1}$$

Now, let us examine the vector  $f_k$  of the Gram-Schmidt procedure:

$$\begin{aligned} f_k &= v_k - \frac{\langle v_k, f_1 \rangle}{\|f_1\|^2} f_1 - \dots - \frac{\langle v_k, f_{k-1} \rangle}{\|f_{k-1}\|^2} f_{k-1} \\ &= v_k - \langle v_k, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \dots - \langle v_k, e_{k-1} \rangle e_{k-1} = 0 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**14** Suppose  $V$  is a real inner product space and  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  is a linearly independent list of vectors in  $V$ . Prove that there exist exactly  $2^m$  orthonormal lists  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  of vectors in  $V$  such that

$$\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_k)$$

for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

**Solution:**

Gram-Schmidt procedure gives a list  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  such that  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_k)$  for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . We can get other orthonormal lists by modifying the list of Gram-Schmidt procedure. Take some  $e_k$  and multiply it by  $-1$ . This operation does not change the span of the list, but changes the list itself.

Other options, as we have seen in *Problem 6B.10*, change span, so they cannot be taken.

Therefore we have two options for every vector  $e_k$ , making the total number of possible lists equal  $2^m$ .  $\square$

**15** Suppose  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$  are inner products on  $V$  such that  $\langle u, v \rangle_1 = 0$  if and only if  $\langle u, v \rangle_2 = 0$ . Prove that there is a positive number  $c$  such that  $\langle u, v \rangle_1 = c\langle u, v \rangle_2$  for every  $u, v \in V$ .

**Solution:** Suppose  $v$  and  $w$  are arbitrary non-orthogonal vectors in  $V$ , so none of them is zero. Then write as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle v, w \rangle_1 - \langle v, w \rangle_1 \cdot \frac{\langle v, v \rangle_1}{\langle v, v \rangle_1} = \langle v, w \rangle_1 - \langle v, \frac{\overline{\langle v, w \rangle_1}}{\langle v, v \rangle_1} v \rangle_1 \\ &= \langle v, w - \frac{\langle w, v \rangle_1}{\langle v, v \rangle_1} v \rangle_1 = 0 = \langle v, w - \frac{\langle w, v \rangle_1}{\langle v, v \rangle_1} v \rangle_2 \\ &= \langle v, w \rangle_2 - \langle v, v \rangle_2 \cdot \frac{\langle v, w \rangle_1}{\langle v, v \rangle_1} \implies \langle v, w \rangle_2 = \frac{\|v\|_2^2}{\|v\|_1^2} \langle v, w \rangle_1 \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle v, w \rangle_1 - \langle v, w \rangle_1 \cdot \frac{\langle w, w \rangle_1}{\langle w, w \rangle_1} = \langle v, w \rangle_1 - \langle \frac{\langle v, w \rangle_1}{\langle w, w \rangle_1} w, w \rangle_1 \\ &= \langle v - \frac{\langle v, w \rangle_1}{\langle w, w \rangle_1} w, w \rangle_1 = 0 = \langle v - \frac{\langle v, w \rangle_1}{\langle w, w \rangle_1} w, w \rangle_2 \\ &= \langle v, w \rangle_2 - \langle w, w \rangle_2 \cdot \frac{\langle v, w \rangle_1}{\langle w, w \rangle_1} \implies \langle v, w \rangle_2 = \frac{\|w\|_2^2}{\|w\|_1^2} \langle v, w \rangle_1 \end{aligned}$$

We see that  $\langle v, v \rangle_2 / \langle v, v \rangle_1 = \langle w, w \rangle_2 / \langle w, w \rangle_1$ . But as we took arbitrary non-zero vectors, it follows that the ratio  $\langle u, u \rangle_2 / \langle u, u \rangle_1$  is the same for any  $u \in V$ ,  $u \neq 0$ . This ratio is a positive number, as both numerator and denominator are positive. Thus, there is a positive number  $c$  such that  $\langle u, v \rangle_1 = c\langle u, v \rangle_2$  for every  $u, v \in V$ .  $\square$

**16** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Suppose  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$  are inner products on  $V$  with corresponding norms  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$ . Prove that there exists a positive number  $c$  such that  $\|v\|_1 \leq c\|v\|_2$  for every  $v \in V$ .

**Solution:**

We know from previous problem that there is a positive number  $k$  such that  $\langle u, v \rangle_1 = k\langle u, v \rangle_2$  for every  $u, v \in V$ . Let  $u = v$ . Then we get  $\langle v, v \rangle_1 = c\langle v, v \rangle_2$

for every  $v \in V$ . As  $k$  is positive, we can take square root on both sides and get:

$$\|v\|_1 = \sqrt{k}\|v\|_2$$

Choose any  $c > \sqrt{k}$  to get the desired inequality  $\|v\|_1 \leq c\|v\|_2$ .  $\square$

**17** Suppose  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$  and  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Prove that if  $T$  is an operator on  $V$  such that 1 is the only eigenvalue of  $T$  and  $\|Tv\| \leq \|v\|$  for all  $v \in V$ , then  $T$  is the identity operator.

**Solution:**

Let  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$  such that matrix of  $T$  with respect to this basis is upper-triangular. Using 5.41, we conclude that all diagonal entries in the matrix equal 1.

$T$  acts on some basis vector  $e_k$  like:

$$Te_k = e_k + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} A_{j,k} e_j$$

Using the property of  $T$  we get:

$$\|Te_k\| \leq \|e_k\| = 1$$

At the same time:

$$\|Te_k\| = \sqrt{\|e_k + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} A_{j,k} e_j\|^2} = \sqrt{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} |A_{j,k}|^2}$$

Thus,  $\sqrt{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} |A_{j,k}|^2} \leq 1$ , which is possible only if  $\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} |A_{j,k}|^2 = 0$ .

As it is true for any  $e_k$ , we conclude that the only non-zero matrix elements are diagonal elements, which are equal to 1. It means, that  $T$  is the identity operator.  $\square$

**18** Suppose  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  is a linearly independent list in  $V$ . Show that there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $\langle u_k, v \rangle = 1$  for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $U = \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m)$ . For a  $w \in U$ :  $w = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m$ , define a linear functional  $\varphi(w) = a_1 + \dots + a_m$ . By the Riesz representation theorem there is a unique  $v \in V$  such that  $\varphi(w) = \langle w, v \rangle$ .

Now note that for every  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  the value of the linear functional is  $\varphi(u_k) = 1$ . Thus  $\langle u_k, v \rangle = 1$ , as desired.  $\square$

**19** Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ . Prove that there exists a basis  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  of  $V$  such that

$$\langle v_j, u_k \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j \neq k, \\ 1 & \text{if } j = k. \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

Take the dual basis  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  of the given basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ . Every linear functional in this dual basis is defined as:

$$\varphi_k(v_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = k, \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k. \end{cases}$$

By the Riesz representation theorem there exist such vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  such that  $\langle v_j, u_k \rangle = \varphi_k(v_j)$ . That gives the desired values of the inner products. Now we need to show that  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is also a basis of  $V$ . Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$  be such that:

$$a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_n u_n = 0$$

Take the inner product of this linear combination with some  $v_k$  from the old basis:

$$\langle a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_n u_n, v_k \rangle = a_k \langle u_k, v_k \rangle = a_k$$

At the same time:

$$\langle a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_n u_n, v_k \rangle = \langle 0, v_k \rangle = 0$$

We conclude from it that  $a_k = 0$  for any  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . So  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is linearly independent and hence is a basis of  $V$ .  $\square$

**20** Suppose  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $V$  is finite-dimensional, and  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that

$$ST = TS$$

for all  $S, T \in \mathcal{E}$ . Prove that there is an orthonormal basis of  $V$  with respect to which every element of  $\mathcal{E}$  has an upper-triangular matrix.

**Solution:**

$TS = ST$  for every  $S, T \in \mathcal{E}$ , hence all elements of  $\mathcal{E}$  have an upper-triangular matrix with respect to the same basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  (Proposition 5.80 applied to every pair of elements). Apply Gram-Schmidt procedure to this basis. As  $\text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_k) = \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$  for every  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_k)$  is invariant under every  $T \in \mathcal{E}$  for every  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Thus,  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal basis, such that every element of  $\mathcal{E}$  has an upper-triangular matrix with respect to it.  $\square$

**21** Suppose  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $V$  is finite-dimensional,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , and all eigenvalues of  $T$  have absolute value less than 1. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Prove that there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $\|T^m v\| \leq \epsilon \|v\|$  for every  $v \in V$ .

**Solution:**

By the Schur's theorem, there is some orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  such that the matrix of  $T$  with respect to this basis is upper-triangular.

Note, that if we change all entries in the matrix of the operator to their absolute values, the norm  $\|Tv\|$  is greater or equal to the norm of the original  $Tv$ . Also, we can change all diagonal entries (eigenvalues of  $T$ ) to the maximum eigenvalue. Thus we have constructed an operator  $A$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}(A)_{i,j} &= |\mathcal{M}(T)| & \text{if } i \neq j; \\ \mathcal{M}(A)_{i,i} &= \max\{|\lambda_k|\}\end{aligned}$$

For this operator,  $\|Tv\| \leq \|Av\|$  and hence  $\|T^m v\| \leq \|A^m v\|$ .

Let us denote the value of diagonal elements of  $\mathcal{M}(A)$  as  $\lambda$ . Then we can write:

$$A = \lambda I + N$$

where the matrix of  $N$  with respect to the basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  has all diagonal elements equal to zero.

By 5.27, the minimal polynomial of  $N$  is  $(z - 0)^n = 0$  hence  $N^n = 0$ . Take any  $m \geq n$ , then

$$A^m = (\lambda I + N)^m = \lambda^m I + m\lambda^{m-1}N + \dots + \frac{m!}{(m-n+1)!(n-1)!} \lambda^{m-n+1} N^{n-1}$$

The coefficients in the expansion of  $A$  in the limit of  $m \rightarrow \infty$  are:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m!}{(m-k)!k!} \lambda^{m-k} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda^m}{k!} = 0 \quad (\text{as } |\lambda| < 1)$$

Thus, taking  $m$  sufficiently large we can make every coefficient in this sum as small as we wish. This sum is finite, so we can make every entry of  $A^m$  as small as we wish. Take  $m$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(A)_{j,k} \leq \epsilon/\sqrt{n}$  for every  $j$  and  $k$ . Then:

$$\|A^m e_k\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}(A)_{j,k} e_j \right\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |\mathcal{M}(A)_{j,k}|^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\epsilon^2}{n} = \epsilon^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|A^m v\| &= \|A^m(a_1 e_1 \dots a_n e_n)\|^2 = |a_1|^2 \|A^m e_1\|^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2 \|A^m e_n\|^2 \\ &\leq |a_1|^2 \epsilon^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2 \epsilon^2 = \epsilon^2 (|a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_n|^2) = \epsilon^2 \|v\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|T^m v\| \leq \|A^m v\| \leq \epsilon \|v\|$  as desired.  $\square$

**22** Suppose  $\mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$  is the vector space of continuous real-valued functions on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  with inner product given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 fg$$

for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$ . Let  $\varphi$  be the linear functional on  $\mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$  defined by  $\varphi(f) = f(0)$ . Show that there does not exist  $g \in \mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$  such that

$$\varphi(f) = \langle f, g \rangle$$

for every  $f \in \mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$ .

**Solution:**

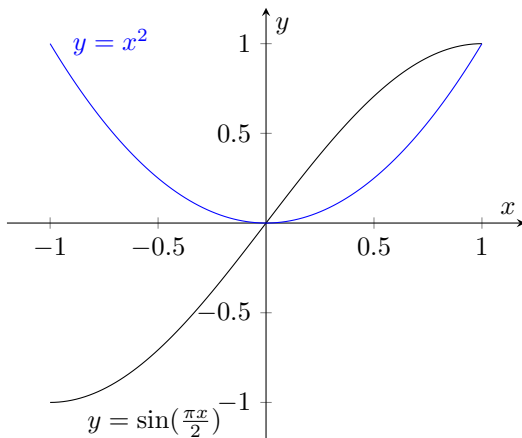


Figure 6.2: Illustration for *Problem 6B.22*

Take two continuous functions defined on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ :  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $h(x) = \sin(\pi x/2)$ . The linear functional defined in the problem should give in both cases:  $\varphi(f) = f(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi(h) = h(0) = 0$ . Suppose there exists  $g \in \mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$  such that it represents the given linear functional. Thus we need that both inner products equal zero:

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^2 g(x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin(\pi x/2) g(x) dx = 0$$

The only function that can make both of these integrals equal zero is  $g(x) = 0$ . But then such  $g(x)$  won't give the correct value of functional of functions such as  $p(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Hence, there does not exist such  $g(x)$ .  $\square$



## 6C Orthogonal Complements and Minimization Problems

1 Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ . Prove that

$$\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}^\perp = (\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m))^\perp$$

**Solution:**

Suppose  $u \in \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}^\perp$ . Examine the inner product of  $u$  with a vector from  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ :

$$\langle a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m, u \rangle = a_1 \langle v_1, u \rangle + \dots + a_m \langle v_m, u \rangle = 0$$

where the last equal sign is there because  $u \in \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}^\perp$ .

Hence  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}^\perp \subseteq (\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m))^\perp$ .

Then, note that  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \subset \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$ . Therefore, by 6.48e,  $(\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m))^\perp \subseteq \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}^\perp$ .

Thus we have shown inclusion on both sides, hence  $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}^\perp = (\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m))^\perp$ .  $\square$

2 Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$  with basis  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  and

$$u_1, \dots, u_m, v_1, \dots, v_n$$

is a basis of  $V$ . Prove that if the Gram-Schmidt procedure is applied to the basis of  $V$  above, producing a list  $e_1, \dots, e_m, f_1, \dots, f_n$ , then  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal basis of  $U$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $U^\perp$ .

**Solution:**

The Gram-Schmidt procedure does not change span of the successive lists of vectors. Thus,  $\text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m) = \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m) = U$ , so  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  is an orthonormal basis of  $U$ .

As the basis produced by the Gram-Schmidt procedure is orthonormal, we can see that any  $w = b_1 f_1 + \dots + b_n f_n$  is orthogonal to any vector in  $U$ :

$$\langle w, u \rangle = \langle b_1 f_1 + \dots + b_n f_n, a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m e_m \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m b_i \overline{a_j} \langle f_i, e_j \rangle = 0$$

So, any such vector  $w$  is in  $U^\perp$ .

$V$  is finite-dimensional, as is  $U$ , with  $\dim V = n + m$  and  $\dim U = m$ . Hence, by 6.51,  $\dim U^\perp = n$ . Note, that  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is linearly independent list with length of  $n$  and all its vector are in  $U^\perp$ , hence it must be a basis of  $U^\perp$ . This list is orthonormal, thus we have shown that  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $U^\perp$ .  $\square$

**3** Suppose  $U$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  defined by

$$U = \text{span}((1, 2, 3, -4), (-5, 4, 3, 2)).$$

Find an orthonormal basis of  $U$  and an orthonormal basis of  $U^\perp$ .

**Solution:**

Firstly, we find an orthonormal basis of  $U$ . To do that, apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to the given (linearly independent) list:

$$\|(1, 2, 3, -4)\| = \sqrt{1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{30}$$

$$e_1 = (1, 2, 3, -4)/\|(1, 2, 3, -4)\| = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}}, -\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)$$

$$u_2 = (-5, 4, 3, 2) - \langle(-5, 4, 3, 2), e_1\rangle e_1$$

$$\langle(-5, 4, 3, 2), e_1\rangle = -5 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} + 4 \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} + 3 \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}} - 2 \cdot \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}$$

$$u_2 = (-5, 4, 3, 2) - \frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{30}}, -\frac{4}{\sqrt{30}}\right)$$

$$= \left(-5 - \frac{4}{30}, 4 - \frac{8}{30}, 3 - \frac{12}{30}, 2 + \frac{16}{30}\right) = \left(-\frac{77}{15}, \frac{56}{15}, \frac{13}{5}, \frac{38}{15}\right)$$

$$\|u_2\| = \left[\left(-\frac{77}{15}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{56}{15}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{13}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{38}{15}\right)^2\right]^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{802}{15}} = \frac{\sqrt{12030}}{15}$$

$$e_2 = u_2/\|u_2\| = \left(-\frac{77}{\sqrt{12030}}, \frac{56}{\sqrt{12030}}, \frac{39}{\sqrt{12030}}, \frac{38}{\sqrt{12030}}\right)$$

Secondly, we find an orthonormal basis of  $U^\perp$ . To do that, we extend the given list to a basis:  $(1, 2, 3, -4), (-5, 4, 3, 2), (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0)$ . Then we continue to apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure in order to get orthonormal vectors  $f_1, f_2$ , which will be a basis of  $U^\perp$ .

$$w_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0) - \langle(1, 0, 0, 0), e_1\rangle e_1 - \langle(1, 0, 0, 0), e_2\rangle e_2$$

$$\langle(1, 0, 0, 0), e_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}$$

$$\langle(1, 0, 0, 0), e_2\rangle = -\frac{77}{\sqrt{12030}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
w_1 &= \left( 1 - \frac{1}{30} - \frac{5929}{12030}, -\frac{2}{30} + \frac{4312}{12030}, -\frac{3}{30} + \frac{3003}{12030}, \frac{4}{30} + \frac{2926}{12030} \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{190}{401}, \frac{117}{401}, \frac{60}{401}, \frac{151}{401} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\|w_1\| = \sqrt{\frac{190}{401}}$$

$$f_1 = \left( \sqrt{\frac{190}{401}}, \frac{117}{\sqrt{76190}}, \frac{60}{\sqrt{76190}}, \frac{151}{\sqrt{76190}} \right)$$

$$w_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0) - \langle (0, 1, 0, 0), e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle (0, 1, 0, 0), e_2 \rangle e_2 - \langle (0, 1, 0, 0), f_1 \rangle f_1$$

$$\langle (0, 1, 0, 0), e_1 \rangle = \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}}$$

$$\langle (0, 1, 0, 0), e_2 \rangle = \frac{56}{\sqrt{12030}}$$

$$\langle (0, 1, 0, 0), f_1 \rangle = \frac{117}{\sqrt{76190}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
w_2 &= \left( -\frac{2}{30} + \frac{4312}{12030} - \frac{22230}{76190}, 1 - \frac{4}{30} - \frac{3136}{12030} - \frac{13689}{76190}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. -\frac{6}{30} - \frac{2184}{12030} - \frac{7020}{76190}, \frac{8}{30} - \frac{2128}{12030} - \frac{17669}{76190} \right) \\
&= \left( 0, \frac{81}{190}, -\frac{9}{19}, -\frac{27}{190} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\|w_2\| = \frac{9\sqrt{190}}{190}$$

$$f_2 = \left( 0, \frac{9\sqrt{190}}{190}, -\frac{\sqrt{190}}{19}, -\frac{3\sqrt{190}}{190} \right)$$

4 Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is a list of vectors in  $V$  with  $\|e_k\| = 1$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and

$$\|v\|^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle v, e_n \rangle|^2$$

for all  $v \in V$ . Prove that  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .

**Solution:**

At the first step, we will show that  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal list of vectors. Consider  $e_1$ . Its squared norm is:  $\|e_1\|^2 = 1$ . At the same time:

$$\|e_1\|^2 = |\langle e_1, e_1 \rangle|^2 + |\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle e_1, e_n \rangle|^2 = \|e_1\|^2 + |\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle e_1, e_n \rangle|^2$$

Hence,  $|\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle|^2 + \cdots + |\langle e_1, e_n \rangle|^2 = 0$ . As it is a sum of non-negative terms, we must conclude that  $\langle e_1, e_k \rangle = 0$  for every  $k \neq 1$ .

The same logic can be applied to any  $e_j$  in the given list. Thus we have shown that the vectors in the list  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are mutually orthogonal. As the norm of every vector in this list equals 1, it is the orthonormal list.

Now we will show that the list  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  spans the whole  $V$ . Let  $U = \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_n) \subseteq V$ .  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is a basis of  $U$ , because it is linearly independent list that spans  $U$ . Suppose  $w \in V$  is such a vector that  $w \in U^\perp$ , then

$$\|w\| = |\langle w, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \cdots + |\langle w, e_n \rangle|^2 = 0 + \cdots + 0 = 0$$

where we used the definition of orthogonal complement to write  $\langle w, e_k \rangle = 0$ . By the definiteness property of inner products,  $w = 0$ . Hence,  $U^\perp = \{0\}$  and by 6.54,  $U = V$ .

Thus,  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ .  $\square$

**5** Suppose that  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Show that  $P_{U^\perp} = I - P_U$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator on  $V$ .

**Solution:**

By 6.49, every  $v \in V$  can be represented as:

$$v = u + w$$

where  $u \in U$  and  $w \in U^\perp$ . Write  $w$  as:

$$w = v - u = Iv - P_U v = (I - P_U)v$$

So, we see that  $P_{U^\perp} = I - P_U$ .  $\square$

**6** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Show that

$$T = TP_{(\text{null } T)^\perp} = P_{\text{range } T}T.$$

**Solution:**

First, note that  $Tv \in \text{range } T$ , hence  $P_{\text{range } T}Tv = Tv$  for every  $v \in V$ . Thus we have shown that  $T = P_{\text{range } T}T$ .

Then, note that because  $\text{null } T$  is a subspace of  $V$ , by 6.49 every  $v \in V$  can be represented as:

$$v = u + w$$

where  $u \in \text{null } T$  and  $w \in (\text{null } T)^\perp$ . Then apply  $T$  on  $v$ :

$$Tv = T(u + w) = Tu + Tw = 0 + Tw = Tw = T(P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}v) = TP_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}v$$

for every  $v \in V$ . Thus, we have shown that  $T = TP_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}$ .  $\square$

**7** Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite-dimensional subspaces of  $V$ . Prove that  $P_X P_Y = 0$  if and only if  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in Y$ .

**Solution:**

→ Suppose  $P_X P_Y = 0$ . Consider a vector  $v \in V$ :

$$P_X P_Y v = 0$$

If  $P_Y v = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ , then  $Y = \{0\}$ , and the conclusion  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$  follows immediately. Let  $Y \neq \{0\}$ . Then,  $P_Y v$  can be represented as:

$$P_Y v = u + w$$

where  $u \in X$ ,  $w \in X^\perp$ . Then

$$P_X(P_Y v) = P_X(u + w) = P_X u + P_X w = u + 0 = 0$$

Hence,  $u = 0$  for any choice of  $v \in V$ . Thus,  $P_Y v \in X^\perp$ . At the same time  $P_Y v \in \text{range } P_Y$  and  $\text{range } P_Y = Y$ . Therefore,  $Y \subseteq X^\perp$ . The last statement means that  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in Y$ .

← Suppose  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ .

Then we can state that  $Y \subseteq X^\perp$ . As  $Y = \text{range } P_Y$ , it immediately follows that  $P_X P_Y v = P_X(P_Y v) = 0$  for any  $v \in V$  (see property 6.57c).  $\square$

**8** Suppose  $U$  is a finite-dimensional subspace of  $V$  and  $v \in V$ . Define a linear functional  $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  by

$$\varphi(u) = \langle u, v \rangle$$

for all  $u \in U$ . By the Riesz representation theorem as applied to the inner product space  $U$ , there exists a unique vector  $w \in U$  such that

$$\varphi(u) = \langle u, w \rangle$$

for all  $u \in U$ . Show that  $w = P_U v$ .

**Solution:**

By 6.49,  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ . Hence, we can uniquely write  $v = w + \xi$ , where  $w \in U$  and  $\xi \in U^\perp$ . Then:

$$\varphi(u) = \langle u, v \rangle = \langle u, w + \xi \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle u, \xi \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + 0 = \langle u, w \rangle \quad \square$$

**9** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $P \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that  $P^2 = P$  and every vector in  $\text{null } P$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $\text{range } P$ . Prove that there exists a subspace  $U$  of  $V$  such that  $P = P_U$ .

**Solution:**

Because every vector in  $\text{null } P$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $\text{range } P$ ,  $\text{null } P$  is a subspace of  $(\text{range } P)^\perp$ . By the Fundamental Theorem of linear maps:  $\dim V = \dim \text{null } P + \dim \text{range } P$ . Hence  $\text{null } P = (\text{range } P)^\perp$  and:

$$V = \text{null } P \oplus \text{range } P$$

Take  $U = \text{range } P$ , then  $U^\perp = \text{null } P$ . Suppose  $u \in U$ , then:

$$P^2u = Pu \quad \text{and also} \quad P^2u = P(Pu)$$

Thus,  $P(Pu - u) = 0$ , which means  $(Pu - u) \in \text{null } P = U^\perp$ . At the same time,  $u \in U$  and  $Pu \in U$ , which means  $(Pu - u) \in U$ . Therefore,  $(Pu - u) \in U \cap U^\perp = \{0\}$ . Thus we have shown, that

$$Pu = u$$

for all  $u \in U$ .

Now take arbitrary  $v \in V$ . It can be uniquely represented as  $v = u + w$ , where  $u \in U$  and  $w \in U^\perp$ . Then:

$$Pv = P(u + w) = Pu + Pw = Pu + 0 = Pu$$

where we used the fact that  $U^\perp = \text{null } P$ .

Thus,  $U$  is the required subspace of  $V$ .  $\square$

**10** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $P \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that  $P^2 = P$  and

$$\|Pv\| \leq \|v\|$$

for every  $v \in V$ . Prove that there exists a subspace  $U$  of  $V$  such that  $P = P_U$ .

**Solution:**

By *Problem 3B.27*,  $V = \text{null } P \oplus \text{range } P$ .

Let  $U = \text{range } P$ ,  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$  such that  $u = Pv$ . Using  $P^2 = P$  we see that:

$$P^2v = Pv \Rightarrow Pu = u$$

Now we will show that  $\text{null } P = U^\perp$ . Take  $u \in U$  and  $w \in \text{null } P$ . Then write:

$$\begin{aligned} \|P(u + \lambda w)\| &\leq \|u + \lambda w\| \\ \|P(u + \lambda w)\| &= \|Pu + \lambda Pw\| = \|Pu\| = \|u\| \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\|u\| \leq \|u + \lambda w\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . From *Problem 6A.6*, we deduce that  $\langle u, w \rangle = 0$ . As we took arbitrary  $u$  and  $w$ , it means  $\text{null } P = U^\perp$ .

Hence,  $U = \text{range } P$  is the required subspace.  $\square$

**11** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $U$  is a finite-dimensional subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $U$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $P_U T P_U = T P_U$ .

**Solution:**

Suppose  $u \in U$ . Then we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} P_U T P_U u &= P_U T u \\ T P_U u &= T u \end{aligned}$$

$U$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $Tu \in U$ , and hence if and only if  $P_U T u = T u$ . Thus we have shown that  $P_U T P_U = T P_U$  for every  $u \in U$ .

Now suppose  $w \in U^\perp$ , then  $P_U w = 0$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} P_U T P_U w &= P_U T(0) = 0 \\ T P_U w &= T(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $U$  is invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $P_U T P_U = T P_U$  for every  $v \in V$ .  $\square$

**12** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ , and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $U$  and  $U^\perp$  are both invariant under  $T$  if and only if  $P_U T = T P_U$ .

**Solution:**

$\longrightarrow$  Suppose  $U$  and  $U^\perp$  are invariant under  $T$ . Take  $u \in U$ . Then,  $Tu \in U$  and:

$$P_U T u = P_U(Tu) = Tu \quad \text{and} \quad T P_U u = Tu$$

so  $P_U T = T P_U$  for all  $u \in U$ .

Then take  $w \in U^\perp$ .  $U^\perp$  is invariant under  $T$  means that  $Tw \in U^\perp$ . Hence:

$$P_U T w = P_U(Tw) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad T P_U w = T(0) = 0$$

so  $P_U T = T P_U$  for all  $w \in U^\perp$ . As  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ , any  $v \in V$  can be uniquely written as  $v = u + w$  with some  $u \in U$  and  $w \in U^\perp$ . So we have:

$$P_U T v = P_U T(u + w) = P_U T u + P_U T w = T P_U u + T P_U w = T P_U(u + w) = T P_U v$$

Thus,  $P_U T = T P_U$  for every  $v \in V$ .

$\longleftarrow$  Suppose  $P_U T = T P_U$  for every  $v \in V$ .

Take  $u \in U$ . Notice, that  $T P_U u = Tu$  and  $T P_U u = P_U T u \in U$ . So,  $Tu \in U$  and hence  $U$  is invariant under  $T$ .

Take  $w \in U^\perp$ .  $T P_U w = T(0) = 0$  and  $T P_U w = P_U T w = 0$ . Therefore, it must be that  $Tw \in U^\perp$ , so  $U^\perp$  is also invariant under  $T$ .  $\square$

**13** Suppose  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  and  $V$  is finite-dimensional. For each  $v \in V$ , let  $\varphi_v$  denote the linear functional on  $V$  defined by

$$\varphi_v(u) = \langle u, v \rangle$$

for all  $u \in V$ .

- (a) Show that  $v \mapsto \varphi_v$  is an injective linear map from  $V$  to  $V'$ .
- (b) Use (a) and a dimension-counting argument to show that  $v \mapsto \varphi_v$  is an isomorphism from  $V$  onto  $V'$ .

**Solution:**

(a) We will show that a linear map  $S : v \mapsto \varphi_v$  is injective by showing that its null space contains only 0. Suppose  $w \in \text{null } S$ . Then  $\langle u, w \rangle = 0$  for every  $u \in V$ . Take  $u = \lambda w$ , where  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then

$$\langle \lambda w, w \rangle = \lambda \langle w, w \rangle = 0$$

Therefore, by the definiteness property of inner products,  $w = 0$ . Hence,  $S$  is injective.

(b) By the Fundamental theorem of linear maps:

$$\dim V = \dim \text{null } S + \dim \text{range } S$$

As  $\text{null } S = \{0\}$ , we conclude that  $\dim \text{range } S = \dim V$ .

Moreover, by 3.111  $\dim V' = \dim V$ . Hence,  $S$  is also surjective and thus it is an invertible linear map from  $V$  to  $V'$ , *i.e.* isomorphism.  $\square$

**14** Suppose that  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$ . Explain why the dual basis of  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is  $\varphi_{e_1}, \dots, \varphi_{e_n}$  under the identification of  $V'$  with  $V$  provided by the Riesz representation theorem.

**Solution:**

From the notion of  $\varphi_v$  of the Riesz representation theorem, we can write:

$$\varphi_{e_j}(e_k) = \langle e_k, e_j \rangle$$

The inner product  $\langle e_k, e_j \rangle$  equals 1 only if  $j = k$ , and otherwise equals 0. Thus, the list  $\varphi_{e_1}, \dots, \varphi_{e_n}$  satisfies the definition of a dual basis (3.112).



**15** In  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , let

$$U = \text{span}((1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1, 2)).$$

Find  $u \in U$  such that  $\|u - (1, 2, 3, 4)\|$  is as small as possible.

**Solution:**

To find the desired  $u$ , we first apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to the given spanning list of  $U$ .

$$e_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0) / \|(1, 1, 0, 0)\| = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0 \right)$$

$$f_2 = (1, 1, 1, 2) - \langle (1, 1, 1, 2), e_1 \rangle e_1$$

$$\langle (1, 1, 1, 2), e_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$f_2 = (1, 1, 1, 2) - \sqrt{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0 \right) = (0, 0, 1, 2)$$

$$\|f_2\| = \sqrt{1 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$e_2 = f_2 / \|f_2\| = \left( 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right)$$

Let us use  $v$  for  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$ . The desired  $u$  is:

$$u = P_U v = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle v, e_2 \rangle e_2$$

The inner products are:

$$\langle v, e_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\langle v, e_2 \rangle = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + 4 \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

Hence:

$$u = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0 \right) + 2\sqrt{5} \cdot \left( 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right) = \left( \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 2, 4 \right)$$

**16** Suppose  $\mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$  is the vector space of continuous real-valued functions on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  with inner product given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 fg$$

for all  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$ . Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathcal{C}[-1, 1]$  defined by

$$U = \{f \in \mathcal{C}[-1, 1] : f(0) = 0\}.$$

(a) Show that  $U^\perp = \{0\}$ .

(b) Show that 6.49 and 6.52 do not hold without the finite-dimensional hypothesis.

**Solution:**

(a) See Fig. 6.2. Both  $\sin x$  and  $x^2$  are in  $U$ , while the only continuous function that is orthogonal to both of them is  $g(x) = 0$ . So,  $U^\perp = \{0\}$ .

(b) 6.49 states that  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ . Here clearly  $U \neq \mathcal{C}$ , so  $\mathcal{C}$  cannot be a direct sum of  $U$  and  $\{0\}$ .

6.52 states that  $U = (U^\perp)^\perp$ . In this case,  $(U^\perp)^\perp = \mathcal{C} \neq U$ .

**17** Find  $p \in \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $p(0) = 0$ ,  $p'(0) = 0$ , and  $\int_0^1 |2 + 3x - p(x)|^2 dx$  is as small as possible.

**Solution:**

A general polynomial in  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  can be written as:

$$q(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

The conditions  $p(0) = 0$  and  $p'(0) = 0$  mean that  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = 0$  for such polynomials. Thus, the polynomials of interest can be written as:

$$p(x) = ax^2 + bx^3$$

and they form a two-dimensional subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ . Given the integral in the problem, we will define the inner product on  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$  as:

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \int_0^1 pq$$

Apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to this subspace.

$$f_1 = x^2$$

$$\|f_1\|^2 = \int_0^1 (x^2)^2 dx = \left. \frac{x^5}{5} \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$e_1 = \sqrt{5}x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_2 &= x^3 - \langle x^3, e_1 \rangle e_1 \\
\langle x^3, e_1 \rangle &= \int_0^1 x^3 \cdot \sqrt{5}x^2 dx = \sqrt{5} \frac{x^6}{6} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{6} \\
f_2 &= x^3 - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{6} \cdot \sqrt{5}x^2 = x^3 - \frac{5}{6}x^2 \\
\|f_2\|^2 &= \int_0^1 (x^3 - \frac{5}{6}x^2)^2 dx = \frac{1}{252} \\
e_2 &= 6\sqrt{7}x^3 - 5\sqrt{7}x^2
\end{aligned}$$

The desired polynomial  $p(x)$  is:

$$p(x) = \langle 2 + 3x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle 2 + 3x, e_2 \rangle e_2$$

The inner products are:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle 2 + 3x, e_1 \rangle &= \int_0^1 (2 + 3x) \cdot \sqrt{5}x^2 dx = \frac{17\sqrt{5}}{12} \\
\langle 2 + 3x, e_2 \rangle &= \int_0^1 (2 + 3x)(6\sqrt{7}x^3 - 5\sqrt{7}x^2) dx = -\frac{29\sqrt{7}}{60}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$p(x) = \frac{17\sqrt{5}}{12} \cdot \sqrt{5}x^3 - \frac{29\sqrt{7}}{60} 6\sqrt{7}x^3 + \frac{29\sqrt{7}}{60} \cdot 5\sqrt{7}x^2 = -\frac{793}{60}x^3 + \frac{1015}{60}x^2$$

**18** Find  $p \in \mathcal{P}_5(\mathbb{R})$  that makes  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x - p(x)|^2 dx$  as small as possible.

**Solution:**

Firstly, we will find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{P}_5(\mathbb{R})$  with the inner product given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle p, q \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} pq \\
f_1 &= 1, \quad \|f_1\| = \sqrt{2\pi} \\
e_1 &= f_1 / \|f_1\| = 1/\sqrt{2\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_2 &= x - \langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 \\
\langle x, e_1 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = 0 \\
\|f_2\|^2 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2\pi^3}{3} \\
e_2 &= f_2 / \|f_2\| = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} x
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_3 &= x^2 - \langle x^2, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle x^2, e_2 \rangle e_2 \\
\langle x^2, e_1 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi^5}}{3} \\
\langle x^2, e_2 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} x^3 dx = 0 \\
f_3 &= x^2 - \frac{\sqrt{2\pi^5}}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \\
\|f_3\|^2 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right)^2 dx = \frac{8\pi^5}{45} \\
e_3 &= f_3 / \|f_3\| = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{8\pi^5}} \left( x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_4 &= x^3 - \langle x^3, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle x^3, e_2 \rangle e_2 - \langle x^3, e_3 \rangle e_3 \\
\langle x^3, e_1 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = 0 \\
\langle x^3, e_2 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^4 \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} dx = \frac{\sqrt{6\pi^7}}{5} \\
\langle x^3, e_3 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^3 \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{8\pi^5}} \left( x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) dx = 0 \\
f_4 &= x^3 - \frac{\sqrt{6\pi^7}}{5} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} x = x^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{5} x \\
\|f_4\|^2 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( x^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{5} x \right)^2 dx = \frac{8\pi^7}{175} \\
e_4 &= f_4 / \|f_4\| = \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2\pi^7}} \left( x^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{5} x \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$f_5 = x^4 - \langle x^4, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle x^4, e_2 \rangle e_2 - \langle x^4, e_3 \rangle e_3 - \langle x^4, e_4 \rangle e_4$$

$$\langle x^4, e_1 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x^4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi^9}}{5}$$

$$\langle x^4, e_2 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^4 \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} x dx = 0$$

$$\langle x^4, e_3 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^4 \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{8\pi^5}} \left( x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) dx = \frac{4\sqrt{2\pi^9}}{7\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\langle x^4, e_4 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^4 \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2\pi^7}} \left( x^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{5} x \right) dx = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_5 &= x^4 - \frac{\sqrt{2\pi^9}}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{4\sqrt{2\pi^9}}{7\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{8\pi^5}} \left( x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) \\ &= x^4 - \frac{6\pi^2}{7} x^2 + \frac{3\pi^4}{35} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|f_5\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( x^4 - \frac{6\pi^2}{7} x^2 + \frac{3\pi^4}{35} \right)^2 dx = \frac{128\pi^9}{11025}$$

$$e_5 = f_5 / \|f_5\| = \frac{105}{8\pi^4\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( x^4 - \frac{6\pi^2}{7} x^2 + \frac{3\pi^4}{35} \right)$$

$$f_6 = x^5 - \langle x^5, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle x^5, e_2 \rangle e_2 - \langle x^5, e_3 \rangle e_3 - \langle x^5, e_4 \rangle e_4 - \langle x^5, e_5 \rangle e_5$$

$$\langle x^5, e_1 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x^5}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = 0$$

$$\langle x^5, e_2 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^5 \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} x dx = \frac{\pi^5\sqrt{6\pi}}{7}$$

$$\langle x^5, e_3 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^5 \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{8\pi^5}} \left( x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) dx = 0$$

$$\langle x^5, e_4 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^5 \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2\pi^7}} \left( x^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{5} x \right) dx = \frac{4\pi^5\sqrt{2\pi}}{9\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\langle x^5, e_5 \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^5 \frac{105}{8\pi^4\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( x^4 - \frac{6\pi^2}{7} x^2 + \frac{3\pi^4}{35} \right) dx = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_6 &= x^5 - \frac{\pi^5 \sqrt{6\pi}}{7} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} x - \frac{4\pi^5 \sqrt{2\pi}}{9\sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2\pi^7}} \left( x^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{5} x \right) \\
&= x^5 - \frac{10\pi^2}{9} x^3 + \frac{5\pi^4}{21} x \\
\|f_6\|^2 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( x^5 - \frac{10\pi^2}{9} x^3 + \frac{5\pi^4}{21} x \right)^2 dx = \frac{128\pi^{11}}{43659} \\
e_6 &= f_6 / \|f_6\| = \frac{2\sqrt{11}}{16\pi^5 \sqrt{2\pi}} (63x^5 - 70\pi^2 x^3 + 15\pi^4 x)
\end{aligned}$$

The desired polynomial  $p(x)$  is given by the orthogonal projection:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x) &= \langle \sin x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle \sin x, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \langle \sin x, e_3 \rangle e_3 + \langle \sin x, e_4 \rangle e_4 \\
&\quad + \langle \sin x, e_5 \rangle e_5 + \langle \sin x, e_6 \rangle e_6
\end{aligned}$$

We calculate the inner products:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \sin x, e_1 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = 0 \\
\langle \sin x, e_2 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi^3}} x dx = \sqrt{\frac{6}{\pi}} \\
\langle \sin x, e_3 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{8\pi^5}} \left( x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right) dx = 0 \\
\langle \sin x, e_4 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cdot \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2\pi^7}} \left( x^3 - \frac{3\pi^2}{5} x \right) dx = \sqrt{\frac{14}{\pi^5}} (\pi^2 - 15) \\
\langle \sin x, e_5 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cdot \frac{105}{8\pi^4 \sqrt{2\pi}} \left( x^4 - \frac{6\pi^2}{7} x^2 + \frac{3\pi^4}{35} \right) dx = 0 \\
\langle \sin x, e_6 \rangle &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{11}}{16\pi^5 \sqrt{2\pi}} (63x^5 - 70\pi^2 x^3 + 15\pi^4 x) dx \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{22}{\pi^9}} (\pi^4 - 105\pi^2 + 945)
\end{aligned}$$

Then we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x) &= \frac{693}{8\pi^{10}} (\pi^4 - 105\pi^2 + 945) x^5 - \frac{315}{4\pi^8} (\pi^4 - 125\pi^2 + 1155) x^3 \\
&\quad + \frac{105}{8\pi^6} (\pi^4 - 153\pi^2 + 1485) x
\end{aligned}$$

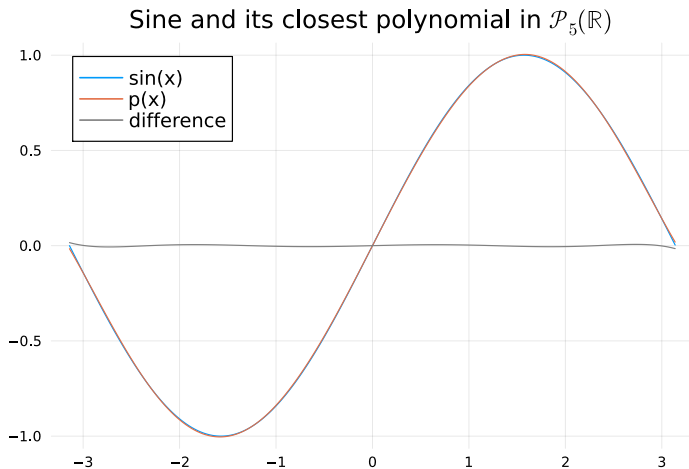


Figure 6.3: Illustration for *Problem 6C.18*. Maximal difference is  $\approx 0.016$ .

**19** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $P \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is an orthogonal projection of  $V$  onto some subspace of  $V$ . Prove that  $P^\dagger = P$ .

**Solution:**

Let us denote a subspace, for which  $P$  is an orthogonal projection, as  $U$ . Suppose  $v \in V$ . We can write it as:  $v = u + w$ , where  $u \in U$  and  $w \in U^\perp$ .

By the definition of a pseudoinverse,  $P^\dagger v = (P|_{(\text{null } P)^\perp})^{-1} P_{\text{range } P} v$ . Note that  $\text{range } P = U$  and  $(\text{null } P)^\perp = \text{range } P = U$ , so  $P_{\text{range } P} = P$  and  $P|_{(\text{null } P)^\perp} = P|_U$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P^\dagger v &= P^\dagger(u + w) = P^\dagger u + P^\dagger w \\ P^\dagger w &= (P|_U)^{-1} Pw = (P|_U)^{-1}(0) = 0 \\ P^\dagger u &= (P|_U)^{-1} Pu = (P|_U)^{-1} u = u \end{aligned}$$

The last equality is due to the fact, that  $P$  sends vectors of  $U$  to themselves. Hence, we get

$$P^\dagger v = u + 0 = u$$

for all  $v \in V$ . So,  $P^\dagger = P$ .  $\square$

**20** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Show that

$$\text{null } T^\dagger = (\text{range } T)^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad \text{range } T^\dagger = (\text{null } T)^\perp.$$

**Solution:**

$T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}$  is invertible, so if  $v \in \text{null } T^\dagger$  and  $v \neq 0$ , then  $v \in \text{null } P_{\text{range } T}$ . So

$$\text{null } T^\dagger = \text{null } P_{\text{range } T} = (\text{range } P_{\text{range } T})^\perp = (\text{range } T)^\perp$$

From the properties of operators and definition of pseudoinverse it is clear, that  $\text{range } T^\dagger \subseteq \text{range}(T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1}$ . At the same time,  $(T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1}$  is a linear map from  $\text{range } T$  to  $(\text{null } T)^\perp$ . The  $\text{range } T$  is wholly covered by the  $P_{\text{range } T}$ , hence we must conclude that  $\text{range } T^\dagger = \text{range}(T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1}$ . The last of what we need is that  $\text{range}(T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1} = (\text{null } T)^\perp$ . Indeed,  $(T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1}$  is an invertible map, so the desired conclusion follows immediately. Thus,

$$\text{range } T^\dagger = (\text{null } T)^\perp \quad \square$$

**21** Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^3, \mathbb{F}^2)$  is defined by

$$T(a, b, c) = (a + b + c, 2b + 3c).$$

- (a) For  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}^2$ , find a formula for  $T^\dagger(x, y)$ .
- (b) Verify that the equation  $TT^\dagger = P_{\text{range } T}$  from 6.69(b) holds with the formula for  $T^\dagger$  obtained in (a).
- (c) Verify that the equation  $T^\dagger T = P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}$  from 6.69(c) holds with the formula for  $T^\dagger$  obtained in (a).

**Solution:**

(a) Note that  $\text{range } T = \mathbb{F}^2$  and  $\text{null } T = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : a + b + c = 0 \text{ and } 2b + 3c = 0\}$ . The list of one vector  $(1, -3, 2)$  spans  $\text{null } T$ , and we can take it as a basis of  $\text{null } T$ .

Now suppose  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}^2$ . Then:

$$T^\dagger(x, y) = (T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1} P_{\text{range } T}(x, y) = (T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1}(x, y)$$

The right side of the equation is a vector  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{F}^3$  such that  $T(a, b, c) = (x, y)$  and  $(a, b, c) \in (\text{null } T)^\perp$ . In other words:

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + c &= x \\ 2b + 3c &= y \\ a - 3b + 2c &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



The first two equations are equivalent to  $T(a, b, c) = (x, y)$  and the third equation is the condition on orthogonality to  $(1, -3, 2)$ . Solving this system of equations, we get:

$$a = \frac{1}{14}(11x - 5y); \quad b = \frac{1}{14}(3x + y); \quad c = \frac{1}{14}(-2x + 4y)$$

Hence

$$T^\dagger(x, y) = \frac{1}{14}(13x - 5y, 3x + y, -2x + 4y)$$

(b) Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} TT^\dagger(x, y) &= T\left(\frac{1}{14}(11x - 5y, 3x + y, -2x + 4y)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{14}(13x - 5y + 3x + y - 2x + 4y, 2(3x + y) + 3(-2x + 4y)) \\ &= \frac{1}{14}(14x, 14y) = (x, y) = P_{\text{range } T}(x, y) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(c) First, we will decompose  $(a, b, c)$  into  $v \in \text{null } T$  and  $u \in (\text{null } T)^\perp$ .

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \frac{\langle (a, b, c), (1, -3, 2) \rangle}{\|(1, -3, 2)\|^2} (1, -3, 2) \\ \langle (a, b, c), (1, -3, 2) \rangle &= a - 3b + 2c \\ \|(1, -3, 2)\|^2 &= 1 + 9 + 4 = 14 \\ v &= \frac{a - 3b + 2c}{14} (1, -3, 2) \\ u &= (a, b, c) - v = \frac{1}{14}(13a + 3v - 2c, 3a + 5b + 6c, -2a + 6b - 10c) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{14}(13a + 3v - 2c, 3a + 5b + 6c, -2a + 6b - 10c)$ . Now we calculate  $T^\dagger T(a, b, c)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T^\dagger T(a, b, c) &= T^\dagger(a + b + c, 2b + 3c) \\ &= \frac{1}{14}(13(a + b + c) - 5(2b + 3c), 3(a + b + c) + 2b + 3c, \\ &\quad -2(a + b + c) + 4(2b + 3c)) \\ &= \frac{1}{14}(13a + 3b - 2c, 3a + 5b + 6c, -2a + 6b + 10c) \\ &= P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}(a, b, c) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

**22** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that

$$TT^\dagger T = T \quad \text{and} \quad T^\dagger TT^\dagger = T^\dagger.$$

**Solution:**

Property 6.69b tells that  $TT^\dagger = P_{\text{range } T}$ . For any  $v \in V$ ,  $Tv \in \text{range } T$ , hence

$$TT^\dagger Tv = P_{\text{range } T}(Tv) = Tv$$

which shows that  $TT^\dagger T = T$ .

Note that  $\text{range } T^\dagger = (\text{null } T)^\perp$  (*Problem 6C.20*) and by property 6.69c,  $T^\dagger T = P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}$ . Then:

$$T^\dagger TT^\dagger w = P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}(T^\dagger w) = T^\dagger w$$

for all  $w \in W$ . Hence,  $T^\dagger TT^\dagger = T^\dagger$ .  $\square$

**23** Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Prove that

$$(T^\dagger)^\dagger = T.$$

**Solution:**

First, we use definition of pseudoinverse to write:

$$\begin{aligned} (T^\dagger)^\dagger &= (T^\dagger|_{(\text{null } T^\dagger)^\perp})^{-1}P_{\text{range } T^\dagger} = (T^\dagger|_{\text{range } T})^{-1}P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp} \\ T^\dagger|_{\text{range } T} &= ((T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1}P_{\text{range } T})|_{\text{range } T} = (T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp})^{-1}(P_{\text{range } T})|_{\text{range } T} \\ (T^\dagger)^\dagger &= (P_{\text{range } T})|_{\text{range } T}|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp} = T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $v \in V$  and  $v = u + w$  such that  $u \in (\text{null } T)^\perp$  and  $w \in \text{null } T$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} (T^\dagger)^\dagger v &= (T^\dagger)^\dagger u + (T^\dagger)^\dagger w = T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}u + T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}w \\ &= T|_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}P_{(\text{null } T)^\perp}u = Tu = Tu + Tw = T(u + w) = Tv \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in V$ . Thus,  $(T^\dagger)^\dagger = T$ .  $\square$