

Part A

Solve the following problems from Bretscher:

5.4: 27, 31.

5.5: 15, 23, 32(a, b, c, d).

5.4

27. Consider an inconsistent linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, where A is a 3×2 matrix. We are told that the least-squares solution of this system is $\vec{x}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$. Consider an orthogonal 3×3 matrix S . Find the least-squares solution(s) of the system $SA\vec{x} = S\vec{b}$.

Sol The normal equation of $SA\vec{x} = S\vec{b}$ is

$$(SA)^T SA\vec{x} = (SA)^T S\vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T S^T S A\vec{x} = A^T S^T S \vec{b} \text{ by Thm 5.3.9(c)}$$

$$\text{So } A^T (S^T S) A\vec{x} = A^T (S^T S) \vec{b}$$

Since S is orthogonal, $S^T = S^{-1}$

Therefore the normal equation is

$$A^T A \vec{x}^* = A^T \vec{b}$$

which is the same with the normal equation of

So the least-square solution of $SA\vec{x} = S\vec{b}$ $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$

is the same as that of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ which is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

31. Fit a linear function of the form $f(t) = c_0 + c_1 t$ to the data points $(0, 3)$, $(1, 3)$, $(1, 6)$, using least squares. Sketch the solution.

Sol

$$\begin{cases} c_0 = 3 \\ c_0 + c_1 = 3 \\ c_0 + c_1 = 6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ \uparrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ A & c & b \end{matrix}$$

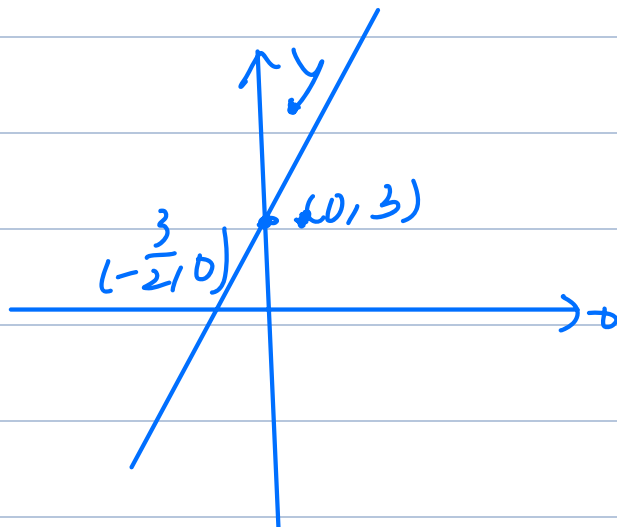
The normal equation of $A\vec{c} = \vec{b}$

is $A^T A \vec{c} = A^T \vec{b}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{c} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}}} \end{aligned}$$



5-5

15. For which values of the constants b , c , and d is the following an inner product in \mathbb{R}^2 ?

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = x_1 y_1 + b x_1 y_2 + c x_2 y_1 + d x_2 y_2$$

Hint: Be prepared to complete a square.

Sol

By symmetry :

$$x_1 y_1 + b x_1 y_2 + c x_2 y_1 + d x_2 y_2 = x_1 y_1 + b y_1 x_2 + c y_2 x_1 + d x_2 y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{b=c}$$

By positive definite:

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = \underline{x_1^2 + (b+c) x_1 x_2 + d x_2^2 > 0}$$

whenever $x_1, x_2 \neq 0$.

$$\text{So } x_1^2 + 2b x_1 x_2 + d x_2^2 > 0$$

$$(x_1 + b x_2)^2 - (b^2 x_2^2 - d x_2^2) > 0$$

$$(x_1 + b x_2)^2 + (d - b^2) x_2^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{d > b^2}$$

Therefore the condition is $b=c$ and $d > b^2$

23. In the space P_1 of the polynomials of degree ≤ 1 , we define the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (f(0)g(0) + f(1)g(1)).$$

Find an orthonormal basis for this inner product space.

Consider $(1, x)$ as a basis

$$\|1\| = \sqrt{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_1 = 1$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \frac{x - \langle x, 1 \rangle 1}{\|x - \langle x, 1 \rangle 1\|}$$

$$\langle x, 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_2 = 2x - 1$$

So an orthogonal basis is $(1, 2x-1)$.

32. In the space $C[-1, 1]$, we introduce the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t)dt.$$

- Find $\langle t^n, t^m \rangle$, where n and m are positive integers.
- Find the norm of $f(t) = t^n$, where n is a positive integer.
- Applying the Gram–Schmidt process to the standard basis $1, t, t^2, t^3$ of P_3 , construct an orthonormal basis $g_0(t), \dots, g_3(t)$ of P_3 for the given inner product.
- Find the polynomials $\frac{g_0(t)}{g_0(1)}, \dots, \frac{g_3(t)}{g_3(1)}$. (Those are the first few *Legendre polynomials*, named after the great French mathematician Adrien-Marie Legendre, 1752–1833. These polynomials have a wide range of applications in math, physics, and engineering. Note that the Legendre polynomials are normalized so that their value at 1 is 1.)

Sol

a. $\langle t^n, t^m \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 t^{n+m} dt$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{n+m+1} t^{n+m+1} \right]_{-1}^1$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n+m+1} - \frac{(-1)^{n+m+1}}{n+m+1} \right)$$
$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n+m \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1}{n+m+1}, & \text{if } n+m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$b. \|f(t)\| = \sqrt{\langle f(t), f(t) \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle t^n, t^n \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2n+1}}$$

$$c. g_0(t) = \frac{1}{\|1\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} = 1$$

$$\text{Since } \langle t, 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 t \, dt = 0$$

$$\text{So } g_1(t) = \frac{t - \langle t, 1 \rangle}{\|t - \langle t, 1 \rangle\|} = \frac{t}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t$$

$$g_2(t) = \frac{t^2 - \langle t^2, 1 \rangle - \langle t^2, t \rangle t}{\|t^2 - \langle t^2, 1 \rangle - \underbrace{\langle t^2, t \rangle t}_{=0}\|}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 - \frac{1}{3}}{\|t^2 - \frac{1}{3}\|} = \sqrt{\frac{90}{8}} (t^2 - \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2} (t^2 - \frac{1}{3})$$

$$g_3(t) = \frac{t^3 - \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle t^3, g_i(t) \rangle}{\|t^3 - \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle t^3, g_i(t) \rangle\|} = \frac{t^3 - \underbrace{\langle t^3, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t \rangle \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t}_{= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} (3t^2 - 1)}}{\|t^3 - \langle t^3, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t \rangle \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t\|}$$

$$= \frac{t^3 - \frac{3}{5} t}{\|t^3 - \frac{3}{5} t\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{15}}} (t^3 - \frac{3}{5} t)$$

$$d. \frac{g_0(t)}{g_0(1)} = 1, \frac{g_1(t)}{g_1(1)} = t$$

$$\frac{g_2(t)}{g_2(1)} = \frac{3t^2 - 1}{2}, \frac{g_3(t)}{g_3(1)} = \frac{5t^3 - 3t}{2}$$

Part B

Problem 1. Consider the four points $(2, 4, 6)$, $(1, 3, 2)$, $(1, 1, 0)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

- (a) Write a matrix equation that, *if it were consistent*, could be used to find the coefficients A, B, C in the equation of a plane of the form $z = Ax + By + C$ that contains all four points.
- (b) Show that the matrix equation from (a) is, in fact, inconsistent.
- (c) Now write a matrix equation that can be used to find the least-squares solution to the equation you wrote in (a). Fully simplify any matrix products that occur in your equation, but *do not (yet) attempt to solve the equation*.
- (d) Now, solve your equation using methods taught in this course. (You can use a matrix calculator to check your answer, but you must be able to solve this problem by hand.)
- (e) **(Recreational:)**¹ Use 3-D graphing software such as GeoGebra or Desmos 3D to plot the four points and graph the “plane of best fit” through them.

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) By using Gauss-Jordan elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the equation is inconsistent.

$$(c) \text{ Let } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ be } A, \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix} \text{ be } x, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ be } b.$$

So the normal equation is $A^T A \vec{x} = A^T b$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 14 & 5 \\ 14 & 30 & 10 \\ -5 & 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 36 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the normal equation is $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 14 & 5 \\ 14 & 30 & 10 \\ -5 & 10 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ 36 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$

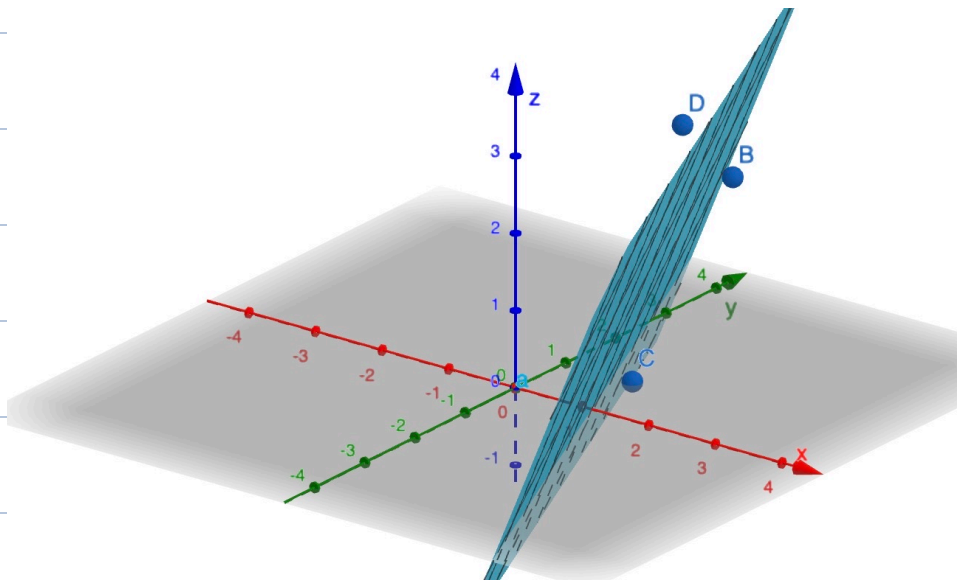
(d) We perform Gauss - Jordan elimination on

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 14 & 5 & 17 \\ 14 & 30 & 10 & 36 \\ -5 & 10 & 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\div 7} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{17}{7} \\ 14 & 30 & 10 & 36 \\ 5 & 10 & 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} -14 \times I \\ -5 \times I \end{matrix}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{17}{7} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{8}{7} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \div 2 \\ \times \frac{7}{3} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{17}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} -2 \times II \\ -\frac{5}{7} \times II \end{matrix}}$$

$$\text{ref}(A^T A : A^T b) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{3} \\ 1 \\ -\frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

(e)



Problem 2.

(a) Which of the following is an inner product in \mathcal{P}_2 ? Explain.

(i) $\langle f, g \rangle = f(1)g(2) + f(2)g(1) + f(3)g(3)$

(ii) $\langle f, g \rangle = f(1)g(1) + f(2)g(2) + f(3)g(3)$

(b) Let $V = C^\infty[-1, 1]$, the vector space of smooth functions on the interval $[-1, 1]$. Which of the following is an inner product in V ? Explain.

(i) $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x f(x) g(x) dx$

(ii) $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 f(x) g(x) dx$

(a) (i) $f = x^2 - 4x + 3$, $f(1) = f(3) = 0$

So $\langle f, f \rangle = 2f(1)f(2) + f(3)^2 = 0$

f is not zero vector but $\langle f, f \rangle = 0$,

so the function is not positive-definite, therefore not an inner product.

(ii) It is inner product.

1. It is symmetric: $\forall f, g \in \mathcal{P}_2$, $\langle f, g \rangle = f(1)g(1) + f(2)g(2) + f(3)g(3) = g(1)f(1) + g(2)f(2) + g(3)f(3)$

$$= \langle g, f \rangle$$

2. It is linear in both positions

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, f, g, h \in P_2,$$

$$\langle af + bg, h \rangle = (af(1) + bg(1))h(1)$$

$$+ (af(2) + bg(2))h(2) + (af(3) + bg(3))h(3)$$

$$= af(1)h(1) + bg(1)h(1) + af(2)h(2) + bg(2)h(2)$$

$$+ af(3)h(3) + bg(3)h(3)$$

$$= \underline{a\langle f, h \rangle + b\langle g, h \rangle}$$

By symmetric, it is also linear in the second position.

3. It is positive-defined.

$$\forall f \in P_2, \langle f, f \rangle = f^2(1) + f^2(2) + f^2(3) > 0$$

with $f \neq 0$

(b) (i) is not an inner product because it is not positive-definite.

Consider $f = \sin x \in C^\infty[-1, 1]$, $\int_{-1}^1 x f(x)^2 dx = 0$
while f is not 0.

(ii) is an inner product.

1. it is symmetric because

$$\begin{aligned}\forall f, g \in C^\infty[-1, 1], \langle f, g \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 f(x) g(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 g(x) f(x) dx = \langle g, f \rangle\end{aligned}$$

2. it is linear in both positions

because $\forall f, g, h \in C^\infty[-1, 1], a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle af + bh, g \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 (af + bh) g dx \\ &= a \int_{-1}^1 x^2 fg dx + b \int_{-1}^1 x^2 hg dx \\ &= a \langle f, g \rangle + b \langle h, g \rangle\end{aligned}$$

By symmetric, it is also linear in the second position.

3. it is positive-defined

$$\forall f \in C^\infty[-1, 1], \langle f, f \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 f^2(x) dx$$

with f is not 0 everywhere

Problem 3. Let $V = C^\infty \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, the vector space of smooth functions on the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, and consider the inner product defined by $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} f(x)g(x) \sin^2(x) dx$. (You do not need to show that this is an inner product, but make sure that you would be able to do so if it were an exam question!) Let $W = \text{span}(1, x, x^2)$.

In what follows, you may feel free to use an online integral calculator (e.g. Wolfram Alpha) to evaluate any difficult integrals², but make sure that your work shows clearly *what integrals* you are computing, and how you are making use of the results. Results may be expressed using either exact expressions (e.g., $\pi/\sqrt{2}$) or decimal approximations (e.g., 2.2214), but if you use decimal approximations, please retain at least four digits' worth of precision.

(a) Compute each of the following.

(i) $\langle 1, x \rangle$

(ii) $\|1\|$

(iii) $\|x\|$

(b) Find a basis \mathcal{U} for the subspace W that is orthonormal relative to the given inner product.

(c) Let $h \in C^\infty \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ be the function defined by $h(x) = e^x$ for all $x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$. Compute $\text{proj}_W h$.

(d) **(Recreational:)** Repeat parts (a)–(c), this time using the simpler inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

(e) **(Recreational:)** Use graphing software (e.g., Desmos) to plot the function h and the two different projections you found in (c) and (d) over the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, all on the same axes. How do these three functions compare? Which of the two projections does a “better job” of approximating h (and in what sense is it “better”)? What are some situations in which you might choose to use one inner product rather than the other?

$$(a) \quad (i) \quad \langle 1, x \rangle = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \sin^2(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{since} \\ x \sin^2(x) \text{ is an odd function on } \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$(ii) \quad \|1\| = \sqrt{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2(x) dx} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$(iii) \quad \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \sin^2(x) dx} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{24} \pi (6 + \pi)^2} \\ \approx \frac{\pi}{24} (4.4335)$$

(b) We apply the Gram-Schmidt Process:

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\|1\|} = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{x - \langle x, u_1 \rangle u_1}{\|x - \langle x, u_1 \rangle u_1\|} = \frac{x - 0}{\|x - 0\|} = \frac{24x}{\pi(6+\pi)^2} \approx 0.0914x$$

$$u_3 = \frac{x^2 - \langle x^2, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle x^2, u_2 \rangle u_2}{\|x^2 - \langle x^2, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle x^2, u_2 \rangle u_2\|}$$

Since $\langle x, x^2 \rangle = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^3 \sin^2(x) dx$ is 0 because $x^3 \sin^2(x)$ on $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ is odd function,

$$\langle x^2, u_2 \rangle = 0.$$

$$\text{So } u_3 = \frac{x^2 - \langle x^2, u_1 \rangle u_1}{\|x^2 - \langle x^2, u_1 \rangle u_1\|}$$

$$\langle x^2, u_1 \rangle = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \sin^2(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \pi (6+\pi)^2 = \frac{1}{12} (6+\pi)^2$$

$$\text{So } u_3 = \frac{x^2 - \frac{(6+\pi)^2}{6\pi}}{\|x^2 - \frac{(6+\pi)^2}{6\pi}\|} = \frac{x^2 - \frac{(6+\pi)^2}{6\pi}}{9 + \frac{18}{\pi} + \frac{5}{4}\pi - \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{\pi^3}{36} - \frac{\pi^4}{72} + \frac{\pi^5}{160}}$$

So an orthonormal basis is $(u_1, u_2, u_3) \approx \frac{x^2 - 4.4335}{15.8876}$

$$(c) \quad \text{proj}_W h = \langle h, u_1 \rangle u_1 + \langle h, u_2 \rangle u_2 + \langle h, u_3 \rangle u_3$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^x \sin^2(x) dx \right) u_1 + \left(\frac{24}{\pi(6+\pi)^2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x e^x \sin^2 x dx \right) u_2 \\ + \left(\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^x \left(x^2 - \frac{(6+\pi)^2}{6\pi} \right) \sin^2 x dx \right) u_3$$

$$\approx \underline{1.7581 u_1 + 0.2492 u_2 - 8.1687 u_3}$$

$$= 1.1192 + 0.0226x - 8.1687 \left(\frac{x^2 - 4.4335}{15.8876} \right)$$

$$= 3.3472 + 0.0226x - 0.5142x^2$$