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1. Consider \mathbb{C}^2 with the standard dot product. Let

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 3i \\ -1 - i \end{pmatrix}, \beta = \begin{pmatrix} -2i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} -1 + 4i \\ 2 - i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate the following quantities:

- a) $\alpha \cdot \beta$
 - b) $\beta \cdot \alpha$
 - c) the length of α
 - d) the distance between β and γ .
2. Prove the following “parallelogram law”:

$$\|\alpha + \beta\|^2 + \|\alpha - \beta\|^2 = 2\|\alpha\|^2 + 2\|\beta\|^2.$$

(You should use a general inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.)

3. Consider $P_{<3}(\mathbb{R})$, the vector space of polynomials over \mathbb{R} of degree less than 3, with inner product **This is NOT an inner product! It's not positive definite, e.g. $\langle x - 1, x - 1 \rangle < 0$.**

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 (1 + 3x) f(x) g(x) dx.$$

Construct an orthogonal basis for $P_{<3}(\mathbb{R})$. You may use the following:

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^n dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{2}{n+1} & \text{if } n \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

(Click here for a hint)

4. Consider $M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$ with the inner product

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{Tr}(A^T B).$$

Consider the subspace W with orthogonal basis $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

- a) Calculate the orthogonal projection of $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ onto W .
- b) Find the closest point in W to $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

5. Recall that, for a square matrix X , its trace $\text{Tr}(X)$ is the sum of the diagonal entries of X .
- a) Show that $\text{Tr}(BC) = \text{Tr}(CB)$ for all $B, C \in M_{2,2}(\mathbb{F})$.
 - b) It is true that $\text{Tr}(BC) = \text{Tr}(CB)$ for all $B, C \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$ (you do not need to prove this). Show that, if $A, J \in M_{n,n}(\mathbb{F})$ are similar matrices, then $\text{Tr } A = \text{Tr } J$.
 - c) Now suppose $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$, i.e. **A is an $n \times n$ complex matrix**. Using part b or otherwise, explain why $\text{Tr } A$ is the sum (with multiplicity) of the eigenvalues of A .

6. Prove the (simplified) Riesz Representation Theorem: let $\Phi : V \rightarrow \hat{V}$ be given by $\Phi(\gamma) = \langle \gamma, - \rangle$. Show that:
- a) Φ is conjugate-linear, i.e. $\Phi(a\gamma + \gamma') = \bar{a}\Phi(\gamma) + \Phi(\gamma')$.
 - b) Φ is injective, i.e. $\Phi(\gamma) = \Phi(\gamma')$ means $\gamma = \gamma'$. (Please give full details.)

7. Let $V = P_{<2}(\mathbb{R})$, the vector space of polynomials over \mathbb{R} of degree less than 2, with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

Define $\phi \in \hat{V}$ by $\phi(g) = g(-1)$.

- a) By direct calculation, find $f \in V$ such that $\langle f, g \rangle = \phi(g)$.
You are given that $\mathcal{A} = \{1, \sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{3}x\}$ is an orthonormal basis for V (you do **not** need to check this).
 - b) Find the same f as in part a, using the formula for $\Lambda(\phi)$ from class.
8. Let U_1, U_2, W_1, W_2 be subspaces of an inner product space V .
- a) Prove that, if $U_1 \subseteq U_2$, then $U_2^\perp \subseteq U_1^\perp$.
 - b) Prove that $(W_1 + W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp \cap W_2^\perp$.

Optional questions If you attempted seriously all the above questions, then your scores for the following questions may replace any lower scores for two of the above questions.

9. (Sturm-Liouville theory for PDEs) (Adjoint is NOT on the exam)
Let W be the vector space of continuous functions on $[0, 1]$, and let V be the subspace of W defined by $V = \{f \in C^0([0, 1]) \mid f'' \text{ is continuous and } f(0) = f(1) = 0\}$. Let $\sigma : V \rightarrow W$ be the double-derivative operator, i.e. $\sigma(f) = f''$.

- a) Let W have inner product given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

By integration by parts twice, or otherwise, show that,

$$\langle f, \sigma(g) \rangle = \langle \sigma(f), g \rangle \quad \text{for all } f, g \in V. \quad (*)$$

Non-examinable note: in Sturm-Liouville theory and other applications, a linear transformation satisfying $(*)$ is called self-adjoint. But $(*)$ is NOT the definition of self-adjoint that will be shown in the optional class – for us, only a linear transformation with same domain and codomain can be self-adjoint. (This condition of “same domain and codomain” cannot happen with differential operators, that’s why they have to change the definition.)

- b) Now let W have inner product given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 e^x f(x)g(x) dx.$$

By integration by parts twice, or otherwise, find the function $\tau : V \rightarrow W$ such that, for all $f, g \in V$, $\langle f, \sigma(g) \rangle = \langle \tau(f), g \rangle$.

Non-examinable note: in Sturm-Liouville theory, τ is called the adjoint of σ , but this is NOT the definition of adjoint that will be shown in the optional class – for us, the adjoint $\sigma^* : W \rightarrow V$ must satisfy $\langle f, \sigma(g) \rangle = \langle \sigma^*(f), g \rangle$ for all $g \in V$ and all $f \in W$, not just all $f \in V$. (Again, our conditions cannot happen with differential operators, so they change the definition.)

10. Let V be an inner product space, and let $f : V \rightarrow V$ be a self-adjoint function, i.e. for all $\alpha, \beta \in V$,

$$\langle f(\alpha), \beta \rangle = \langle \alpha, f(\beta) \rangle.$$

Show that f is linear.