

vv214\_SU2020\_Assignment 2

due to June 5, 2020

**Problem 1**

1. The classical form of Hölder's inequality states that if  $p > 1$  and  $q > 1$  are real numbers such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i y_i| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Derive this inequality by executing the following steps:

- a. By considering the function  $f(t) = (1 - \lambda) + \lambda t - t^\lambda$  for  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , establish the inequality

$$\alpha^\lambda \beta^{1-\lambda} \leq \lambda \alpha + (1 - \lambda) \beta, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\} \quad \text{Young's inequality}$$

**Hint:** find the intervals where the function increases and decreases, and set  $t$ .

- b. Let  $\hat{x} = \frac{x}{\|x\|}, \hat{y} = \frac{y}{\|y\|}$ . Apply the inequality of part a. to obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\hat{x}_i \hat{y}_i| \leq \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^n |\hat{x}_i|^p + \frac{1}{q} \sum_{i=1}^n |\hat{y}_i|^q$$

- c. Deduce the classical form of Hölder's inequality by the suitable choice of  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}$ .

2. The triangle inequality

$$\|x + y\|_p \leq \|x\|_p + \|y\|_p$$

for a general  $p$ -norm is the classical Minkowski inequality, which states that for  $p \geq 1$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

Derive Minkowski's inequality.

**Hint:** For  $p > 1$ , let  $q$  be the number such that  $\frac{1}{q} = 1 - \frac{1}{p}$ . Verify that for scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,

$$|\alpha + \beta|^p = |\alpha + \beta| |\alpha + \beta|^{\frac{p}{q}} \leq |\alpha| |\alpha + \beta|^{\frac{p}{q}} + |\beta| |\alpha + \beta|^{\frac{p}{q}}$$

and make use of Hölder's inequality.

3. Find  $\|x\|_p, p = 1, 2$  and  $\|x\|_\infty$  for  $x = (2, 1, -4, 2)$  and  $y = (1 + i, 1 - i, 1, 4i)$   
4. Sketch the unit circle  $\|x - 0\| = 1, x = (x_1, x_2)$  with  $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2, \|\cdot\|_\infty$

**Problem 2**

For each of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , determine whether or not it is a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and if yes, find its basis.

- a.  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3: x + 2y + 3z = 0\}$   
b.  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3: x + y - z = 1\}$   
c.  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3: xyz = 0\}$   
d.  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3: x = 2y\}$

**Problem 3**

Which of the following vectors do form bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Justify your answer.

- a.  $(1, 2, 0)$  and  $(0, 1, -1)$
- b.  $(1, 1, -1), (2, 3, 4), (4, 1, -1), (0, 1, -1)$
- c.  $(1, 2, 2), (-1, 2, 1), (0, 8, 0)$
- d.  $(1, 2, 2), (-1, 2, 1), (0, 8, 6)$

**Problem 4**

- a. Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  defined by
$$U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5): x_1 = 3x_2, x_3 = 7x_4\}.$$
- b. Find a basis of  $U$ .
- c. Extend the basis in part a. to a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .
- d. Find a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  such that  $\mathbb{R}^5 = U \oplus W$ .

**Problem 5**

*Prove or give a counterexample:*

If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  are linearly independent vectors in  $V$ , then  $5v_1 - 4v_2, v_2, \dots, v_m$  are linearly independent.

**Problem 6**

*Prove or give a counterexample:*

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  form a basis of  $V$ . Is  $v_1 + v_2, v_2 + v_3, v_3 + v_4, v_4$  another basis of  $V$ ?

**Problem 7**

Let  $U = \{p(t) \in P_4(\mathbb{R}): p(2) = p(5)\}$ .

- a. Find a basis of  $U$ .
- b. Extend the basis in part a. to a basis of  $P_4(\mathbb{R})$ .
- c. Find a subspace  $W$  of  $P_4(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $P_4(\mathbb{R}) = U \oplus W$ .