Linear Algebra I Class Test 2

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Use both sides of the paper. If you need more paper please ask. (And clearly write your name on the top!)

Total available marks: 20

1. (6 marks) Let V be the vector space over \mathbb{R} of all polynomials of degree less than 3. I.e. $V = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 : a_0, a_1, a_2, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. We can define an inner product on this space as

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

 $1, x, x^2$ is an ordered basis of V, find the corresponding matrix of inner products **A**. Use this matrix to calculate $\langle x+1|x^2\rangle$. Tip: Don't do the same integral more than once!

2. (7 marks) Consider $V=\mathbb{R}^3$, with the standard inner product. Starting from the basis $\{(1,1,1)^T,(1,1,0)^T,(1,0,0)^T\}$ use Gram-Schmidt to construct an orthonormal basis for V.

You may use without proof the Gram-Schmidt process: Theorem 4.6. If $\{v_1, \ldots v_n\}$ is a basis of a finite dimensional inner product space V, then $\{w_1, \ldots w_n\}$ obtained by

$$w_1 = v_1$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle w_1 | v_2 \rangle}{\langle w_1 | w_1 \rangle} w_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$w_k = v_k - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle w_i | v_k \rangle}{\langle w_i | w_i \rangle} w_i$$

$$\vdots$$

is an orthogonal basis of V.

3. (7 marks) Let $f(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$ be a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 with $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and \mathbf{A} the 3×3 matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} .$$

Calculate the rank and nullity of A. Find a basis for $\ker(A)$ and a basis for $\operatorname{im}(A)$. Tip: Remember that the columns of a matrix A span $\operatorname{im}(A)$.