

1. [9 points] **Short answer questions.** No explanations are necessary.

(a) State the dimension of each of the following vector spaces.

- $\mathbb{R}^5$
- $M_{2 \times 3}$
- $\mathcal{P}_3$

(b) Find the angle between the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(c) For each of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , determine whether or not it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . You do not need to prove your answer; simply state “yes” or “no.”

- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : x + 5y = 0 \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : y = x^2 \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : 2x + 3y = 1 \right\}$
- $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : y = 7x \right\}$

2. [9 points] Consider the two bases  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and  $B' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Find the change of basis matrix  $[I]_B^{B'}$ .

3. [15 points] Consider the following three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Denote by  $W$  the span of  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ .

(a) Find a basis of  $W$ .

(b) What is the dimension of  $W$ ?

(c) Find an *orthonormal* basis for  $W$ . (Recall that a basis is called *orthonormal* if any two vectors in the basis are orthogonal, and each vector has norm equal to 1.)

(d) What element of  $W$  is closest to the vector  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

(In other words, which element  $\vec{x}$  of  $W$  minimizes  $\|\vec{x} - \vec{b}\|$ ?)

4. [9 points] Suppose that  $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $V$ . Prove that  $\{3\vec{u} + 2\vec{v}, \vec{u} + \vec{v}\}$  is also a basis for  $V$ .

5. [9 points] Let  $V = \mathcal{P}_2$  (polynomials of degree at most 2), and equip  $V$  with an inner product defined as follows.

$$\langle p(x), q(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x)q(x) dx$$

- (a) Compute  $\|x\|$  (the norm of  $x \in \mathcal{P}_2$ , according to this inner product).  
(b) Compute  $\langle x, x^2 + 1 \rangle$ .  
(c) Compute  $\text{proj}_x(x^2 + 1)$ .  
(d) The element  $\text{proj}_x(x^2 + 1)$  solves a minimization problem. Carefully state this problem (what is being minimized)?
6. [9 points] Consider the following three vectors.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Show that  $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$  is a linearly independent set.  
(b) In fact,  $B$  is a basis (you don't need to prove this). Find the coordinates of the following vector in basis  $B$ .

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$