

Math 214 Spring 2019  
Linear Algebra HW 9  
Due Friday, April 19

For all these problems, justify your answers; do not just write “yes” or “no” or give a single number.

1. Let  $V = \mathcal{P}_n(x)$  and fix real numbers  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  be distinct real numbers. For  $f, g \in V$ , define

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^n f(x_i)g(x_i).$$

Prove this is an inner product on  $V$ .

(Hint: See partial proof from class)

2. Let  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  be positive real numbers. For  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i w_i.$$

Prove that this is an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (The  $w_i$  are called the *weights* of the inner product).

3. Let  $V = \mathcal{C}([1, 3], \mathbb{R})$ , with the usual inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_1^3 f(t)g(t) dt$ . Find  $\|1\|$  and  $\|x\|$ . Find the projection of  $1 + x$  onto  $1$  and  $x$ .
4. Prove the Pythagorean law: if  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal, then  $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|^2$ .
5. Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  be vectors in an inner product space  $V$ , with  $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ . Let  $\mathbf{p} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$ . (Hint: compare the end of section 6.1).  
Prove that  $\langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p} \rangle = 0$ .
6. Let  $V = \mathcal{C}([-\pi, \pi], \mathbb{R})$  with the usual inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)g(t) dt$ . Show that  $\{1, \sin(x), \cos(x)\}$  is an orthogonal set. Is it orthonormal?
7. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^4$  with the dot product, and let  $U = \text{Span}(\{(5, 3, 1, 0), (2, 4, 3, 5), (1, 1, 1, 1)\})$ . Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for  $U$ .
8. Let  $V = \mathcal{P}_2(x)$  with the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) dt$ .

Following the Gram-Schmidt process, convert  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  into an orthonormal basis.

9. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^4$  and let  $U = \text{Span}(\{(3, 5, 2, 1), (5, 1, -1, -5)\})$ . Find an orthonormal basis for  $U^\perp$ .
10. (★) Let  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and suppose  $\mathbf{v}$  is a unit vector. If  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 1/2$ , compute  $|\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}_2|$ . (Hint: the Pythagorean law you prove in number 4 will be helpful here).