

1. **Short answer questions.** No explanations are necessary.

(a) Give a basis for each of the following vector spaces.

- $\mathbb{R}^3$
- $M_{2 \times 2}$  (the space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices)
- $\mathcal{P}_2$  (the space of polynomials of degree at most 2)

(b) Suppose that  $B$  and  $B'$  are two bases for a vector space  $V$ , and the change of basis matrix is

$$[I]_B^{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $\vec{v} \in V$  be a vector such that  $[\vec{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine  $[\vec{v}]_{B'}$ .

(c) Suppose that  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  is a linear transformation, and that the nullspace  $N(T)$  is 1-dimensional. What is the dimension of the range  $R(T)$ ?

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

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

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

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

4. Suppose that  $V$  is an inner product space, and  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are two nonzero vectors in  $V$  such that  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$ . Prove, directly from the axioms of an inner product, that

$$\|\vec{u} + 2\vec{v}\| > \|\vec{u}\|.$$

5. Suppose that  $T$  is the linear transformation represented by the following matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find a basis for the range  $R(T)$ .
- (b) Find a basis for the null space  $N(T)$ .
6. Suppose that  $f(x)$  is a continuous function on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  that has been measured in a laboratory. You have reason to believe that the function should be approximately equal to some linear combination of  $\sin(x)$  and  $\cos(x)$ . Using your experimental data, you compute the following integrals.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin x \, dx &= 7 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos x \, dx &= 13\end{aligned}$$

You may also use, without proof, the values of the following integrals.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 x \, dx &= \pi \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin x \cos x \, dx &= 0 \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 x \, dx &= \pi\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Let  $V = \mathcal{C}^{(0)}[-\pi, \pi]$  denote the vector space of continuous functions on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Define an inner product on  $V$ , and identify each of the five integrals above as an inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle$  of two elements  $f, g$  of  $V$ .
- (b) Suppose that we choose two constants  $c_1, c_2$  and define a function  $g(x)$  as follows:

$$g(x) = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x.$$

Find the values of  $c_1, c_2$  that will ensure that  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x) - g(x))^2 \, dx$  is as small as possible.