

Advanced Linear Algebra (MA 409)
Problem Sheet - 23

Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process and Orthogonal Complements

1. Label the following statements as true or false.

- (a) The Gram Schmidt orthogonalization process allows us to construct an orthonormal set from an arbitrary set of vectors.
- (b) Every nonzero finite-dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis.
- (c) The orthogonal complement of any set is a subspace.
- (d) If $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for an inner product space V , then for any $x \in V$ the scalars (x, v_i) are the Fourier coefficients of x .
- (e) An orthonormal basis must be an ordered basis.
- (f) Every orthogonal set is linearly independent.
- (g) Every orthonormal set is linearly independent.

2. In each part, apply the Gram Schmidt process to the given subset S of the inner product space V to obtain an orthogonal basis for $\text{span}(S)$. Then normalize the vectors in this basis to obtain an orthonormal basis β for $\text{span}(S)$, and compute the Fourier coefficients of the given vector relative to β .

- (a) $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, $S = \{(1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)\}$, and $x = (1, 0, 1)$
- (b) $V = P_2(\mathbb{R})$ with the inner product $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$, $S = \{1, x, x^2\}$, and $h(x) = 1 + x$.
- (c) $V = \text{span}(S)$, where $S = \{(1, i, 0), (1 - i, 2, 4i)\}$, and $x = (3 + i, 4i, -4)$
- (d) $V = \mathbb{R}^4$, $S = \{(1, -2, -1, 3), (3, 6, 3, -1), (1, 4, 2, 8)\}$, and $x = (-1, 2, 1, 1)$
- (e) $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$, $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -12 \\ 3 & -16 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, and $A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 6 \\ 25 & -13 \end{pmatrix}$
- (f) $V = \text{span}(S)$ with the inner product $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^\pi f(t)g(t)dt$, $S = \{\sin t, \cos t, 1, t\}$, and $h(t) = 2t + 1$
- (g) $V = \mathbb{C}^4$, $S = \{(-4, 3 - 2i, i, 1 - 4i), (-1 - 5i, 5 - 4i, -3 + 5i, 7 - 2i), (-27 - i, -7 - 6i, -15 + 25i, -7 - 6i)\}$, and $x = (-13 - 7i, -12 + 3i, -39 - 11i, -26 + 5i)$
- (h) $V = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$, $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 + i & -i \\ 2 - i & 1 + 3i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 - 7i & -9 - 8i \\ 1 + 10i & -6 - 2i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -11 - 132i & -34 - 31i \\ 7 - 126i & -71 - 5i \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
and $A = \begin{pmatrix} -7 + 5i & 3 + 18i \\ 9 - 6i & -3 + 7i \end{pmatrix}$

3. In \mathbb{R}^2 , let

$$\beta = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\}.$$

Find the Fourier coefficients of $(3, 4)$ relative to β .

4. Let $S = \{(1, 0, i), (1, 2, 1)\}$ in \mathbb{C}^3 . Compute S^\perp .
5. Let $S_0 = \{x_0\}$, where x_0 is a nonzero vector in \mathbb{R}^3 . Describe S_0^\perp geometrically. Now suppose that $S = \{x_1, x_2\}$ is a linearly independent subset of \mathbb{R}^3 . Describe S^\perp geometrically.
6. Let V be an inner product space, and let W be a finite-dimensional subspace of V . If $x \notin W$, prove that there exists $y \in V$ such that $y \in W^\perp$, but $\langle x, y \rangle \neq 0$.
7. Let β be a basis for a subspace W of an inner product space V , and let $z \in V$. Prove that $z \in W^\perp$ if and only if $\langle z, v \rangle = 0$ for every $v \in \beta$.
8. Prove that if $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors, then the vectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n derived from the Gram Schmidt process satisfy $v_i = w_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
Hint : Use mathematical induction.
9. Let $W = \text{span}(\{(i, 0, 1)\})$ in \mathbb{C}^3 . Find orthonormal bases for W and W^\perp .
10. Let W be a finite-dimensional subspace of an inner product space V . Prove that there exists a projection T on W along W^\perp that satisfies $N(T) = W^\perp$. In addition, prove that $\|T(x)\| \leq \|x\|$ for all $x \in V$.
11. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with complex entries. Prove that $AA^* = I$ if and only if the rows of A form an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{C}^n .
12. Prove that for any matrix $A \in M_{m \times n}(F)$, $(R(L_{A^*}))^\perp = N(L_A)$.
13. Let V be an inner product space, S and S_0 be subsets of V , and W be a finite-dimensional subspace of V . Prove the following results.
 - (a) $S_0 \subseteq S$ implies that $S^\perp \subseteq S_0^\perp$.
 - (b) $S \subseteq (S^\perp)^\perp$; so $\text{span}(S) \subseteq (S^\perp)^\perp$.
 - (c) $W = (W^\perp)^\perp$.
 - (d) $V = W \oplus W^\perp$.
14. Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a finite-dimensional inner product space. Prove that $(W_1 + W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp \cap W_2^\perp$ and $(W_1 \cap W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp + W_2^\perp$.
15. Let V be a finite-dimensional inner product space over F .
 - (a) *Parseval's Identity*. Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis for V . For any $x, y \in V$ prove that

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, v_i \rangle \overline{\langle y, v_i \rangle}.$$

- (b) Use (a) to prove that if β is an orthonormal basis for V with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, then for any $x, y \in V$

$$\langle \phi_\beta(x), \phi_\beta(y) \rangle' = \langle |x|_\beta, |y|_\beta \rangle' = \langle x, y \rangle,$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle'$ is the standard inner product on F^n .

16. (a) *Bessel's Inequality*. Let V be an inner product space, and let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthonormal subset of V . Prove that for any $x \in V$ we have

$$\|x\|^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, v_i \rangle|^2,$$

(b) In the context of (a), prove that Bessel's inequality is an equality if and only if $x \in \text{span}(S)$.

17. Let T be a linear operator on an inner product space V . If $\langle T(x), y \rangle = 0$ for all $x, y \in V$, prove that $T = T_0$. In fact, prove this result if the equality holds for all x and y in some basis for V .
18. Let $V = C([-1, 1])$. Suppose that W_e and W_o denote the subspaces of V consisting of the even and odd functions, respectively. Prove that $W_e^\perp = W_o$, where the inner product on V is defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t)dt.$$

19. In each of the following parts, find the orthogonal projection of the given vector on the given subspace W of the inner product space V .
- (a) $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, $u = (2, 6)$, and $W = \{(x, y) : y = 4x\}$.
- (b) $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, $u = (2, 1, 3)$, and $W = \{(x, y, z) : x + 3y - 2z = 0\}$.
- (c) $V = P(\mathbb{R})$ with the inner product $\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$, $h(x) = 4 + 3x - 2x^2$, and $W = P_1(\mathbb{R})$.

20. In each part of the above Exercise, find the distance from the given vector to the subspace W .

21. Let $V = C([-1, 1])$ with the inner product $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t)dt$, and let W be the subspace $P_2(\mathbb{R})$, viewed as a space of functions. Use the orthonormal basis $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}x, \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}}(3x^2 - 1)\}$ to compute the "best" (closest) second-degree polynomial approximation of the function $h(t) = e^t$ on the interval $[-1, 1]$.

22. Let $V = C([0, 1])$ with the inner product $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$. Let W be the subspace spanned by the linearly independent set $\{t, \sqrt{t}\}$.

- (a) Find an orthonormal basis for W .
- (b) Let $h(t) = t^2$. Use the orthonormal basis obtained in (a) to obtain the "best" (closest) approximation of h in W .

23. Let V be the vector space of all sequences σ in F (where $F = \mathbb{R}$ or $F = \mathbb{C}$) such that $\sigma(n) \neq 0$ for only finitely many positive integers n . For $\sigma, \mu \in V$, we define $\langle \sigma, \mu \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(n)\overline{\mu(n)}$. Since all but a finite number of terms of the series are zero, the series converges.

- (a) Prove that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product on V , and hence V is an inner product space.
- (b) For each positive integer n , let e_n be the sequence defined by $e_n(k) = \delta_{n,k}$, where $\delta_{n,k}$ is the Kronecker delta. Prove that $\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$ is an orthonormal basis for V .
- (c) Let $\sigma_n = e_1 + e_n$ and $W = \text{span}(\{\sigma_n : n \geq 2\})$.
- (i) Prove that $e_1 \notin W$, so $W \neq V$.
- (ii) Prove that $W^\perp = \{0\}$, and conclude that $W \neq (W^\perp)^\perp$.
