
Homework 5

Exercise 1 Let V be a real vector space endowed with a scalar product. Prove the following relations for $X, Y \in V$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$:

(i) $\|\lambda X\| = |\lambda| \|X\|$,

(ii) $\|X + Y\|^2 = \|X\|^2 + \|Y\|^2$ if and only if $X \perp Y$,

(iii) $\|X + Y\|^2 + \|X - Y\|^2 = 2\|X\|^2 + 2\|Y\|^2$,

(iv) $\|X + Y\| \leq \|X\| + \|Y\|$.

Exercise 2 Let $\mathcal{A} = (a_{jk}) \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ and define $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{jj}$, where $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A})$ is called the trace of \mathcal{A} . Show the following properties:

(i) $\text{Tr} : M_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a linear map,

(ii) $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}) = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{B}\mathcal{A})$, for any $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$,

(iii) If $\mathcal{C} \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is an invertible matrix, then $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{C}^{-1}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{C}) = \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A})$,

(iv) If $M_n^s(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the vector space of all $n \times n$ symmetric matrices, then the map

$$\text{Tr} : M_n^s(\mathbb{R}) \times M_n^s(\mathbb{R}) \ni (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \mapsto \text{Tr}(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}) \in \mathbb{R}$$

defines a scalar product on $M_n^s(\mathbb{R})$. We recall that a matrix \mathcal{A} is symmetric if $\mathcal{A} = {}^t\mathcal{A}$.

Exercise 3 Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 defined by the three vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.