

Exercise 1 We consider the real vector space $V := C([0, \pi])$ made of continuous real functions on $[0, \pi]$ and endow it with the scalar product

$$V \times V \ni (f, g) \mapsto \langle f, g \rangle := \int_0^\pi f(x)g(x)dx \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(i) Are the constant function $x \mapsto 1$ and the sine function $x \mapsto \sin(x)$ orthogonal, and why ?

$$\langle 1, \sin \rangle = \int_0^\pi 1 \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x) \Big|_0^\pi = 2.$$

The 2 functions are not orthogonal.

(ii) Are the sine function $x \mapsto \sin(x)$ and the cosine function $x \mapsto \cos(x)$ orthogonal, and why ?

$$\langle \sin, \cos \rangle = \int_0^\pi \cos(x) \sin(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(x) \Big|_0^\pi = 0.$$

The 2 functions are orthogonal.

Exercise 2 Consider the matrices $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ in $M_3(\mathbb{R})$.

1. Are A and/or B projections, and why ?

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \Rightarrow A \text{ is a projection,}$$

$$B^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \neq B \Rightarrow B \text{ is not a projection.}$$

2. Are A and/or B symmetric, and why ?

Yes, because ${}^t A = A$ and ${}^t B = B$.

3. If one defines the scalar product $\langle A, B \rangle$ by $\text{Tr}(AB)$ with Tr the trace matrices, are A and B orthogonal ?

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \neq 0$$

A, B are not orthogonal.

4. What is the norm of A for the norm based on the previous scalar product ?

$$\|A\|^2 = \langle A, A \rangle = \text{Tr}(A^2) = \text{Tr}(A) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\| = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{2}}}.$$