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Homework 5

Due: Thursday, March 4 – 10:00 am EST

Problem 1: Base change [10 Points]

In this exercise, you will find that in some basis it is easy to understand a linear transformation. We exemplify this for the linear transformation $\varphi \colon \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ with

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \qquad A_{\mathcal{B}_1 \mathcal{B}_1} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1&1\\1&1 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(1)

1. Here I am interested in your intuition: What do you expect this linear transformation φ to do? Is it a rotation? Or maybe a reflection? Something else?

2. Consider the basis
$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

- Find the transformation matrix $T_{\mathcal{B}_2\mathcal{B}_1}$ for the base change from \mathcal{B}_1 to \mathcal{B}_2 .
- Compute $T_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_2}$ and $A_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_2} = A_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_1}T_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_2}$.
- From your intuition and $A_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_2}$: Formulate a hypothesis for how φ acts.
- 3. Compute $A_{\mathcal{B}_2\mathcal{B}_2} = T_{\mathcal{B}_2\mathcal{B}_1}A_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_1}T_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_2}$ and verify your hypothesis.

Problem 2: Transformation matrix in Python [10 Points]

- 1. Write a Python function: Input: Two basis \mathcal{B}_1 , \mathcal{B}_2 of \mathbb{R}^n . Output: $T_{\mathcal{B}_2\mathcal{B}_1}$.
- 2. Write a Python function: Input: Two basis \mathcal{B}_1 , \mathcal{B}_2 of \mathbb{R}^n and $A_{\mathcal{B}_1\mathcal{B}_1}$ Output: $A_{\mathcal{B}_2\mathcal{B}_2}$.
- 3. We will identify in Python basis \mathcal{B}' such that $\varphi \colon \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is easy:

$$A_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 1/2 & 0\\ 1/2 & 3/2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
(2)

• Rotate the standard basis \mathcal{B} by $\alpha \in I = \{0^\circ, 1^\circ, \dots, 720^\circ\}$ about the z-axis:

$$\mathcal{B}' = \{ R_z \vec{e_1}, R_z \vec{e_2}, R_z \vec{e_3} \} , \quad R_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & \sin(\alpha) & 0\\ -\sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} .$$
(3)

For all $\alpha \in I$, verify that \mathcal{B}' is a basis (use your function from the midterm).

- Compute $A_{\mathcal{B}'\mathcal{B}'}$ with 5 digit precision for all angles $\alpha \in I$.
- For which $\alpha \in I$ is $A_{\mathcal{B}'\mathcal{B}'}$, as computed in Python, approximately diagonal?
- 4. Math 513 We supplement these observations by a theoretical analysis. By hand, verify $R_z^{-1} = R_z^T$ and compute $A_{\mathcal{B}'\mathcal{B}'}$. Show that $A_{\mathcal{B}'\mathcal{B}'} = R_z^T A_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}}R_z$ is diagonal if and only if $\alpha \in \left\{-\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$.

Problem 3: Orthogonal vector spaces and decomposition [10 Points]

- 1. For the standard inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Std}}$ in \mathbb{R}^n , verify all axioms of inner products.
- 2. Name another inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2$ in \mathbb{R}^n and verify that it satisfies all axioms.
- 3. Find two vectors $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle_2 = 0$ and $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle_{\text{Std}} \neq 0$.
- 4. Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{M}(2 \times 3, \mathbb{R}).$
 - Verify that N(A) and R(A) are orthogonal in $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{Std}}$.
 - For every $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, compute $\vec{x}_N \in N(A)$ and $\vec{x}_R \in R(A)$ with $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_N + \vec{x}_R$.

Problem 4: Inner products in exotic vector spaces [10 Points]

1. Prove that the following is an inner product in Pol_n :

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1 : \operatorname{Pol}_n \times \operatorname{Pol}_n \to \mathbb{R}, \ (p,q) \mapsto \int_0^1 p(x) \cdot q(x) dx \,.$$
 (4)

- 2. Compute the length of the vectors 1, x, x^2 , x^3 , x^4 of Pol₄ with $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1$.
- 3. Bonus Find a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$ of Pol₂ such that $\langle P_i, P_j \rangle_1 = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$ and such that $\langle P_i, P_i \rangle_1 = 1$ for all $P_i \in \mathcal{B}$.
- 4. Argue that also the following is an inner product in Pol_n :

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2 : \operatorname{Pol}_n \times \operatorname{Pol}_n \to \mathbb{R}, \, (\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i, \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j) \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_i \,.$$
 (5)

Find a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$ of Pol₂ with $\langle P_i, P_i \rangle_2 = 1$ and $\langle P_i, P_j \rangle_2 = 0, i \neq j$.

5. Math 513: Find an inner product in $\mathbb{M}(m \times n, \mathbb{R})$. Justify your answer.