

CHALLENGE PROBLEM SET: CHAPTER 5, SECTIONS 1 AND 2, COURSE WEEK 9

110.201 LINEAR ALGEBRA  
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**Question 1.** Do the following three problems:

(a) Find the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b) Determine whether the angle between  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is acute, right, or obtuse.

(c) Consider the vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

For  $n = 2, 3, 4$ , find the angle  $\theta$  between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . For  $n = 2, 3$ , represent the vectors graphically. Then find the limit of  $\theta$  as  $n$  approaches infinity.

**Question 2.** For the following situations, find a basis for the subspace  $W^\perp \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , where

(a)  $W = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right),$       (b)  $W = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right),$

(c)  $W = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right).$

**Question 3.** For a line  $L$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  passing through the origin, draw a sketch to interpret the following transformations graphically:

- (a)  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - \text{proj}_L \mathbf{x}.$
- (b)  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - 2\text{proj}_L \mathbf{x}.$
- (c)  $T(\mathbf{x}) = 2\text{proj}_L \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}.$

**Question 4.** Find scalars  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g$  so that the three vectors here are orthonormal:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ d \\ f \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 1 \\ g \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} c \\ e \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Question 5.** Find the orthogonal projection of  $\begin{bmatrix} 49 \\ 49 \\ 49 \end{bmatrix}$  onto the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Question 6.** Find the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{e}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^4$  onto the subspace spanned by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Question 7.** Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2,$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ; We are told that  $\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j$  is the entry  $a_{ij}$  entry of

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 11 \\ 5 & 9 & 20 \\ 11 & 20 & 49 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Do the following:

- Find  $\|\mathbf{v}_2\|$ .
- Find the angle enclosed by vectors  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .
- Find  $\|\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2\|$ .
- Find  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_2}(\mathbf{v}_1)$  expressed as a scalar multiple of  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .
- Find a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$  such that  $\mathbf{v}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}_3$ . Express  $\mathbf{v}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$ .
- Find  $\text{proj}_V(\mathbf{v}_3)$ , where  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ . Express your answer as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ .

**Question 8.** Perform a Gram-Schmidt process on the sequences of vectors given:

$$(a) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Question 9.** Perform a QR factorization on the matrices given:

$$(a) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (b) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 7 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Question 10.** Find an orthonormal basis of:

$$(a) \quad \text{The kernel of } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (b) \quad \text{The image of } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$