

Fundamental Mathematics - 556 X1
Homework 1
Due September 8, 2008

1. (1.1.2. from Keener) Show that in any inner product space,

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2). \quad (1)$$

Interpret this geometrically in \mathbb{R}^2 .

2. (Problem 1.1.3 from Keener.)

- (a) Verify that in an inner product space,

$$\operatorname{Re} \langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\|x + y\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2).$$

- (b) Show that in any real inner product space there is at most one inner product which generates the same induced norm.

- (c) In \mathbb{R}^n with $n > 1$, show that

$$\|x\|_p := \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

can be induced by an inner product if and only if $p = 2$. (*Hint:* Use both 1.1.2. and 1.1.3. here!)

3. (Problem 1.1.5 from Keener.) Show that

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 \left(f(x)\overline{g(x)} + f'(x)\overline{g'(x)} \right) dx$$

is an inner product on the space of all continuously differentiable functions defined on $[0, 1]$, i.e. on

$$C^1([0, 1]) := \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f(x), f'(x) \text{ are continuous}\}.$$

4. (Problem 1.1.8 from Keener.) Verify that the choice $\gamma = \langle x, y \rangle / \|y\|^2$ minimizes $\|x - \gamma y\|^2$. Show then that $|\langle x, y \rangle|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$ if and only if x and y are linearly dependent.
5. (Problem 1.1.9 from Keener.) For any $w(x) > 0$, we can define the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)w(x) dx$$

for real continuous functions defined on $[a, b]$ and taking real values. ($w(x)$ is a “weight” function — think of it like a weighted average — we have considered the case where $w \equiv 1$ before.) Start with the basis $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$ for P_4 . Use the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to generate an orthogonal set of polynomials when we choose:

- (a) $a = -1, b = 1, w(x) \equiv 1$ (Legendre polynomials),
- (b) $a = -1, b = 1, w(x) = (1 - x^2)^{-1/2}$ (Chebyshev polynomials),
- (c) $a = 0, b = \infty, w(x) = e^{-x}$ (Laguerre polynomials),
- (d) $a = -\infty, b = \infty, w(x) = e^{-x^2}$ (Hermite polynomials).

Hint: You might find a computer algebra system (e.g. Maple, Mathematica) useful here, but you can do it by hand with some work as well.

6. (Problem 1.2.2 from Keener.)
- Prove that two symmetric matrices are equivalent if and only if they have the same eigenvalues (with the same multiplicities).
 - Show that if A and B are equivalent, then $\det A = \det B$.
 - Is the converse true?

7. (Problem 1.2.4 from Keener.) Show that the eigenvalues of an anti-self-adjoint matrix ($A^* = -A$) are imaginary.

8. (Problem 1.2.5 from Keener.) Find a basis for the range and null space of the following matrices:

(a)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. (Problem 1.2.6 from Keener.) Find an invertible matrix T and a diagonal matrix Λ so that $A = T\Lambda T^{-1}$ for each of the following matrices A :

(a)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

(b)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

(c)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

(d)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

(e)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/6 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/6 \\ \sqrt{3}/6 & \sqrt{3}/6 & 5/6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

10. (Problem 1.2.9 from Keener.) The two sets of vectors $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ in an inner product space S are said to be **biorthogonal** if $\langle \phi_i, \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$. Assume that $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are biorthogonal.

(a) Show that $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ and $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ each form linearly independent sets.

(b) Show that if S is n -dimensional, then any vector $x \in S$ can be written as

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i \tag{2}$$

where $\alpha_i = \langle x, \psi_i \rangle$.

(c) Express (2) in matrix form, i.e. show that

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i x$$

where P_i are projection matrices with the properties that $P_i^2 = P_i$ and $P_i P_j = 0$ whenever $i \neq j$. Express the matrix P_i in terms of the vectors ϕ_i, ψ_i .