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PAPER – III

ASSIGNMENT – III

Linear Algebra

1. Problems on Inner Product Space

- (a) Show that the set of all square matrices of order n over \mathbb{R} forms an inner product space with the inner product is given by

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace } B^T A$$

- (b) Show that the set of all continuous function $f : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, forms an inner product space with inner product given by

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

2. On the vector space over \mathbb{R} , consider three vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Suppose that \mathbf{v}_4 is another vector which is orthogonal to \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_3 , and satisfying

$$\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4 = -3.$$

i. $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$

ii. $\mathbf{v}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_4$

iii. $(2\mathbf{v}_1 + 3\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_3) \cdot \mathbf{v}_4$

iv. $\|\mathbf{v}_1\|, \|\mathbf{v}_2\|, \|\mathbf{v}_3\|$

v. What is the distance between \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 ?

3. A set of nonzero orthogonal vectors forms a linearly independent set.

4. Show that the set of all bilinear forms over a vector space V over a field F , also forms a vector space over the same field F .

5. Problems on Gram Schmidt Orthogonalization

- (a) Let W be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Construct an orthonormal basis of W .

- (b) Let \mathcal{P}_2 be the set of all polynomials of degree less than 3 over real numbers with the inner product given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

Starting with a basis $(1, x, x^2)$, find an orthonormal basis.

6. Problems on Matrix of Bilinear Form

- (a) Let \mathcal{P}_2 be the set of all polynomials of degree less than 3 over real numbers with the bilinear transformation given by

$$H(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx.$$

Find the matrix of bilinear forms with respect to the following bases.

- i. $\beta_1 = (1, x, x^2)$
- ii. $\beta_2 = (1, 1 + x, 1 + x^2)$

7. Problems on quadratic forms

(a) Write the following quadratic form in matrix form. Find it's rank and signature.

i. $K(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2$ ii. $K(x_1, x_2) = 5x_1^2 - 10x_1x_2 + x_2^2$

iii. $K(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 - 6x_1x_3 + 8x_2x_3$

(b) Reduce the quadratic form into the canonical form and decide the definiteness of a quadratic form

i. $-x^2 - y^2 - 2z^2 + 2xy$ ii. $x^2 - 2xy + xz + 2yz + 2z^2 + 3zx$

iii. $-4x^2 - y^2 + 4xz - 2z^2 + 2yz$ iv. $-x^2 - y^2 + 2xz + 4yz + 2z^2$

v. $-x^2 + 2xy - 2y^2 + 2xz - 5z^2 + 2yz$ vi. $y^2 + xy + 2xz$
