

Exercise 1.

1. We compute:

$$\varphi(g_0, g_0) = \int_{-1}^1 dt = 2,$$

$$\varphi(g_0, g_1) = \int_{-1}^1 t dt = 0,$$

$$\varphi(g_1, g_1) = \varphi(g_0, g_2) = \int_{-1}^1 t^2 dt = \frac{2}{3},$$

$$\varphi(g_1, g_2) = \int_{-1}^1 t^3 dt = 0,$$

$$\varphi(g_2, g_2) = \int_{-1}^1 t^4 dt = \frac{2}{5}.$$

Hence,

$$M = [\varphi]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 2/5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. We first orthogonalize the basis \mathcal{B} :

- Set $u_0 = g_0$.

- Notice that $u_0 \perp g_1$, hence we set $u_1 = g_1$.

- Set $u_2 = g_2 + \lambda u_0 + \mu u_1$, with

$$\lambda = -\frac{\varphi(u_0, g_2)}{\varphi(u_0, u_0)} = -\frac{2/3}{2} = -\frac{1}{3},$$

$$\mu = -\frac{\varphi(u_1, g_2)}{\varphi(u_1, u_1)} = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$u_2 = g_2 - \frac{1}{3}g_0.$$

Now we divide each of u_0, u_1 and u_2 by their norm to obtain an orthonormal basis: set

$$v_0 = \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{\varphi(u_0, u_0)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}g_0,$$

$$v_1 = \frac{u_1}{\sqrt{\varphi(u_1, u_1)}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}g_1,$$

$$v_2 = \frac{u_2}{\sqrt{\varphi(u_2, u_2)}}.$$

and

$$\varphi(u_2, u_2) = \varphi(g_2, g_2) - \frac{2}{3}\varphi(g_0, g_2) + \frac{1}{9}\varphi(g_0, g_0) = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{4}{9} + \frac{2}{9} = \frac{8}{45},$$

hence

$$v_2 = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}g_2 - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}g_0.$$

The basis $\mathcal{B}' = (v_0, v_1, v_2)$ is an orthonormal basis of F .

3. a)

$$P = [\mathcal{B}']_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/2 \times \sqrt{5/2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3/2 \times \sqrt{5/2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix P isn't an orthogonal matrix, since clearly ${}^t P P \neq I_3$.
In fact there's no reason for P to be an orthogonal matrix, since the basis \mathcal{B} isn't an orthonormal basis of F .²

- b) $M' = I_3$, since \mathcal{B}' is an orthonormal basis with respect to φ .
- c) $M' = {}^t P M P$.

4. a) Let $f \in E$. Since (v_0, v_1, v_2) is an orthonormal basis of F ,

$$P^T(f) = \varphi(f, v_0)v_0 + \varphi(f, v_1)v_1 + \varphi(f, v_2)v_2.$$

b)

$$P^T(g_3) = \varphi(g_3, v_0)v_0 + \varphi(g_3, v_1)v_1 + \varphi(g_3, v_2)v_2.$$

Now,

$$\varphi(g_3, v_0) = 0,$$

$$\varphi(g_3, v_1) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\varphi(g_3, g_1) = 2\sqrt{\frac{3}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{5},$$

$$\varphi(g_3, v_2) = 0.$$

Hence

$$P^T(g_3) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{5}v_1 = \frac{3}{5}g_1.$$

c) Observe that

$$m = \inf_{u \in F} \|g_3 - u\|_{\varphi}^2,$$

and we know that this inf is attained at $P^T(g_3)$:

$$m = \|g_3 - P^T(g_3)\|_{\varphi}^2.$$

Now,

$$m = \int_{-1}^1 \left(t^3 - \frac{3}{5}t \right)^2 dt = \int_{-1}^1 \left(t^6 - \frac{6}{5}t^4 + \frac{9}{25}t^2 \right) dt = \left[\frac{t^7}{7} - \frac{6}{25}t^5 + \frac{3}{25}t^3 \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{7} - \frac{12}{25} + \frac{6}{25} = \frac{8}{175}.$$

Exercise 2. Observe that A is a real symmetric matrix, hence A is diagonalizable. 4 is an obvious eigenvalue of A since the matrix

$$A - 4I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is clearly of rank 1. So we conclude that 4 is an eigenvalue of A of multiplicity 2. Using the trace, we conclude that -2 is the other eigenvalue of A .
The equation of the eigenspace E_4 is:

$$-2x + y - z = 0.$$

Since $E_{-2} \perp E_4$, we conclude that

$$X_{-2} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is an eigenvector of A associated with the eigenvalue -2 .

Now we choose an eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue 4, e.g.,

$$X_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

²More precisely, the theorem we covered is the following: if \mathcal{B} is an orthonormal basis of a Euclidean vector space (E, φ) and \mathcal{B}' is a family of vectors of E , then

\mathcal{B}' is an orthonormal basis of (E, φ) if and only if the matrix $[\mathcal{B}']_{\mathcal{B}}$ is an orthogonal matrix.

Using a cross-product, we determine another eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue 4:

$$X_4 = X_{-2} \times X_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We divide these vectors by their norm, and put them in a matrix:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -2/\sqrt{6} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

By construction, P is an orthogonal matrix, and if we set

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

we have $A = PD^tP$.

Exercise 3.

1. Since A is a real symmetric matrix, such a P and D exist.
2. 0 is an obvious eigenvalue since $\text{rk } A = 3 \neq 4$ (the first and last columns are proportional). By the Rank-Nullity Theorem, the multiplicity of 0 is $4 - 3 = 1$.

-2 is an obvious eigenvalue of A since the matrix

$$A + 2I_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is of rank 2. This shows that -2 is an eigenvalue of multiplicity $4 - 2 = 2$.

Another obvious eigenvalue is 2 since the matrix

$$A - 2I_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is of rank 3. This shows that 2 is an eigenvalue of multiplicity $4 - 3 = 1$.

(All this is consistent with the trace of A being equal to -2).

- a) i)

$$q(M) = (a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc) = a^2 + 2ad + d^2 - 4ad + 4bc = a^2 + d^2 - 2ad + 4bc.$$

ii) Since q is a homogeneous polynomial of degree 2 with respect to the components of M , we conclude that q is a quadratic form.

iii) From the form of q thus obtained, we directly determine the matrix of q in the basis \mathcal{B} :

$$[q]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and we recognize that $[q]_{\mathcal{B}} = -A$. Hence the result with $\alpha = -1$.

iv) From Question 2, $\text{sign}(A) = (1, 2)$. Since $[q]_{\mathcal{B}} = -A$, the signature of q is $\text{sign}(q) = (2, 1)$. Hence q is not positive definite, hence the polar form of q is not an inner product on E .

Exercise 4.

1. Let $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then:

$$\partial_x f(x, y) = 2xy + 2x,$$

$$\partial_y f(x, y) = x^2 + 3y^2 - 1.$$

Hence,

$$(x, y) \text{ is a critical point of } f \iff \begin{cases} 2xy + 2x = 0 \\ x^2 + 3y^2 - 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ 3y^2 - 1 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} y = -1 \\ x^2 + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{impossible})$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{cases}$$

Hence f possesses two critical points on \mathbb{R}^2 , namely

$$\left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right).$$

To determine the nature of these critical points, we compute the Hessian matrix of f . For $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$H_{(x,y)} f = \begin{pmatrix} 2y + 2 & 2x \\ 2x & 6y \end{pmatrix}.$$

• For the critical point $(0, 1/\sqrt{3})$:

$$H_{(0,1/\sqrt{3})} f = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{3} + 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

the signature of which is $(2, 0)$, hence f possesses a local minimum at $(0, 1/\sqrt{3})$.

• For the critical point $(0, -1/\sqrt{3})$:

$$H_{(0,-1/\sqrt{3})} f = \begin{pmatrix} -2/\sqrt{3} + 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -6/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

the signature of which is $(1, 1)$, hence f possesses a saddle point at $(0, -1/\sqrt{3})$.

a) See Figure 4.

b) Since D is closed and bounded, and since f is continuous, by the Extreme Value Theorem, f is bounded on D and attains its bounds, hence m and M exist.

c) We need to study the minimum and maximum value of f on ∂D :

• first on the lower segment $[-1, 1] \times \{0\}$: define the auxiliary function

$$g : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto f(x, 0) = x^2.$$

Clearly, $\min g = 0$ and $\max g = 1$.

• on the half circle: define the auxiliary function

$$g : [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = \cos^2 \theta.$$

Clearly, $\min g = 0$ and $\max g = 1$.

Now, the only critical point of f in D to consider is $(0, 1/\sqrt{3})$ where f has a local minimum:

$$f\left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = -\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}.$$

Finally, we conclude that

$$m = \min_D f = -\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9},$$

and

$$M = \max_D f = 1.$$

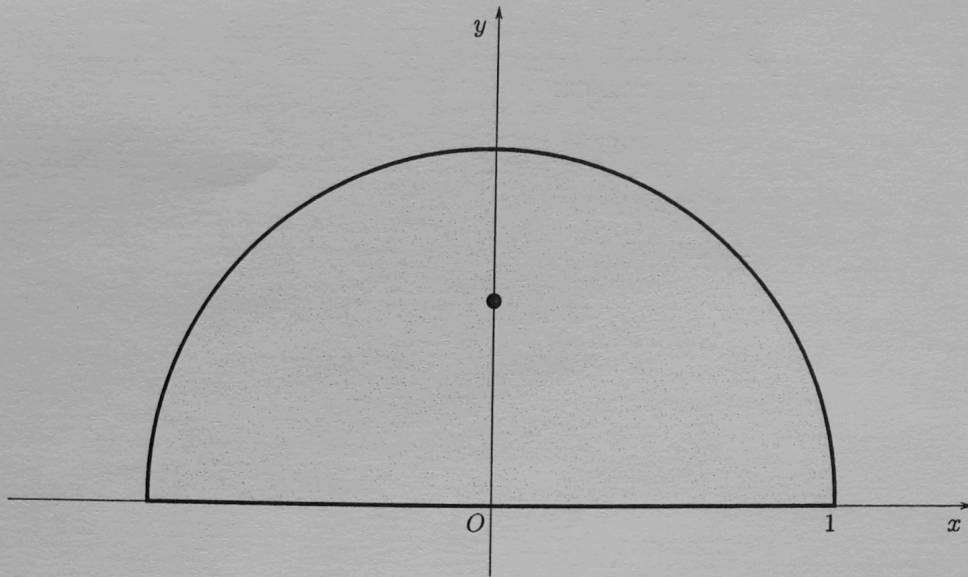


Figure 4. Half disk D of Exercise 4. The dot is the only critical point of f in $\overset{\circ}{D}$, at $(0, 1/\sqrt{3})$, where f has a local minimum.

Exercise 5. Since we already know that $F \subset G^\perp$, we only need to show that $G^\perp \subset F$. Let $u \in G^\perp$. Since $E = F + G$, there exists $u_F \in F$ and $u_G \in G$ such that $u = u_F + u_G$. Now, on the one hand, since $u \in G^\perp$ and $u_G \in G$,

$$\varphi(u, u_G) = 0.$$

But on the other hand, since $u = u_F + u_G$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u, u_G) &= \varphi(u_F + u_G, u_G) \\ &= \varphi(u_F, u_G) + \varphi(u_G, u_G) && \text{since } \varphi \text{ is linear} \\ &= 0 + \varphi(u_G, u_G) && \text{since } u_F \in F \subset G^\perp \text{ and } u_G \in G, \varphi(u_F, u_G) = 0 \\ &= \|u_G\|_\varphi^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$ is the norm associated with φ (this is valid since φ is an inner product). Hence $\|u_G\|_\varphi^2 = 0$, and we conclude that $u_G = 0_E$. Hence $u = u_F \in F$. Conclusion:

$$\forall u \in G^\perp, u \in F,$$

which means that $G^\perp \subset F$. Hence $F = G^\perp$.