

1. Complete each of the following to define the italicized term:
  - (a) Given a vector space  $V$  over field  $F$ , two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are *parallel* if...
  - (b) Given a vector space  $V$  over field  $F$ , a collection of vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are called *linearly independent* if...
  - (c) Given a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  over field  $F$ , the *dimension* of  $V$  is...
2. Find parametric equations of the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the point  $(1, 1, 2)$  and the line  $l$  which has parametric equations

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2 - t \\ x_2 = 4 + t \\ x_3 = -1 + 3t \end{cases} .$$

3. Let  $\mathbf{v} = (3 + i, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (1 - i, i)$ .
  - (a) Calculate the Hermitian inner product of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . Simplify your answer.
  - (b) Find the distance (with respect to Hermitian inner product) between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ . Simplify your answer.
4. Let  $z$  be an arbitrary complex number.
  - (a) Prove  $\operatorname{Re}(iz) = -\operatorname{Im}(z)$ .
  - (b) Prove that  $z$  and its conjugate have the same modulus.
5. Suppose  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are two linearly independent vectors in some vector space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\{\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}, 5\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}\}$  also forms a linearly independent set.
6. In each of the following situations, you are given a vector space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  and a subset  $W \subseteq V$ . For each situation: (i) determine whether or not  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ ; (ii) if  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , give its dimension; (iii) if  $W$  is a finite-dimensional subspace, give a basis of  $W$ . Justify your answers.
  - (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ;  $W = \{\mathbf{v} \in V : \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 1\}$
  - (b)  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ;  $W = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in V : x_1 + x_2 = x_3\}$
  - (c)  $V = C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ ;  $W = V$
  - (d)  $V = \mathbb{R}^4$ ;  $W = \operatorname{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$
  - (e)  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ;  $W = \{(r + s - t, 3r - 3t, 5s) : r, s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
7. Let  $V$  be a vector space (over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  coming from some inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Prove that for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2.$$

1. (a) Given a vector space  $V$  over field  $F$ , two vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are *parallel* if **one is a scalar multiple of the other**.
  - (b) Given a vector space  $V$  over field  $F$ , a collection of vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are called *linearly independent* if **whenever  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$  for scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$ , it must be the case that  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$** .
  - (c) Given a finite-dimensional vector space  $V$  over field  $F$ , the *dimension* of  $V$  is **the number of elements in any basis of  $V$** .
2. By setting  $t = 0$  in the given parametric equations for  $l$ , we see that the point  $(2, 4, -1)$  is in the plane. So two vectors in the plane are  $\mathbf{v} = (1, 1, 2) - (2, 4, -1) = (-1, -3, 3)$  and the direction vector for the line, i.e.  $\mathbf{w} = (-1, 1, 3)$ ; it is clear that  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are not parallel. We take the point  $\mathbf{p} = (1, 1, 2)$  in the plane and construct parametric equations for the plane coming from the vector equation  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + s\mathbf{v} + t\mathbf{w}$  which are

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 1 - s - t \\ x_2 = 1 - 3s + t \\ x_3 = 2 + 3s + 3t \end{cases}.$$

Of course these are not the only possible parametric equations for the plane.

3. Let  $\mathbf{v} = (3 + i, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{w} = (1 - i, i)$ .

(a) This is a direct calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (3 + i, 4), (1 - i, i) \rangle &= (3 + i)\overline{(1 - i)} + 4\bar{i} \\ &= (3 + i)(1 + i) - 4i \\ &= 3 + i + 3i - 1 - 4i = 2. \end{aligned}$$

(b) The distance between the vectors is

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}\| &= \|(2 + 2i, 4 - i)\| \\ &= \sqrt{\langle (2 + 2i, 4 - i), (2 + 2i, 4 - i) \rangle} \\ &= \sqrt{(2 + 2i)(2 - 2i) + (4 - i)(4 + i)} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 4^2 + 1^2} \\ &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

4. (a) Let  $z = a + ib$ , then  $-\text{Im}(z) = -b$ . Also we see

$$\text{Re}(iz) = \text{Re}(ai - b) = -b = -\text{Im}(z).$$

(b) Again let  $z = a + ib$ ; we have

$$|\bar{z}| = |a - ib| = \sqrt{a^2 + (-b)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = |z|.$$

*Alternate solution:*  $|z|^2 = z \cdot \bar{z} = \bar{z} \cdot z = \bar{z} \cdot \bar{\bar{z}} = |\bar{z}|^2$ ; take the square root of both sides.

5. Suppose there are two scalars  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that

$$c_1(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) + c_2(5\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

By combining like terms, we see that this implies

$$(c_1 + 5c_2)\mathbf{v} + (-c_1 + 2c_2)\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0};$$

since  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are linearly independent, this means that

$$c_1 + 5c_2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad -c_1 + 2c_2 = 0.$$

Adding these two equations, we see that  $7c_2 = 0$  so  $c_2 = 0$  and therefore  $c_1 = 0$  as well. This shows  $\{\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}, 5\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{w}\}$  to be linearly independent.

6. (a) Observe  $\mathbf{0} \notin W$  since  $\langle \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0} \rangle = 0 \neq 1$  so  $W$  cannot be a subspace. Alternatively, let  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 0)$  which is in  $W$ . But  $2\mathbf{w} = (2, 0)$  is not in  $W$  because  $\langle (2, 0), (2, 0) \rangle = 4$ . So  $W$  is not closed under scalar multiplication and hence is not a subspace.
- (b) Subtract  $x_3$  from both sides of the equation to see that

$$W = (x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0;$$

by a homework problem we see that this is a plane which passes through the origin and hence is a subspace of dimension 2. So any two linearly independent (i.e. non-parallel) vectors in  $W$  form a basis; for example we can set

$$\mathcal{B} = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}.$$

- (c) Every vector space is a subspace of itself, so  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . It is infinite-dimensional (this was proven in class).
- (d) The span of any collection of vectors is always a subspace, so  $W$  is a subspace. Writing the given vectors which span  $W$  as  $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3, \mathbf{w}_4, \mathbf{w}_5$ , we see that  $\mathbf{w}_3 = -\mathbf{w}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_4 = \mathbf{w}_1$  and  $\mathbf{w}_5 = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{w}_2$  so we can delete  $\mathbf{w}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_4$  and  $\mathbf{w}_5$  from the set without changing the span, that is

$$W = \text{Span}((1, 1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, -1, 1)).$$

The two vectors  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $(-1, 1, -1, 1)$  are obviously not parallel, so they are linearly independent and since they span  $W$  they form a basis;  $W$  therefore has dimension 2.

- (e) By separating like terms, we see that

$$W = \{r(1, 3, 0) + s(1, 0, 5) + t(-1, -3, 0) : r, s, t \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

i.e.  $W = \text{Span}((1, 3, 0), (1, 0, 5), (-1, -3, 0))$  and is therefore a subspace. The third of these vectors is  $(-1)$  times the first vector, so it can be removed from the set without changing the span, i.e.

$$W = \text{Span}((1, 3, 0), (1, 0, 5)).$$

Clearly the vectors  $(1, 3, 0)$  and  $(1, 0, 5)$  are nonparallel, so they are linearly independent and therefore form a basis. In particular,  $\dim(W) = 2$ .

7. We start by expanding the square of the left-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= [\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle] \cdot \\ &\quad [\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle] \\ &= [(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) - 2 \operatorname{Re} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle] \cdot \\ &\quad [(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle] \\ &= (\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2)^2 - (2 \operatorname{Re} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle)^2 \\ &\leq (\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2)^2\end{aligned}$$

Take the square root of both sides of this inequality to obtain the result.