

## Section A

1. Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $U \leq V$  a subspace.  
What does it mean to say that  $v, w \in V$  are *congruent modulo*  $U$ :  $v \equiv w \pmod{U}$ ?  
Show that congruence modulo  $U$  is an equivalence relation on  $V$ . [4]

2. Let  $V$  be an inner product space. What does it mean to say that  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is an *orthonormal basis* of  $V$ ?  
If  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V$  and  $v \in V$ , show that

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle u_i, v \rangle u_i. \quad [4]$$

3. Let  $V$  be an inner product space. State and prove the parallelogram identity for  $v, w \in V$ . [4]

4. Let  $\phi$  be a linear operator on an inner product space  $V$ .  
What is an *adjoint* of  $\phi$ ?  
Let  $\phi$  be self-adjoint. Show:  
(a) any eigenvalue of  $\phi$  is real;  
(b) if  $v, w$  are eigenvectors of  $\phi$  with distinct eigenvalues, then  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ . [4]

5. Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ .  
What is the *dual space*  $V^*$  of  $V$ ?  
Let  $\phi : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. Define the *transpose* of  $\phi$ .  
If  $\psi : W \rightarrow U$  is also linear, show that  $(\psi \circ \phi)^T = \phi^T \circ \psi^T$ . [4]

6. What is the rank and signature of the quadratic form  $Q$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$Q(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 - x_2^2?$$

[4]

### Section B

7. (a) Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $U \leq V$  a subspace.
- (i) What is a *complement to  $U$  in  $V$* ? [2]
  - (ii) Suppose that  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Show that  $U$  has a complement in  $V$ . [4]
  - (iii) Let  $W$  be a complement to  $U$  and let  $V/U$  be the quotient space. Show that  $W \cong V/U$ . [4]
- (b) Let  $\phi : V \rightarrow W$  be a surjective linear map of finite-dimensional vector spaces. Show that there is a linear map  $\psi : W \rightarrow V$  such that  $\phi \circ \psi = \text{id}_W$ . [4]
- (c) Let  $\phi : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map of vector spaces with transpose  $\phi^T$ . Show that  $\ker \phi = \text{sol}(\text{im } \phi^T)$ . [4]
8. (a) Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional inner product space and  $U \leq V$  a subspace. What is the *orthogonal complement*  $U^\perp$  of  $U$ ? Show that  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ . [6]
- (b) Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by  $(1, 1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1, 2)$  and  $(0, 1, 1, 0)$ . Equip  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with the standard (dot) inner product.
- (i) Find an orthonormal basis for  $U$ . [6]
  - (ii) Stating any results from lectures that you use, find  $u \in U$  such that  $\|u - (0, 1, 2, 3)\|$  is as small as possible. [6]

9. (a) Let  $A$  be the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal. [8]

- (b) What is a *quadratic form* on a real vector space  $V$ ?  
What are the *rank* and *signature* of a quadratic form?

State Sylvester's Law of Inertia. [6]

- (c) Let  $Q$  be the quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  given by

$$Q(x) = 3x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_4 + 3x_3x_4.$$

Compute the rank and signature of  $Q$ . [4]