

1. Suppose  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is a list of vectors in an  $n$ -dimensional inner product space  $V$ .

(a) Prove that if  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is orthonormal then

$$\langle a_1e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n, b_1e_1 + \dots + b_n e_n \rangle = a_1b_1 + \dots + a_nb_n$$

for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ .

(b) Prove the converse: if

$$\langle a_1e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n, b_1e_1 + \dots + b_n e_n \rangle = a_1b_1 + \dots + a_nb_n$$

for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ , then  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is orthonormal.

2. (a) Prove that

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 f(x)g(x)dx$$

is an inner product on the vector space  $C([-1, 1])$  of continuous real-valued functions on the domain  $[-1, 1]$ .

(b) Use the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$  with respect to this inner product.

(c) Find a polynomial  $q(x)$  such that

$$p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 p(x)q(x)dx$$

for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R})$ .

3. (Graduate students only) What happens when the Gram-Schmidt process is applied to a list that is not linearly independent?