Homework Assignment 11

Due: Friday, January 28, 2022 11:59 pm (Eastern Standard Time)

Assignment description

Solve and submit your solutions of the following problems. Note also that the late policy remains strict - you will lose 5% for each hour that you are late. In other words, please submit on time!

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Q1 (10 points)

Let V be a vector space of dimension n. Define a map $\iota: V \to (V^*)^*$ from V to the dual space of the dual space of V as follows. For $v \in V$ and $\phi \in V^*$, set

$$\iota(v)(\phi) = \phi(v).$$

(a) If $(v_1, \ldots, v_n) \in V^n$ is a basis of V and $(\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n) \in (V^*)^n$ is its dual basis, show that $(\iota(v_1), \ldots, \iota(v_n))$ is a basis of $(V^*)^*$, which is in fact dual to the basis $(\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n)$ of V^*.

(b) Deduce that ι is an isomorphism of vector spaces.

Q2 (10 points)

Let V be the vector spaces of polynomials p of degree ≤ 2 with coefficients in $\mathbb{R}$. Let $\phi_{-1}, \phi_0, \phi_1$ be the elements of V^* defined as follows:

$$\phi_x(p) = p(x) \qquad \text{for } x = -1, 0, 1.$$

Show that $\gamma = (\phi_{-1}, \phi_0, \phi_1)$ is a basis of V^* and find a basis β of V whose dual is γ (namely, such that $\beta^* = \gamma$).

Q3 (10 points)

Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and let $(v_1, \ldots, v_n)$ be a basis of V. Let k be a natural number. Define a map $B: \mathcal{T}^k(V) \times \mathcal{T}^k(V) \to \mathbb{R}$ as follows:

$$B(T_1, T_2) := \sum_{i_1, \ldots, i_k = 1}^{n} T_1(v_{i_1}, \ldots, v_{i_k}) T_2(v_{i_1}, \ldots, v_{i_k}).$$

(a) Show that $B \in \mathcal{T}^2(\mathcal{T}^k(V))$ (what does this even mean??).

(b) Show that B is an inner product. Namely, show that it is symmetric $B(T_1, T_2) = B(T_2, T_1)$, that for any T we have $B(T, T) \geq 0$, and that $B(T, T) = 0$ iff $T = 0$.