

Show full justification of every answer. There is only one question, but it has 4 parts.

(1) (5+5+15+5 points) Here is a set of vectors:

$$S = \left\{ \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3.$$

In this problem use the dot product in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(a) Is S an orthogonal set?

Solution. No, because not all its inner products are 0. E.g., $\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 1$.

(b) Is S a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Solution. Yes. There are a few ways to prove this.

(c) Use the Gram–Schmidt process to turn S into an orthogonal set S' .

Solution. Step 1. $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Step 2. $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Step 3. $\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{u}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_3 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{3/2} \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Thus, $S' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(d) Is S' a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 ? You should be able to give a short reason.

Solution. Yes. Here are two short reasons.

(1) Because we began with a basis S (as shown in (b)).

(2) Because S' is an orthogonal set and has 3 vectors, which is the number needed for a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .