

Linear Algebra (Math 338) Midterm Exam 3

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Problem 1. Let $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ be a basis for \mathbf{R}^3 , where

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Start the Gram-Schmidt Process with $v_1 = u_1$. Find v_2 and v_3 .
- (b) What are the vectors $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ of the orthonormal basis?

Problem 2.

- (a) Let $V = \text{span}\{(-1, 1, 2), (2, 4, -2)\}$ be a subset of \mathbf{R}^3 . Find a basis for V^\perp .
Hint: Use a matrix.
- (b) If $A^2 = A^T$, what are the possible real eigenvalues of A ? Justify.

Problem 3. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) Find the eigenvalues of A .
- (b) Diagonalize A (i.e., find P and D such that $P^{-1}AP = D$).
- (c) Use part (b) to find the exact formula for A^k .