

## Problem Sheet 3

1. Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a vector space with an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , and for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^m$  be non-zero vectors in  $V$ , that is, such that  $\mathbf{a}^j \neq \mathbf{0}$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, m$ .

(a) Let us assume that for some  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  we have  $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a}^j \rangle = 0$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Show that such a  $\mathbf{v}$  is orthogonal to  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^m\}$ , that is, show that  $\mathbf{v}$  is orthogonal to all vectors which can be written as a linear combination of vectors  $\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^m$ .

(b) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ , with default vector addition, scalar multiplication and inner product. For  $m = 2$  take  $\mathbf{a}^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute a vector  $\mathbf{w}$ , where

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a}^1 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^1 \rangle} \mathbf{a}^1 + \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a}^2 \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{a}^2, \mathbf{a}^2 \rangle} \mathbf{a}^2,$$

verify that  $\langle \mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2 \rangle = 0$  and show that  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$  is orthogonal to  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2\}$ .

(c) For an arbitrary vector  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  we define a vector

$$\mathbf{w} := \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a}^j \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{a}^j, \mathbf{a}^j \rangle} \mathbf{a}^j. \tag{1}$$

Show that if all  $\mathbf{a}^j$ 's are pairwise orthogonal, that is, if we have

$$\langle \mathbf{a}^l, \mathbf{a}^j \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } l, j \in \{1, \dots, m\} \text{ such that } l \neq j,$$

then the vector  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$  is orthogonal to  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^m\}$ .

(d) Let  $V = \mathbb{P}_2$ , the set of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2, with standard operations

$$(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})(x) = \mathbf{p}(x) + \mathbf{q}(x) \text{ and } (\alpha \mathbf{p})(x) = \alpha \mathbf{p}(x) \text{ for all } \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{P}_2.$$

Let us also define an inner product on  $\mathbb{P}_2$  by

$$\langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \rangle = \int_0^1 \mathbf{p}(x)\mathbf{q}(x)dx \text{ for } \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{P}_2.$$

Show that, if we take  $\mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{P}_2$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}^1(x) &= 1, \\ \mathbf{a}^2(x) &= 1 - 2x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \\ \mathbf{v}(x) &= x^2, \end{aligned}$$

then  $\mathbf{a}^1$  and  $\mathbf{a}^2$  are orthogonal vectors in  $\mathbb{P}_2$ . Compute *the polynomial*  $\mathbf{w}$  using formula (1).

2. (a) Write a MATLAB function

`function aReflect = Problem2a(a, p, q)`

that takes as arguments a point  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (a column vector) and column vectors  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , which determine a line  $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + \tau\mathbf{q}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . The function is supposed to return the reflection of  $\mathbf{a}$  across  $\mathcal{G}$ . Additionally, plot  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$  and the reflection of  $\mathbf{a}$ .

**Hint:** A template for the function `Problem2a` is available online and can be downloaded from course website.

- (b) Write a MATLAB function

`function [s, t] = Problem2b(p1, q1, p2, q2)`

which for two lines  $\mathcal{G}_1 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}^1 + \tau\mathbf{q}^1, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}^2 + \tau\mathbf{q}^2, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , given by column vectors  $\mathbf{p}^1, \mathbf{q}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{q}^1 \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{p}^2, \mathbf{q}^2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{q}^2 \neq \mathbf{0}$ , computes column vectors  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  which define the angle bisector  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s} + \tau\mathbf{t}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$  between  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$ . Additionally, plot  $\mathcal{G}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_2$  and the angle bisector  $\mathcal{W}$ .

**Hint:** A template for the function `Problem2b` is available online and can be downloaded from course website.

**Hint:** Remember that you can use the results from Problem Sheet 2 for both of these problems.

3. Consider a line

$$\mathcal{G} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + \tau\mathbf{q}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

where  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{0}$  are given column vectors, and a circle

$$\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x_1 - c_1)^2 + (x_2 - c_2)^2 = r^2 \right\},$$

given by its centre  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and radius  $r > 0$ . Write a MATLAB function

`function intersection = Problem3(r, centre, p, q)`

that computes points of intersection of  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Use a stable implementation when solving the governing quadratic equation. Why is it impossible to properly handle the case when the intersection is (theoretically) only one point?

**Hint:** For the stable implementation use the function `zerosquadpolstab` (Code 1.8.10) from the lectures. A template for the function `Problem3` is available online and can be downloaded from course website.

4. (a) Consider two points  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (column vectors), with  $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{b}$ , and a line  $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + \tau\mathbf{q}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , given by column vectors  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Consider a reflection line  $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s} + \tau\mathbf{t}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$  across which  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are reflected onto  $\mathcal{G}$ . When is there only one such  $\mathcal{A}$  and when are there two such lines of reflection, depending on  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ ?
- (b) Create a MATLAB function

`function [s, t] = Problem4(a, b, p, q)`

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that computes the line of reflection (by computing column vectors  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  which determine it) across which two given points,  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{b}$ , are reflected onto a line  $\mathcal{G}$ , given through column vectors  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ . Plot the points  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$ , the line  $\mathcal{G}$ , the reflection line  $\mathcal{A}$  and the reflection points. If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are on  $\mathcal{G}$ , the function should return  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{q}$ .

**Hint:** This problem is related to Problem 2.(b). Notice that if the vector  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$  is not parallel to  $\mathcal{G}$  then we have two lines of reflection (though you should only plot one of them). Otherwise, if the vector  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$  is parallel to  $\mathcal{G}$  and if  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \notin \mathcal{G}$ , then there is only one line of reflection. A template for the function `Problem4` is available online and can be downloaded from course website.

## 5. Create a MATLAB function

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function [s, t]= Problem5(a1, a2, a3, p, q)
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which for three distinct points (column vectors)  $\mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2$  and  $\mathbf{a}^3 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and a line  $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + \tau\mathbf{q}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , given by column vectors  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , computes the line of reflection  $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s} + \tau\mathbf{t}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , if such a line exists, that reflects  $\mathbf{a}^1$  onto  $\mathbf{a}^2$ , and reflects the centroid  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  of the triangle  $\Delta(\mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2, \mathbf{a}^3)$  onto  $\mathcal{G}$ . If such an  $\mathcal{A}$  does not exist, the function should return  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Hint:** Draw the situation in this problem on a piece of paper. Notice that the solution exists only if  $\|\mathbf{a}^1 - \mathbf{c}\| \leq \text{dist}(\mathbf{a}, \mathcal{G})$ , where  $\mathbf{c}$  denotes the centroid of the triangle  $\Delta(\mathbf{a}^1, \mathbf{a}^2, \mathbf{a}^3)$ . How does this relate to Problem 3?

A template for the function `Problem5` is available online and can be downloaded from course website.

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