

PSET 3 - DUE FEBRUARY 24

Note the date change for this Pset! Due Thursday at 11:00 a.m., before class.

1. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation and let P denote a parallelepiped in \mathbb{R}^n formed by the vectors $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. Let $m(T)$ denote the matrix of the transformation of T using the standard basis in \mathbb{R}^n . Finally, let $T(P)$ denote the image of the parallelepiped under the transformation T . Prove

$$\text{vol}(T(P)) = |\det(m(T))| \text{vol}(P).$$

(5 pts)

2. 14.4: 23 (5 pts)

3. Let P represent the plane containing the points $(1, 0, 0)$, $(3, 2, 4)$, $(1, -1, 1)$. Find the point on the plane that minimizes the distance between the plane and the origin.

Remark: You should solve this problem without using an optimization technique (don't take any derivatives). You can justify this point minimizes distance using the geometry of vectors. (5 pts)

4. 14.9:12 (5 pts)

5. 14.9:15 (5 pts)

6. 14.13:16 (5 pts)

The problems from Chapter 14 refer to Apostol Volume I.

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