

**LINEAR ALGEBRA 1**  
**PROBLEM SHEET 5**

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**Problem 1 (20 points, vector space axioms).** Prove Proposition 106, except of (ass +) and (ldist).

**Problem 2 (10+10 points, hyperplanes).** Consider the following two pairs of hyperplanes in  $X = \mathbb{R}^3$ . If they intersect then compute the angle between them. If they don't intersect then compute their distance.

- (i)  $H_1 := \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in X \mid x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 1\}$  and  
 $H_2 := \{t_{\vec{v}}(P) \mid \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}(1, 1, -3) + \mathbb{R}(1, -1, 1)\}, P = (0, 1, 0)$
- (ii)  $H_1$  and  $H_3 := \{t_{\vec{v}}(P) \mid \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}(1, 1, 0) + \mathbb{R}(1, 0, 1)\}$

Remark: The angle  $\theta$  between non-zero vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$  is given by

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{v} \bullet \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v}\| \|\vec{w}\|}$$

**Problem 3 (15 points, polytope).** Consider the  $n$ -space with point space  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  and vector space  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (i) Let  $P$  be a point of  $X$  and  $L$  be an affine line contained in  $X$  which does not contain  $P$ . Let  $Q$  be a point on  $L$ . Prove that for every  $\delta > 0$  there is a point  $Q_\delta \neq Q$  on  $L$  such that  $d(P, Q_\delta) > d(P, Q)$  and  $d(Q, Q_\delta) < \delta$ .
- (ii) ( $n = 3$ ) Consider the following subset:

$$Y := \{(1, 1, 1) + \lambda_1 \overrightarrow{(0, 2, 1)} + \lambda_2 \overrightarrow{(-1, 2, 1)} \mid \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in [0, 1]\}$$

Find in  $Y$  all pairs of points  $P_0, Q_0$  of maximal distance to each other, i.e. such that

$$d(P_0, Q_0) = \sup\{d(P, Q) \mid P, Q \in Y\}$$

. (You have to prove your result. Hint: (i) could help. )

**Problem 4 (20 points, distance between two lines).** Consider the lines:

$$L_1 := (1, 1, 1, 1) + \mathbb{R}(2, -1, 3, 1), L_2 := (1, 0, 0, 0) + \mathbb{R}(1, -1, 1, 1)$$

Find the distance between those lines and find all pairs of points  $A \in L_1, B \in L_2$  which are closest to each other, i.e. such that  $d(A, B) = \text{dist}(L_1, L_2)$ .

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*Date:* Please hand in before the lecture by **8th of November 2023**. For all exercises the results need to be proven using results from this lecture and the lectures before, provided you give a reference. The intermediate steps for computations need to be provided.