

**Math 20580 L.A. and D.E. Tutorial**  
**Quiz 7**

CALCULATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED

1. Which of the following subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is an **orthonormal** set?

A.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$     B.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$     C.  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
D.  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$     E.  $\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

**Solution:** We need to check for each choice that the dot product of the two vectors is 0 (orthogonality) and that the norm (length) of each vector in the set is 1 (normalization).

The sets in Choices A and Choice E are not even orthogonal sets. The ones in Choices B and D are orthogonal sets but not orthonormal since they contain a vector whose norm is not 1.

Only the set in **Choice C** satisfies both conditions so it is the answer.

2. What is projection  $\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v}$  of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  on the plane  $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ?  
(Hint: To save your calculation, look for which pairs of vectors that are already orthogonal).

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$     B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$     C.  $\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$     D.  $\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$     E.  $-\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** Answer choice D is correct.

Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $W = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  and note that  $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$  so we can use the orthogonal projection formula. Also  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$ , so  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ . Hence,

$$\text{proj}_W \mathbf{v} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v} + \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}_2} \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1}{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1} \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{0} = \frac{1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 2}{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$