

Problem sheet 9

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- 1. [3+3 points] Reduce to canonical form the following quadratic forms on \mathbb{R}^3 :
 - a) $Q(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3;$
 - b) $Q(x) = 2x_1x_2 6x_2x_3 + 2x_1x_3$.

The form $Q = a_1y_1^2 + a_2y_2^2 + \cdots + a_ny_n^2$, where y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n are new unknowns, are called canonical

2. [3 points] Find a basis in which the quadratic form on \mathbb{R}^2

$$Q(x) = x_1^2 - 3x_2^2 - 2x_1x_2$$

has a normal form.

The form from Th. 14.5 is called normal

3. [3 points] For which value of λ is the following quadratic form on \mathbb{R}^3 positive definite?

$$Q(x) = 4x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + \lambda x_3^2 + 4x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3.$$

- 4. [2+2+2 points] Consider the following set D. What are the limit points of D? Is D open? Is it closed? Is it bounded?

 - a) $D = \left\{\frac{1}{n}: n \in \mathbb{N}\right\} \cup \{0\}$ as a subset of \mathbb{R} ; b) $D = [0,1)^2 = \left\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2: x, y \in [0,1)\right\}$ as a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 ; c) $D = \left\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2: x < y\right\}$ as a subset of \mathbb{R}^2 .
- 5. [3 points] Let A_1, A_2 be closed sets in \mathbb{R}^d . Using the definition of close set show that $A_1 \cap A_2$ and $A_1 \cup A_2$ are close.
- 6. [4 points] Show that $\bar{A} = \bar{A}$.

(Here \overline{A} denotes the closure of A.)