

Note-4:

$$\langle u, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, u \rangle = 0.$$

$$\text{For } \langle u, 0 \rangle = \langle u, 00 \rangle = 0 \langle u, 0 \rangle = 0.$$

$$\text{Similarly } \langle 0, u \rangle = 0.$$

§ Examples:

5. $V_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a real inner product space with inner product defined by.

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n \text{ where } .$$

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

This is called the standard inner product on $V_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Proof :-

Let $x, y, z \in V_n(\mathbb{R})$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } \langle x+y, z \rangle &= (x_1+y_1)z_1 + (x_2+y_2)z_2 + \dots + (x_n+y_n)z_n \\ &= (x_1z_1 + x_2z_2 + \dots + x_nz_n) + \\ &\quad (y_1z_1 + y_2z_2 + \dots + y_nz_n) \\ &= \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } \langle \alpha x, y \rangle &= \alpha x_1 y_1 + \alpha x_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha x_n y_n \\ &= \alpha (x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n) \\ &= \alpha \langle x, y \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } \langle x, y \rangle &= x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n \\ &= y_1 x_1 + y_2 x_2 + \dots + y_n x_n \\ &= \langle y, x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) } \langle x, x \rangle &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \geq 0 \text{ and} \\ \langle x, x \rangle &= 0 \text{ iff } x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x = 0$.

(b) $V_n(\mathbb{C})$ is a complex inner product space with inner product defined by.

$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 \bar{y}_1 + x_2 \bar{y}_2 + \dots + x_n \bar{y}_n$ where

$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$.

Proof :-

Let $x, y, z \in V_n(\mathbb{C})$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

(i) $\langle x+y, z \rangle = (x_1+y_1)\bar{z}_1 + (x_2+y_2)\bar{z}_2 + \dots + (x_n+y_n)\bar{z}_n$
 $= (x_1\bar{z}_1 + x_2\bar{z}_2 + \dots + x_n\bar{z}_n) + (y_1\bar{z}_1 + y_2\bar{z}_2 + \dots + y_n\bar{z}_n)$
 $= \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$.

(ii) $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha x_1 \bar{y}_1 + \alpha x_2 \bar{y}_2 + \dots + \alpha x_n \bar{y}_n$
 $= \alpha (x_1 \bar{y}_1 + x_2 \bar{y}_2 + \dots + x_n \bar{y}_n)$
 $= \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$.

(iii) $\overline{\langle y, x \rangle} = \overline{y_1 \bar{x}_1 + y_2 \bar{x}_2 + \dots + y_n \bar{x}_n}$
 $= \bar{y}_1 x_1 + \bar{y}_2 x_2 + \dots + \bar{y}_n x_n$
 $= x_1 \bar{y}_1 + x_2 \bar{y}_2 + \dots + x_n \bar{y}_n$
 $= \langle x, y \rangle$

(iv) $\langle x, x \rangle = x_1 \bar{x}_1 + \dots + x_n \bar{x}_n$
 $= |x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2 \geq 0$

and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ iff $x = 0$.

(c) Let V be the set of all continuous real valued functions defined on the closed interval $[0, 1]$ is a real inner product space with inner product defined by

$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t)g(t)dt$.

Proof:

Let $f, g, h \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \langle f+g, h \rangle &= \int_0^1 [f(t) + g(t)] h(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 f(t) h(t) dt + \int_0^1 g(t) h(t) dt \\ &= \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \langle \alpha f, g \rangle &= \int_0^1 \alpha f(t) g(t) dt = \alpha \int_0^1 f(t) g(t) dt \\ &= \alpha \langle f, g \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \langle f, g \rangle &= \int_0^1 f(t) g(t) dt = \int_0^1 g(t) f(t) dt \\ &= \langle g, f \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad \langle f, f \rangle &= \int_0^1 [f(t)]^2 dt \geq 0 \text{ and} \\ \langle f, f \rangle &= 0 \text{ iff } f=0. \end{aligned}$$

Def:

Let V be an inner product space and let $\alpha \in V$. Then norm or length of α , denoted by $\|\alpha\|$, is defined by $\|\alpha\| = \sqrt{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}$.

α is called a unit vector if $\|\alpha\| = 1$.

8) Let V be the vector space of polynomials with inner product given by $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) g(t) dt$

Let $f(t) = t+2$ and $g(t) = t^2 - 2t - 3$

$$(17) \|g\|^2 = \langle g, g \rangle$$

$$= \int_0^1 [f(t)]^2 dt = \int_0^1 (t+2)^2 dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 (t^2 + 4t + 4) dt = \left[\frac{t^3}{3} + 2t^2 + 4t \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} + 2 + 4 = \frac{19}{3}$$

Proof:

$$(i) \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} \geq 0 \text{ and } \|x\| = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0.$$

$$(ii) \|\alpha x\|^2 = \langle \alpha x, \alpha x \rangle \\ = \alpha \langle x, \alpha x \rangle = \alpha \bar{\alpha} \langle x, x \rangle \\ = |\alpha|^2 \|x\|^2.$$

$$\text{Hence } \|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|.$$

(iii) The inequality is trivially true when $x=0$ or $y=0$.

Hence let $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$.

$$\text{Consider } z = y - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x \text{ Then } 0 \leq \langle z, z \rangle.$$

$$= \left\langle y - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x, y - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} x \right\rangle.$$

$$= \langle y, y \rangle - \frac{\overline{\langle y, x \rangle}}{\|x\|^2} \langle y, x \rangle - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} \langle x, y \rangle + \frac{\langle y, x \rangle \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}}{\|x\|^2 \|x\|^2} \langle x, x \rangle$$

$$= \|y\|^2 - \frac{\overline{\langle y, x \rangle} \langle y, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} - \frac{\langle y, x \rangle \langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|^2} + \frac{\langle y, x \rangle \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}}{\|x\|^2}.$$

$$= \|y\|^2 - \frac{\overline{\langle x, y \rangle} \langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\|^2}.$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq \|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 - |\langle x, y \rangle|^2.$$

$$\therefore |\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|y\|.$$

$$(iv) \|x+y\|^2 = \langle x+y, x+y \rangle.$$

$$= \langle x, x \rangle + \langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle.$$

$$= \|x\|^2 + \langle x, y \rangle + \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} + \|y\|^2$$

$$= (1, 2, -1) - (0, 2, 0)$$

$$= (1, 0, -1)$$

$$\therefore \|w_3\|^2 = 2$$

\therefore The Orthogonal basis is

$$\{(1, 0, 1), (0, 3, 0), (1, 0, -1)\}$$

Hence the Orthogonal basis is

$$\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right), (0, 1, 0), \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\}$$

4. Problem:

Let V be the set of all polynomials of degree ≤ 2 together with the zero polynomial. V is a real inner product space with inner product defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx. \text{ Starting with the basis } \{1, x, x^2\}$$

Obtain an orthonormal basis for V .

Sol:

$$\text{Let } v_1 = 1, v_2 = x \text{ and } v_3 = x^2.$$

$$\text{Let } w_1 = v_1$$

$$\text{Then } \|w_1\|^2 = \langle w_1, w_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 2.$$

$$\text{Hence } \|w_1\| = \sqrt{2}$$

$$w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1$$

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$$= x - \frac{1}{2} \int x dx = 9$$

$$\therefore \|w_2\|^2 = \langle w_2, w_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Now, } w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_2 \rangle}{\|w_2\|^2} w_2$$

$$= 9^2 - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \left[\frac{37}{2} \right] \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx$$

$$= 9^2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\|w_2\|^2 = \langle w_2, w_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \left(9^2 - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 \left(x^4 + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{2}{3} x^2 \right) dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1}{9} x - \frac{2}{9} x^3 \right)_{-1}^1 = \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{2}{9} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{9} = \frac{18-10}{45}$$

$$= \frac{8}{45}$$

Hence the orthogonal basis is $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$.

The required orthonormal basis is

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} x, \frac{\sqrt{10}}{4} (5x^2 - 1) \right\}$$

15 Problem:

Find a vector of unit length which is orthogonal to $(1, 2, 4)$ in $V_3(\mathbb{R})$ with standard inner product.

Soln:

Let $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ be any vector orthogonal to $(1, 2, 4)$. Then $x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$. Any solution of this

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$$(ii) \langle \alpha u, v \rangle = \alpha \langle u, v \rangle$$

$$(iii) \langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}, \text{ where } \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} \text{ is the complex conjugate of } \langle v, u \rangle$$

Conjugate of $\langle u, v \rangle$

$$(iv) \langle u, v \rangle = 0 \text{ and } \langle v, u \rangle = 0 \text{ iff } u = 0$$

A Vector Space with an inner product defined on it is called an inner product space. An inner product space is called an Euclidean Space or unitary space according as F is the field of real numbers or complex numbers.

Note - 1 :

If F is the field of real numbers then condition (iii) takes the form $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$. Further (iii) asserts that $\langle u, u \rangle$ is always real and hence (iv) is meaningless whether F is the field of real or complex numbers.

Note - 2 :

$$\langle u, \alpha v \rangle = \alpha \langle u, v \rangle$$

$$\text{For } \langle u, \alpha v \rangle = \overline{\langle \alpha v, u \rangle}$$

$$= \overline{\alpha \langle v, u \rangle}$$

$$= \overline{\alpha} \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$$

$$= \overline{\alpha} \langle u, v \rangle$$

Note - 3 :

$$\langle u, v+w \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle$$

$$\text{For } \langle u, v+w \rangle = \overline{\langle v+w, u \rangle}$$

$$= \overline{\langle v, u \rangle + \langle w, u \rangle}$$

$$= \overline{\langle v, u \rangle} + \overline{\langle w, u \rangle}$$

$$= \langle u, v \rangle + \langle u, w \rangle$$

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Thus continuing in this way we will ultimately obtain a non-zero orthogonal set $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$.

By Theorem 10, this set is linearly independent set and hence a basis.

To obtain an orthonormal basis we replace each w_i by $\frac{w_i}{\|w_i\|}$.

13) Problem:

Apply Gram-Schmidt process to construct an orthonormal basis for $V_3(\mathbb{R})$ with the standard inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ for the basis $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ where $v_1 = (1, 0, 1)$, $v_2 = (1, 2, 1)$ and $v_3 = (3, 2, 1)$.

Sol.

$$\text{Take } w_1 = v_1 = (1, 0, 1)$$

$$\text{Then } \|w_1\|^2 = \langle w_1, w_1 \rangle = 1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\text{and } \langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = 1 + 0 + 1 = 2$$

$$\text{Put } w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1$$

$$= (1, 2, 1) - (1, 0, 1)$$

$$= (0, 2, 0)$$

$$\therefore \|w_2\|^2 = 4$$

$$\text{Also } \langle w_2, w_3 \rangle = 0 + 4 + 0 = 4 \text{ and } \langle w_1, w_3 \rangle = 3 + 0 + 1 = 4$$

$$\text{Now, } w_3 = v_3 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1 - \frac{\langle v_3, w_2 \rangle}{\|w_2\|^2} w_2$$

$$= (3, 2, 1) - \frac{4}{2} (1, 0, 1) - \frac{4}{4} (0, 2, 0)$$

$$= (3, 2, 1) - 2(1, 0, 1) - (0, 2, 0)$$

$$= (3, 2, 1) - (2, 0, 2) - (0, 2, 0)$$

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Let $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and $M(T_1) = (a_{ij})$ and

$$M(T_2) = (b_{ij})$$

$$M(T_1) = (a_{ij}) \Rightarrow T_1(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} w_j$$

$$M(T_2) = (b_{ij}) \Rightarrow T_2(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} w_j$$

$$\therefore (T_1 + T_2)(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n (a_{ij} + b_{ij}) w_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore M(T_1 + T_2) &= (a_{ij} + b_{ij}) \\ &= (a_{ij}) + (b_{ij}) \\ &= M(T_1) + M(T_2) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $M(\alpha T_1) = \alpha M(T_1)$.

Hence M is the required isomorphism from
 \mathbb{R}) $\mathcal{L}(V, W) \cong M_{m \times n}(F)$

$$\therefore \dim \mathcal{L}(V, W) = mn.$$

INNER PRODUCT SPACES:

Def: INNER PRODUCT:

Let V be a vector space over F . An inner product on V is a function which assigns to each ordered pair of vectors u, v in V a scalar in F denoted by $\langle u, v \rangle$ satisfying the following conditions

$$(i) \langle u+v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$$

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For example $(4, -5, 2)$ is one such vector (by cross multiplication method).

Hence $\{(1, 3, 4), (1, 1, -1), (4, -5, 2)\}$ is an orthogonal basis containing $(1, 3, 4)$.

ORTHOGONAL COMPLEMENT:

Def:

Let V be an inner product space. Let S be a subset of V . The orthogonal complement of S , denoted by S^\perp , is the set of all vectors in V which are orthogonal to every vector of S .

Examples:

1. $V^\perp = \{0\}$ and $\{0\}^\perp = V$ since 0 is the only vector which is orthogonal to every vector.

a) Let $S = \{(a, 0, 0) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq V_3(\mathbb{R})$ with standard inner product. Then

$$S^\perp = \{(0, y, z) \mid y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

b) The orthogonal complement of the z -axis is the yz plane.

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equation gives a vector orthogonal to $(1, 3, 4)$.
For example $x = (1, 1, -1)$ is orthogonal to $(1, 3, 4)$.

Also $\|x\| = \sqrt{3}$ hence a unit vector orthogonal to $(1, 3, 4)$
is given by $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$.

Note
The set of all vectors orthogonal to $(1, 3, 4)$ are the
points lying on the plane $x + 3y + 4z = 0$, which is a
two dimensional subspace of $V_3(\mathbb{R})$.

15) Problem:

Find an orthogonal basis containing the vector
 $(1, 3, 4)$ for $V_3(\mathbb{R})$ with the standard inner product.

Soln:

$(1, 1, -1)$ is a vector orthogonal to $(1, 3, 4)$

(refer problem 14 above).

Now let $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ be a vector orthogonal to
both $(1, 3, 4)$ and $(1, 1, -1)$

$$\text{Then } y_1 + 3y_2 + 4y_3 = 0.$$

$$y_1 + y_2 - y_3 = 0.$$

Any solution of this system of equations gives a vector
orthogonal to $(1, 3, 4)$ and $(1, 1, -1)$.

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For example $(1, -5, 2) \in S$ find such vector (by cross multiplication method)

Hence $\{(1, 2, 4), (1, 1, -1), (3, -5, 2)\} \in S$ are orthogonal basis containing $(1, 2, 4)$

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1. $V^\perp = \{0\}$ and $\{0\}^\perp = V$ since 0 is the only vector which is orthogonal to every vector.

a) Let $S = \{(x, 0, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ with standard inner product. Then

$$S^\perp = \{(0, y, z) \mid y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

b) The orthogonal complement of the xy -plane is the z -axis.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \|x\|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}\langle x, y \rangle + \|y\|^2 \\
 &\leq \|x\|^2 + 2|\langle x, y \rangle| + \|y\|^2 \\
 &\leq \|x\|^2 + 2\|x\|\|y\| + \|y\|^2 \quad (\text{by (iii)}) \\
 &\leq (\|x\| + \|y\|)^2 \\
 \therefore \|x + y\| &\leq \|x\| + \|y\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

ORTHOGONALITY :

Def: **ORTHOGONAL:**

Let V be an inner product space and let $x, y \in V$. x is said to be orthogonal to y if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.

Note 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \text{ is orthogonal to } y &\Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \overline{\langle x, y \rangle} &= \overline{0} \\
 \Rightarrow \langle y, x \rangle &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow y \text{ is orthogonal to } x.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus x and y are orthogonal iff $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.

Note 2:

$$x \text{ is orthogonal to } y \Rightarrow \alpha x \text{ is orthogonal to } y.$$

Note-3:

$$x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \text{ are orthogonal to } y \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \text{ is orthogonal to } y.$$

Note-4:

0 is orthogonal to every vector in V and is the vector with this property.

Def: Orthogonal Set:

Let V be an inner product space. A set S of vectors in V is said to be an orthogonal set if any two distinct vectors in S are orthogonal.

Def: ORTHONORMAL SET:

S is said to be an orthonormal set if S is orthogonal and $\|x\| = 1 \forall x \in S$.

Example:

The Standard basis $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n or \mathbb{C}^n is an orthogonal set with respect to the standard inner product.

(1) Theorem:

Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthogonal set of non zero vectors in an inner product space V . Then S is linearly independent.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \langle \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n, v_1 \rangle = \langle 0, v_1 \rangle = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle + \alpha_2 \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle + \dots + \alpha_n \langle v_n, v_1 \rangle = 0.$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle = 0 \quad (\because S \text{ is orthogonal}).$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 = 0 \quad (\because v_1 \neq 0).$$

$$\text{Hwy } \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0.$$

Hence S is linearly independent.

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11. Theorem:

Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors in V . Let $v \in V$ and $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$. Then $\alpha_k = \frac{\langle v, v_k \rangle}{\|v_k\|^2}$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v, v_k \rangle &= \langle \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n, v_k \rangle \\ &= \alpha_1 \langle v_1, v_k \rangle + \alpha_2 \langle v_2, v_k \rangle + \dots + \alpha_n \langle v_n, v_k \rangle \\ &= \alpha_k \langle v_k, v_k \rangle \quad (\because S \text{ is orthogonal}) \\ &= \alpha_k \|v_k\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \alpha_k = \frac{\langle v, v_k \rangle}{\|v_k\|^2}$$

12. Theorem:

Every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthogonal basis.

Proof:

Let V be a finite dimensional inner product space. Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a basis for V . From this basis we shall construct an orthonormal basis $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ by means of a construction known as Gram-Schmidt orthogonalisation process.

First we take $w_1 = v_1$.

$$\text{Let } w_2 = v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1.$$

We claim that $w_2 \neq 0$. For, if $w_2 = 0$ then v_2 is a scalar multiple of w_1 and hence of v_1 which is a contradiction. $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$. Since v_1, v_2 are linearly independent.

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$$\text{Also, } \langle w_2, w_1 \rangle = \left\langle v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|w_1\|^2} w_1, w_1 \right\rangle.$$

$$= \left\langle v_2 - \frac{\langle v_2, w_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1, v_1 \right\rangle \quad (\because w_1 = v_1).$$

$$= \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle - \frac{\langle v_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle.$$

$$= \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle - \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle.$$

$$= 0.$$

Now suppose that we have constructed non-zero, orthogonal vectors w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k . Then put,

$$w_{k+1} = v_{k+1} - \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\langle v_{k+1}, w_j \rangle}{\|w_j\|^2} w_j.$$

We claimed that $w_{k+1} \neq 0$. For if $w_{k+1} = 0$, then v_{k+1} is a linear combination of w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k and hence is a linear combination of v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k which is a contradiction since v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k+1} are linearly independent.

Also,

$$\langle w_{k+1}, w_i \rangle = \left\langle v_{k+1} - \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\langle v_{k+1}, w_j \rangle}{\|w_j\|^2} w_j, w_i \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle v_{k+1}, w_i \rangle - \frac{\langle v_{k+1}, w_i \rangle}{\|w_i\|^2} \langle w_i, w_i \rangle.$$

$$= \langle v_{k+1}, w_i \rangle - \langle v_{k+1}, w_i \rangle.$$

$$= 0.$$