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LINEAR ALGEBRA- INNER PRODUCT SPACE ORTHOGONALITY

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Definition:

Let α, β be vectors in an inner product space $V(f)$. Then α is said to be orthogonal to β if $(\alpha, \beta) = 0$

Ex: If $\alpha = (1, 1, 1)$ and $\beta = (1, 0, -1)$

$$(\alpha, \beta) = 1 + 0 - 1 = 0$$

Note (a). The relation of orthogonal in an inner product space is symmetric.

$$\text{i.e. } (\alpha, \beta) = 0 \implies (\beta, \alpha) = 0$$

Therefore β is orthogonal to α

Note (b).1). If α is orthogonal to β , then any scalar multiple of α is also orthogonal to β .

$$\text{i.e. } (k\alpha, \beta) = k(\alpha, \beta) = k \cdot 0 = 0$$

Therefore $k\alpha$ is orthogonal to β

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2). The zero vector is orthogonal to every vector $(0, \alpha) = 0$

Theorem: The vectors α and β in a real inner product space are orthogonal if and only if $\| \alpha + \beta \|^2 = \| \alpha \|^2 + \| \beta \|^2$

Proof: Let α and β are vectors in inner product space $V(F)$.

$$\text{Now } \| \alpha + \beta \|^2 = \| \alpha \|^2 + \| \beta \|^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\alpha + \beta, \alpha + \beta) = (\alpha, \alpha) + (\beta, \beta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (\alpha, \alpha) + (\alpha, \beta) + (\beta, \alpha) + (\beta, \beta) &= \\ &(\alpha, \alpha) + (\beta, \beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\alpha, \beta) + (\beta, \alpha) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\alpha, \beta) + (\alpha, \beta) = 0 \quad \because \text{Real I. P.S}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(\alpha, \beta) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\alpha, \beta) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha, \beta \text{ are orthogonal}$$

Hence the proof

Definition: Orthogonal set:

Let $V(F)$ be an inner product space. A nonempty sub set S of V is said to be an orthogonal set if any two distinct vectors in S are orthogonal. (OR)

Let $S = \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n \}$ is orthogonal subset of an inner product space if

$$(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j \text{ and}$$

$$(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) = 1 \text{ if } i = j \text{ in } V(F)$$

Theorem: Every orthogonal set of non zero vectors in an inner product space $V(F)$ is linearly independent.

Proof: Let S be a an orthogonal set of non zero vectors in an inner product space $V(F)$.

Let $S_1 = \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n \}$ be finite subset of S , contain 'n' non zero vectors

$$\Rightarrow a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n = 0$$

$$\text{Let } 0 = (0, \alpha_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 \alpha_1 + a_2 \alpha_2 + \dots + a_n \alpha_n, \alpha_k) = (\bar{0}, \alpha_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1(\alpha_1, \alpha_k) + a_2(\alpha_2, \alpha_k) + \dots + a_k(\alpha_k, \alpha_k) + \dots + a_n(\alpha_n, \alpha_k) = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1(0) + a_2(0) + \dots + a_k(\alpha_k, \alpha_k) + \dots + a_n(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k(\alpha_k, \alpha_k) = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k \|\alpha_k\|^2 = \bar{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k = \bar{0}, \quad (\because \forall 1 \leq k \leq n)$$

$\therefore s_1$ is linearly independent

$\therefore$ Every finite subset of S is linearly independent

$\therefore$ Every orthogonal set of nonzero vectors in an inner product space $V(F)$ is linearly independent.

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