

Definition: Orthogonality

Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be an inner product space.

We say that two vectors \underline{v} and \underline{w} in the IPS are *orthogonal* if $\langle \underline{v}, \underline{w} \rangle = 0$.

$$\text{Ex. } p(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2$$

$$\text{In } P_2([-1, 1]), \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx$$

Find all polynomials $q(x)$ that are orthogonal to $p(x)$.

$$[p(x)]_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad [q(x)]_s = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Recall: } \langle \underline{v}, \underline{w} \rangle = \underline{a}^T G_B \bar{\underline{b}}$$

$$\text{where } \underline{a} = [\underline{v}]_B, \quad \underline{b} = [\underline{w}]_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 2/3 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 2/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} \\ \bar{b} \\ \bar{c} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad ; \text{ solve}$$

Theorem: Real Pythagorean Theorem

Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a real inner product space and let v, w be in V .

If v and w are orthogonal, then $\|v + w\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2$

Theorem: Complex Pythagorean Theorem

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If v and w are orthogonal, then $\|v + w\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2$

and $\text{Re}(\langle v, w \rangle) = 0$.