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## 1. Vector Space

Definition 1.1. (**Basis**) A set of all vectors  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in  $V$  is said to be a **basis** for  $V$  if,

- $S$  is linearly independent.
- $S$  spans  $V$ .

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Definition 1.2. (**Dimension of a vector space**) The number elements in the basis of a vector space  $V$  is called the **dimension** of a vector space. It is denoted by  $\dim(V)$ .

Problem 1.3. Prove that  $S = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Express  $(2, -3, 5)$  in terms of basis elements in  $S$ .

Ans:- Let  $v_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $v_2 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 0, 0)$   
we've,  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\text{Let } c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 (1, 1, 1) + c_2 (1, 1, 0) + c_3 (1, 0, 0) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (c_1 + c_2 + c_3, c_1 + c_2, c_1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \Rightarrow c_3 = 0$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$\therefore c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \quad \therefore S$  is linearly independent.

Let  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Let } (x, y, z) = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = c_1(1, 1, 1) + c_2(1, 1, 0) + c_3(1, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (c_1 + c_2 + c_3, c_1 + c_2, c_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = x \Rightarrow c_3 = x - y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = y \Rightarrow c_2 = y - z \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$c_1 = z \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \underline{(x, y, z)} = z(1, 1, 1) + (y - z)(1, 1, 0) + (x - y)(1, 0, 0)$$

$$= z v_1 + (y - z) v_2 + (x - y) v_3$$

$\therefore S$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$\therefore S$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\therefore \underline{(2, -3, 5)} = 5v_1 + -8v_2 + 5v_3$$

Q. We know,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $S = \{e_1 = (1, 0, 0 \dots 0),$

$e_2 = (0, 1, 0 \dots 0), \dots e_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   
whether  $S$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or not?



Ans:.

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$$\text{Let } c_1 e_1 + c_2 e_2 + \dots + c_n e_n = \vec{0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } c_1(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0) + c_2(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \\ + \dots + c_n(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1) \\ = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0$$

$\Rightarrow S$  is linearly independent.

Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= x_1(1, 0, \dots, 0) + \\ &\quad x_2(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) + \\ &\quad x_3(0, 0, 1, \dots, 0) + \\ &\quad \dots + x_n(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1) \\ &= x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n.}}$$

$\therefore S$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\Rightarrow S$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . This is called the STANDARD BASIS for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Problem 1.4.** Test whether the set of vectors

✓  $S = \{(1, 1, 2), (1, 2, 3), (0, -1, 1)\}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or not. If so, express the vector  $(1, 1, 1)$  in terms of basis elements.

Ans:- Let  $v_1 = (1, 1, 2)$ ,  $v_2 = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $v_3 = (0, -1, 1)$

We know,  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . ✓

$$\text{Let } c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = \vec{0} = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\text{Then } (c_1, c_1, 2c_1) + (c_2, 2c_2, 3c_2) + (0, -c_3, c_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (c_1 + c_2, c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3, 2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} c_1 + c_2 &= 0 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3 &= 0 \\ 2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (*)$$

$$\therefore |\text{Coeff. matrix of } (*)| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \neq 0$$

$\therefore c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0 \quad \therefore S$  is linearly independent.

Let  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and

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$$(x, y, z) = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3$$

$$\text{then } (x, y, z) = (c_1 + c_2, c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3, 2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = x$$

$$c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3 = y$$

$$2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3 = z$$

$\therefore$  By Cramer's rule,

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & 0 \\ y & 2 & -1 \\ z & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{5x - y - z}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & 0 \\ 1 & y & -1 \\ 2 & z & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-3x + y + z}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$c_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & x \\ 1 & 2 & y \\ 2 & 3 & z \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-x - y + z}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore (x, y, z) = \left( \frac{5x - y - z}{2} \right) v_1 + \left( \frac{-3x + y + z}{2} \right) v_2 + \left( \frac{-x - y + z}{2} \right) v_3$$

$\therefore S$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$\Rightarrow S$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$\therefore \overset{\cdot}{\underset{=}{\underset{=}{1}}}, \overset{x}{\underset{=}{\underset{=}{1}}}, \overset{y}{\underset{=}{\underset{=}{1}}}, \overset{z}{\underset{=}{\underset{=}{1}}} = \frac{3}{2} V_1 - \frac{1}{2} V_2 - \frac{1}{2} V_3$$

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**Problem 1.5.** *Test whether the set of vectors  $S = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  or not. If so, express the vector  $(1, 2, 3)$  in terms of basis elements.*



Dfn:- Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of  $n$ -dimensional vectors then  $S$  is said to be

(i) orthogonal if  $\overset{\text{inner product}}{\langle v_i, v_j \rangle} = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$

Here, for  $n$ -dimensional vectors.

$$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = v_i \cdot v_j = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

(ii) orthonormal if  $\|v_i\| = \sqrt{\langle v_i, v_i \rangle} = \sqrt{v_i \cdot v_i}$

(a)  $S$  is orthogonal

(b)  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle \underset{\text{or}}{=} 1$  if  $i = j$

OR

Also,  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = \underbrace{\|v_i\|^2}_{\text{norm of } v_i} = 1$

$S$  is orthonormal if

$$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$



**Definition 1.6.**

- **Orthogonal vectors:** The set of  $n$ -dimensional vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is said to be **orthogonal** if  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = v_i \cdot v_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .
- **Orthonormal vectors:** The set of  $n$ -dimensional vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is said to be **orthonormal** if  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = v_i \cdot v_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ . and  $\langle v_i, v_i \rangle = \|v_i\|^2 = 1$ .

**Note 1.7.** For any  $n$ -dimensional vector  $v_1$ , we have, the norm of  $v_1$ , is defined as  $\|v_1\| = \sqrt{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} = \sqrt{v_1 \cdot v_1}$

**Problem 1.8.** Show that the set of vectors  $B = \{v_1 = (3, 0, 4), v_2 = (-4, 0, 3), v_3 = (0, 1, 0)\}$  is an orthogonal set.

Ans:- Here,

$$\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = v_1 \cdot v_2 = -12 + 0 + 12 = 0 = \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle$$

$$\langle v_1, v_3 \rangle = v_1 \cdot v_3 = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 = \langle v_3, v_1 \rangle$$

$$\langle v_2, v_3 \rangle = v_2 \cdot v_3 = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 = \langle v_3, v_2 \rangle$$

$\therefore B$  is an orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Problem 1.9.** Show that the set of vectors  $B = \left\{ v_1 = \left( \frac{3}{5}, 0, \frac{4}{5} \right), v_2 = \left( \frac{-4}{5}, 0, \frac{3}{5} \right), v_3 = (0, 1, 0) \right\}$  is an orthonormal set.

Ans:- Here,  $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = v_1 \cdot v_2 = \frac{-12}{25} + 0 + \frac{12}{25} = 0 = \langle v_2, v_1 \rangle$   
 $\langle v_1, v_3 \rangle = v_1 \cdot v_3 = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 = \langle v_3, v_1 \rangle$   
 $\langle v_2, v_3 \rangle = v_2 \cdot v_3 = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 = \langle v_3, v_2 \rangle$

$\therefore B$  is an orthogonal set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Also,  $\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle = v_1 \cdot v_1 = \frac{9}{25} + 0 + \frac{16}{25} = 1 = \|v_1\|^2$

$$\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle = v_2 \cdot v_2 = \frac{16}{25} + 0 + \frac{9}{25} = 1 = \|v_2\|^2$$

$$\langle v_3, v_3 \rangle = v_3 \cdot v_3 = 0 + 1 + 0 = 1 = \|v_3\|^2$$

$\therefore B$  is an orthonormal set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## 2. Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process

Construction of orthonormal set from a linearly independent set of vectors

Consider a linearly independent set of  $n$ -dimensional vectors

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$$

✓ 1. Take  $v_1 = a_1$  then  $u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$  where  $\|v_1\| = \sqrt{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} = v_1 \cdot v_1$

✓ 2.  $v_2 = a_2 - \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle u_1$  then  $u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|}$

✓ 3.  $v_3 = a_3 - \langle a_3, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle a_3, u_2 \rangle u_2$  then  $u_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|}$  and so on

then, the orthonormal set of vectors are  $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots\}$

Let  $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be the set of linearly independent  $n$ -dimensional vectors.

Step 1: Let  $v_1 = a_1$  then  $u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$  where

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_1\| &= \sqrt{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} \\ &= \sqrt{v_1 \cdot v_1} \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Let  $v_2 = a_2 - \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle u_1$

then  $u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|}$  where

$$\|v_2\| = \sqrt{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle}$$



$$u_1, u_2, u_3$$

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Step 3:- Let 
$$V_3 = a_3 - \langle a_3, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle a_3, u_2 \rangle u_2$$

then 
$$u_3 = \frac{V_3}{\|V_3\|}$$

Step 4:- Let 
$$V_4 = a_4 - \langle a_4, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle a_4, u_2 \rangle u_2 - \langle a_4, u_3 \rangle u_3$$

then 
$$u_4 = \frac{V_4}{\|V_4\|}$$

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Continue like this,

Let 
$$V_n = a_n - \langle a_n, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle a_n, u_2 \rangle u_2 - \dots - \langle a_n, u_{n-1} \rangle u_{n-1}$$

then 
$$u_n = \frac{V_n}{\|V_n\|}$$

$\therefore U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  is the req'd orthonormal set.



**Problem 2.1.** Construct an orthonormal set of vectors from the given set of linearly independent vectors  $S = \{(1, 2), (2, 3)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

Ans:- Let  $a_1 = (1, 2)$  &  $a_2 = (2, 3)$

Step 1:- Let  $v_1 = a_1 = (1, 2)$  then  $u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$

$$\text{Here, } \|v_1\| = \sqrt{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} = \sqrt{v_1 \cdot v_1} = \sqrt{1 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\therefore u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(1, 2) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right).$$

Step 2:- Let  $v_2 = a_2 - \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle u_1$

$$\text{Here, } \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle = a_2 \cdot u_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\therefore v_2 = (2, 3) - \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$$

$$= (2, 3) - \left(\frac{8}{5}, \frac{16}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{5}, -\frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$\therefore u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} \quad \text{where } \|v_2\| = \sqrt{v_2 \cdot v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{25} + \frac{1}{25}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\therefore u_2 = \sqrt{5} \left( \frac{2}{5}, -\frac{1}{5} \right) = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right)$$

$\therefore$  The required orthonormal set is

$$\left\{ u_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right), u_2 = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \right\}$$

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## Using Gram-Schmidt Process,

**Problem 2.2.** Construct an orthonormal set of vectors from the given set of linearly independent vectors

$$B = \{(1, 1, 1), (-1, 0, -1), (-1, 2, 3)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

Ans:- Let  $a_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $a_2 = (-1, 0, -1)$ ,  $a_3 = (-1, 2, 3)$

Step 1:- Let  $v_1 = a_1 = (1, 1, 1)$  then  $u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|}$

$$\text{Here, } \|v_1\| = \sqrt{v_1 \cdot v_1} = \sqrt{1+1+1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (1, 1, 1) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

Step 2:- Let  $v_2 = a_2 - \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle u_1$

$$\text{Here, } \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle = (-1, 0, -1) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore \langle a_2, u_1 \rangle u_1 = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \left( -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$\therefore v_2 = (-1, 0, -1) - \left( -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right) = \left( -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$\therefore u_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} \quad \text{where } \|v_2\| = \sqrt{v_2 \cdot v_2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\therefore u_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \left( -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right) = \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$



Step 3:

$$\text{Let } v_3 = a_3 - \langle a_3, u_1 \rangle u_1 - \langle a_3, u_2 \rangle u_2$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a_3, u_1 \rangle &= a_3 \cdot u_1 = (-1, 2, 3) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \\ &= 4/\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle a_3, u_1 \rangle u_1 = \left( \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \right).$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a_3, u_2 \rangle &= a_3 \cdot u_2 = (-1, 2, 3) \cdot \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \\ &= 2/\sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle a_3, u_2 \rangle u_2 = \left( -\frac{2}{6}, \frac{4}{6}, -\frac{2}{6} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore v_3 &= (-1, 2, 3) - \left( \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \right) - \left( -\frac{2}{6}, \frac{4}{6}, -\frac{2}{6} \right) \\ &= (-2, 0, 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } u_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} \text{ where } \|v_3\| = \sqrt{v_3 \cdot v_3} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$\therefore u_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} (-2, 0, 2) = \left( -\frac{2}{\sqrt{8}}, 0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{8}} \right)$$



$\therefore$  The required orthonormal set is,

$$U = \left\{ u_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right), u_2 = \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}} \right), \right. \\ \left. u_3 = \left( \frac{-2}{\sqrt{8}}, 0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{8}} \right) \right\}$$

Q. Show that an orthonormal set of non-zero vectors is linearly independent.

Proof: Let  $A = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be an orthonormal set of nonzero vectors.

To prove  $A$  is linearly independent.

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

$$\text{then } \langle \vec{0}, v_k \rangle = 0 \quad \forall v_k \in A \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n, v_k \rangle = 0 \quad \checkmark$$



$$\Rightarrow \langle \alpha_1 v_1, v_k \rangle + \langle \alpha_2 v_2, v_k \rangle + \dots + \langle \alpha_k v_k, v_k \rangle + \dots + \langle \alpha_n v_n, v_k \rangle = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 \underbrace{\langle v_1, v_k \rangle}_{=0} + \alpha_2 \underbrace{\langle v_2, v_k \rangle}_{=0} + \dots + \alpha_k \underbrace{\langle v_k, v_k \rangle}_{=1} + \dots + \alpha_n \underbrace{\langle v_n, v_k \rangle}_{=0} = 0 \quad \text{--- } (*) \checkmark$$

Since  $A$  is orthonormal,  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$

$$\therefore (*) \Rightarrow \alpha_k \cdot 1 = 0 \quad \forall \quad k=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0} \Rightarrow \underline{A \text{ is linearly independent.}}$$

Q. Show that an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors is linearly independent.

Proof: Let  $A = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the orthogonal set of non-zero vectors.

To prove  $A$  is linearly independent.

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

$$\langle \vec{0}, v_k \rangle = 0 \quad \forall \quad v_k \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n, v_k \rangle = 0 \quad \forall \quad k=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \alpha_1 v_1, v_k \rangle + \langle \alpha_2 v_2, v_k \rangle + \dots + \langle \alpha_k v_k, v_k \rangle + \dots + \langle \alpha_n v_n, v_k \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 \underbrace{\langle v_1, v_k \rangle}_{=0} + \alpha_2 \underbrace{\langle v_2, v_k \rangle}_{=0} + \dots + \alpha_k \underbrace{\langle v_k, v_k \rangle}_{= \|v_k\|^2} + \dots + \alpha_n \underbrace{\langle v_n, v_k \rangle}_{=0} = 0 \quad \forall k=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (*)$$



Since  $A$  is orthogonal,  $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$ .

$$\text{Also, } \langle v_i, v_i \rangle = \|v_i\|^2$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{*} \Rightarrow \alpha_k \|v_k\|^2 = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } \alpha_k = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \|v_k\|^2 = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Since  $v_k$ 's are non-zero vectors,  $\|v_k\|^2 = 0$  is impossible.

$\therefore$  The only possibility is  $\alpha_k = 0 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$\therefore A$  is linearly independent.