

Inner Product Spaces. Hilbert Spaces Inner Product Spaces. Hilbert Spaces 2. proof $\|x + y\|^2 = \langle x + y, x + y \rangle = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 + 2\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$, where the last equality comes from the hypothesis of orthogonality. Now we show $\|\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \|x_i\|^2$, by induction on m . The case where $m=2$ has already been showed and we assume that the equation holds for $m-1$. Since x_m is orthogonal with each $i = 1, \dots, m-1$, x_m is orthogonal to $x_1 + \dots + x_{m-1}$. Hence, $\|\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\|^2 = \|\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} x_i\|^2 + \|x_m\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \|x_i\|^2$, completing the proof.