Orthonormal Basis May 2, 2021

1 | Axler6.27 orthonormal basis def

An *orthonormal basis* of *V* is an orthonormal list of vectors in *V* that is also a basis of *V*.

Pretty self explanatory.

2 | results

2.1 | Axler6.28 orthonormal list of the right length is a basis

Because it's linearly independent, and linearly independent lists of the right length are bases (Axler2.39).

2.2 | Axler6.30 vector as a linear combo of orthonormal basis

Suppose e_1, \ldots, e_m is an orthonormal basis of V and $v \in V$. Then,

$$v = \langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \dots \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n$$

and

$$||v||^2 = |\langle v, e_1 \rangle|^2 + \dots + |\langle v, e_n \rangle|^2$$

By taking the inner product of both sides of the equation

$$v = a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n$$

with e_j for each e_j . And also the Pythagorean theorem

$3 \mid$ see also

3.1 | orthonormal

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