Orthonormal List May 2, 2021

## 1 | Axler6.23 orthonormal def

- A list of vectors is called orthonormal if each vector in the list has norm 1 and is orthogonal
  to all other vectors in the list
- in other words, a list  $e_1, \ldots, e_m$  of vectors in V is orthonormal if

$$\langle e_j, e_k \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = k \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \end{cases}$$

## 2 | results

## 2.1 | Axler6.25 norm of an orthonormal linear combination Pythagorean theorem

If  $e_1, \ldots, e_m$  is an orthonormal list of vectors in V then

$$||a_1e_1 + \dots + a_me_m||^2 = |a_1|^2 + \dots + |a_m|^2$$

Pythagorean theorem

## 2.2 | Axler6.26 orthonormal lists are linearly independent

Any orthogonal list is linearly independent, so an orthonormal list must also be linearly independent.

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