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In this note,  $V$  always stand for an inner product vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$

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## Definition and Theorem

**Definition 1.** If  $\langle w, v \rangle = 0$ , then  $w \perp v$

**Definition 2.** Let  $S \subseteq V$

$$S^\perp = \{w \in V \mid \forall v \in S, w \perp v\}$$

**Definition 3.** Let  $S \subseteq V$

$S$  is an **orthogonal** set if  $\forall v, v' \in S, v \perp v'$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $S$  be an orthogonal set

$S$  is linearly independent

*Proof.* Write  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$

We prove by induction

Base step:  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is linearly independent

Assume  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is linearly dependent

Write  $v_2 = cv_1, \exists c \neq 0 \in \mathbb{F}$

$$\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = \bar{c}\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle \neq 0 \text{ CaC}$$

Induction step:  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  is independent  $\implies \{v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}\}$  is independent

Assume  $\{v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}\}$  is linearly dependent

Write  $v_{k+1} = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_kv_k$

Pick  $i : 1 \leq i \leq k$ , such that  $a_i \neq 0$

$$\langle v_{k+1}, v_i \rangle = \langle a_1v_1 + \dots + a_kv_k, v_i \rangle = a_i\langle v_i, v_i \rangle \neq 0 \text{ CaC} \quad \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $S \subseteq V$

$S^\perp$  is a subspace of  $V$

*Proof.* Let  $w, w' \in S^\perp$

$$\forall v \in S, \langle w + w', v \rangle = \langle w, v \rangle + \langle w', v \rangle = 0 + 0 = 0 \implies w + w' \in S^\perp$$

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{F}, \forall v \in V, \langle cw, v \rangle = c\langle w, v \rangle = 0 \implies \forall c \in \mathbb{F}, cw \in S^\perp \quad \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $S = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  be a linearly independent subset of  $V$ . Define  $S' = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , where  $v_1 = w_1$  and

$$v_k = w_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle w_k, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} v_j \text{ for } 2 \leq k \leq n$$

Then  $S'$  is an orthogonal basis of  $\text{span}(S)$

*Proof.* We prove by induction

$$\text{Base step: } \text{span}(v_1, v_2) = \text{span}(w_1, w_2)$$

$$v_1 = w_1 \in W$$

$$v_2 = w_2 - \frac{\langle w_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 \in W$$

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = 0 \implies (c_1 - c_2 \frac{\langle w_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2}) w_1 + c_2 w_2 = 0$$

$$\text{So } c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

Then  $v_1, v_2$  is linearly independent

$$\text{Induction step: } \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \text{span}(w_1, \dots, w_k) \implies \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}) = \text{span}(w_1, \dots, w_{k+1})$$

$$v_{k+1} = w_{k+1} - \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\langle w_{k+1}, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} v_j \in W$$

Let  $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_{k+1}, v_i \rangle &= \langle w_{k+1} - \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\langle w_{k+1}, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} v_j, v_i \rangle = \langle w_{k+1}, v_i \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\langle w_{k+1}, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} \langle v_j, v_i \rangle = \\ &= \langle w_{k+1}, v_i \rangle - \frac{\langle w_{k+1}, v_i \rangle}{\|v_i\|^2} \langle v_i, v_i \rangle = \langle w_{k+1}, v_i \rangle - \langle w_{k+1}, v_i \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}\}$  consist an orthogonal set, thus linearly independent

**REMARK:** Notice the process is  $v_k = w_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle w_k, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} v_j$ , but not  $v_k = w_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{\langle v_k, w_{k+1} \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2} \langle v_j, v_i \rangle$  ■

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $S'$  be an orthogonal subset of  $V$

We can extend  $S'$  to be an orthogonal basis containing  $S'$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  be an orthogonal subset of  $V$ . Let  $y \in \text{span}(S)$

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\langle y, v_i \rangle}{\|v_i\|^2} v_i$$

*Proof.*  $S$  is linearly independent, so  $S$  is a basis of  $\text{span}(S)$

$$\text{Write } y = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i, \exists a_i \in \mathbb{F}$$

Then for each  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , we have  $\langle y, v_j \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \langle v_i, v_j \rangle = a_j \langle v_j, v_j \rangle$

So  $a_j = \frac{\langle y, v_j \rangle}{\|v_j\|^2}$  ■

**Corollary 4.1.** *Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space with an orthonormal basis  $\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\beta$ . Let  $A = [T]_\beta$*

$$A_{i,j} = \langle T(v_j), v_i \rangle$$

**Definition 4.** *Let  $\beta$  be an orthonormal subset of an inner product space  $V$ , and let  $x \in V$*

*The **Fourier coefficients** of  $x$  relative to  $\beta$  is  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , where  $y \in \beta$*

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $W$  be a finite-dimensional subspace of  $V$ , and let  $y \in V$*

*there exists unique  $u \in W$  and  $z \in W^\perp$ , such that  $y = u + z$*

*Proof.* Let  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  be a basis of  $W$

Let  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\langle y, w_i \rangle}{\|w_i\|^2} w_i$

Let  $z = y - u$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \langle z, w_i \rangle &= \langle y - u, w_i \rangle = \langle y, w_i \rangle - \langle u, w_i \rangle = \langle y, w_i \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\langle y, w_j \rangle}{\|w_j\|^2} \langle w_j, w_i \rangle = \\ &= \langle y, w_i \rangle - \frac{\langle y, w_i \rangle}{\|w_i\|^2} \langle w_i, w_i \rangle = \langle y, w_i \rangle - \langle y, w_i \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $z \in W^\perp$ , such pair of  $u, z$  at least exists

Let  $u + z = u' + z'$ , where  $u' \in W$  and  $z' \in W^\perp$

$$\begin{aligned} u - u' = z' - z \in W \cap W^\perp &\implies u - u' = z' - z = 0 \implies u = u' \text{ and } \\ z = z' \end{aligned}$$
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**Theorem 6.** *Let  $W$  be a finite-dimensional subspace of  $V$*

$$V = W \oplus W^\perp$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  be a basis of  $W$

Let  $\{v_1, \dots\}$  be a basis of  $W^\perp$

We now prove  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\} \cup \{v_1, \dots\}$  is a basis of  $V$

Assume  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\} \cup \{v_1, \dots\}$  is linearly dependent

Let  $\sum_I c_i w_i + \sum_J c_j v_j = 0, \exists \{c_i \neq 0 | i \in I\}, \{c_j \neq 0 | j \in J\}, I, J$

Such non-empty  $J$  must exist, otherwise  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  is linearly dependent, CaC

Then we see  $0 = \sum_I c_i w_i + \sum_J c_j v_j = 2 \sum_I c_i w_i + 2 \sum_J c_j v_j$ , where  $\sum_I c_i w_i \neq 0$  (otherwise,  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  is linearly independent) **CaC to the uniqueness of Theorem 5** ■

## Exercises

### 2.(a)

*Proof.*  $v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, 1)$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{\frac{4}{6}}\left(\frac{1}{-2}, 1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$v_3 = \sqrt{3}\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}\right)$$

$$\langle x, v_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(3)$$

$$\langle x, v_2 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\langle x, v_3 \rangle = 0$$
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### 2.(c)

*Proof.*  $v_1 = 1$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{12}\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$v_3 = \sqrt{180}\left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$h(x) = \frac{3}{2}v_1 + \frac{\sqrt{12}}{12}v_2$$
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### 4.

*Proof.*  $S^\perp = \text{span}((2, -1 + i, -2i))$  ■

### 6.

*Proof.* Pick a basis  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  of  $W$

Do Gram-Schmidt on  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  and we have an orthogonal basis  $\{w'_1, \dots, w'_n\}$  of  $W$

Extend  $\{w'_1, \dots, w'_n\}$  to a basis  $\{w'_1, \dots, w'_n, v_{n+1}, \dots, v_k, \dots\}$  of  $V$

Do Gram-Schmidt on  $\{w'_1, \dots, w'_n, v_{n+1}, \dots, v_k\}$  and we have an orthogonal basis  $\{w'_1, \dots, w'_n, v'_{n+1}, \dots, v'_k, \dots\}$  of  $V$

Express  $x = a_1 w'_1 + \dots + a_n w'_n + a_{n+1} v'_{n+1} + \dots + a_k v'_k + \dots$

We know there exists  $i : n + 1 \leq i \leq k$ , such that  $a_i \neq 0$ , otherwise,  $x \in W$

$$\langle x, v'_i \rangle = \langle a_i v'_i, v'_i \rangle = a_i \langle v'_i, v'_i \rangle \neq 0$$

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## 11.

*Proof.* Let  $Row : M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F}) \times i \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$  maps  $(A, i)$  to (the  $i$ -th row of  $A$ ) <sup>$t$</sup>

Let  $Col : M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F}) \times i \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$  maps  $(A, i)$  to (the  $i$ -th column of  $A$ )

Let  $\overline{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}$  be defined by  $(\overline{x_1}, \overline{x_2}, \dots, \overline{x_n})$

Notice  $Col(A^*, j) = \overline{Row(A, j)}$

From  $AA^* = I$ , we know that  $\langle Row(A, i), Col(A^*, j) \rangle = 0$ , if  $i \neq j$ , and that  $\langle Row(A, i), Col(A^*, j) \rangle = 1$ , if  $i = j$

So  $\forall i \neq j, \langle Row(A, i), Row(A, j) \rangle = 0$ , and  $\forall i, \langle Row(A, i), Row(A, i) \rangle = 1$

This implies that the rows of  $A$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$

Conversely, the rows of  $A$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{C}^n$  implies that  $\forall i \neq j, \langle Row(A, i), Row(A, j) \rangle = 0$ , and  $\forall i, \langle Row(A, i), Row(A, i) \rangle = 1$

And this implies that  $\langle Row(A, i), Col(A^*, j) \rangle = 0$ , if  $i \neq j$ , and that  $\langle Row(A, i), Col(A^*, j) \rangle = 1$ , if  $i = j$

This tell us  $AA^* = I$

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## 13.

### 13.(a)

*Proof.* Let  $x \in S^\perp$

$$\forall s \in S, x \perp s \implies \forall s \in S_0, x \perp s_0$$

So  $x \in S_0^\perp$

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**13.(b)**

*Proof.* Let  $s \in S$

$$\forall x \in S^\perp, x \perp s \implies s \in (S^\perp)^\perp$$

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**13.(c)**

*Proof.*  $W \subseteq (W^\perp)^\perp$  by 13.(b)

Let  $x \in (W^\perp)^\perp$

Let  $\{v_1, \dots\}$  be a basis of  $W^\perp$

and  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  be an orthogonal basis of  $W$

Assume  $x \notin W$

Write  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i + \sum_J c_j v_j, \exists \{c_1, \dots, c_n\}, \{c_j \neq 0 | j \in J\}, J$

There must exist such non-empty  $J$ , otherwise  $x \in W$

Arbitrarily pick  $k$  from  $J$

$$\langle x, v_k \rangle = \langle \sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i + \sum_J c_j v_j, v_k \rangle = c_k \langle v_k, v_k \rangle \neq 0 \text{ CaC to that } x \in (W^\perp)^\perp$$

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**13.(d)**

*Proof.* This is Theorem 6

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**18.**

*Proof.* We now prove  $W_o \subseteq W_e^\perp$

Let  $f \in W_o$

Let  $g \in W_e$

$fg$  is an odd function

$$\text{So } \int_{-1}^1 fg dt = 0$$

That is  $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$  (done)

We now prove  $W_e^\perp \subseteq W_o$

Let  $f \in W_e^\perp$

We know  $1 \in W_e$

So we know  $\langle f, 1 \rangle = 0$

That is  $\int_{-1}^1 f 1 dt = 0$

So  $f$  is an odd function, an element of  $W_o$  (done) ■

### 19.(b)

*Proof.*  $(2, 1, 3) = (\frac{29}{14}, \frac{17}{14}, \frac{20}{7}) + (\frac{-1}{14}, \frac{-3}{14}, \frac{1}{7})$  ■

### 19.(c)

*Proof.*  $x + \frac{13}{3}$  ■