

For if, assume $v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_n)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|v\|^2 &= \langle v, v \rangle \\
&= \langle v, a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_m e_m \rangle \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m \langle a_j e_j, a_i e_i \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m \langle a_i e_i, a_i e_i \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m |a_i|^2 \langle e_i, e_i \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m |a_i \langle e_i, e_i \rangle|^2 && \text{since } \langle e_i, e_i \rangle = 1 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m |\langle a_i e_i, e_i \rangle|^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m \langle a_i e_i, a_i e_i \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m \langle v, a_i e_i \rangle && \text{since all other terms of the inner product go to 0}
\end{aligned}$$

As desired. Now, for only if: We know V has an orthonormal basis, e_1, \dots, e_k with $k \geq m$. Then, if $v \notin \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)$, $v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ with $k \geq n > m$. So, $v = a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n$ with at least 1 of $e_i \neq 0, i > m$. Then, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|v\|^2 &= \langle v, v \rangle \\
&= \langle a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n, a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_n e_n \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 \langle e_i, e_i \rangle \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^m |\langle v, e_i \rangle|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m |a_i|^2$$

So, since set these equal, and we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^m |a_i|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 &= 0 \\
&= - \sum_{i=m+1}^n |a_i|^2
\end{aligned}$$

So, we get:

$$- \sum_{i=m+1}^n |a_i|^2 = 0$$

Which is only possible if each $a_i = 0$, which contradicts our assumption above. Therefore, we need $v \in \text{span}(e_1, \dots, e_m)$.
QED.