

$\theta \in S^\perp$ as $\langle \theta, y \rangle = 0$ for all $y \in S$. Let $\alpha, \beta \in S^\perp$

Then $\langle \alpha, y \rangle = 0$ and $\langle \beta, y \rangle = 0$ for all $y \in S$

So, $\langle \alpha + \beta, y \rangle = \langle \alpha, y \rangle + \langle \beta, y \rangle = 0$ for all $y \in S$

So, $\alpha + \beta \in S^\perp$. Let $x \in S^\perp$ and $c \in F$,

then $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ for all $y \in S$. So, $\langle cx, y \rangle = c \langle x, y \rangle = c \cdot 0 = 0$

for all $y \in S$. So, $cx \in S^\perp$.

So, S^\perp is a subspace of V for any subset S of V .

Exercise: Show that $\{\theta\}^\perp = V$ and $V^\perp = \{\theta\}$ for any inner product space V .

Example: Let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $S = \{(0, 0, 1)\}$

Then $S = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \langle \alpha, (0, 0, 1) \rangle = 0\}$

$= \{\alpha = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \langle (x, y, z), (0, 0, 1) \rangle = 0\}$

$= \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z = 0\} = xy\text{-plane}$.

Theorem 4.2.5 Let β be a basis for a subspace W of an inner product space V , and let $z \in V$. Prove that $z \in W^\perp$ if and only if $\langle z, v \rangle = 0$ for every $v \in \beta$.

Proof: Let $\langle z, v \rangle = 0$ for every $v \in \beta$. Let $y \in W$

Then $y = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i$, $v_i \in \beta$, $i=1, 2, \dots, k$

So, $\langle z, y \rangle = \langle z, \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle z, c_i v_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \langle z, v_i \rangle$

$= 0$ as $\langle z, v_i \rangle = 0$ for all $v_i \in \beta$, $i=1, 2, \dots, k$

So, $z \in W^\perp$. Conversely, let $z \in W^\perp$. Then $\langle z, y \rangle = 0$

for all $y \in W$. As β is a basis for the subspace W

So, each $v \in \beta$. So, $\langle z, v \rangle = 0$ for each $v \in \beta$.

~~Theorem 4.2.10~~ Suppose that $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is an orthonormal set in an n -dimensional inner product space V .

~~Then (a) S can be extended~~

Theorem 4.2.10 Let W be a finite dimensional subspace of an inner product space V , and let $y \in V$. Then there exist unique vectors $u \in W$ and $z \in W^\perp$ such that $y = u + z$.

Furthermore, if $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is an orthonormal basis for W ,

then
$$u = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i$$

Proof: Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ be an orthonormal basis for W .

Let $u = \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i$ and let $z = y - u$. Clearly $u \in W$

and $y = u + z$. To show that $z \in W^\perp$, it suffices to

show by Theorem 4.2.9, that z is orthogonal to each v_j , $j=1, 2, \dots, k$. For any j , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle z, v_j \rangle &= \left\langle y - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle v_i, v_j \right\rangle = \langle y, v_j \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^k \langle y, v_i \rangle \langle v_i, v_j \rangle \\ &= \langle y, v_j \rangle - \langle y, v_j \rangle \quad [\text{As } \langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j \text{ and } \langle v_j, v_j \rangle = 1] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

~~The~~ To show ~~that~~ the uniqueness of u and z . Suppose that $z = u + z = u' + z'$, where $u, u' \in W$ and $z, z' \in W^\perp$.

Then $u - u' = z' - z \in W \cap W^\perp = \{0\}$. So, $u = u'$, $z = z'$.

Corollary 4.2.11 In the notation of Theorem 4.2.10, the vector u is the unique vector in W that is "closest" to y ; that is, for any $x \in W$, $\|y - x\| \geq \|y - u\|$.

and this inequality is an equality if and only if $x = u$.

Proof: As in Theorem 4.2.10, we have that $y = u + z$, $z \in W^\perp$.
Let $x \in W$. Then $u - x$ is orthogonal to z . So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y - x\|^2 &= \|u + z - x\|^2 = \|(u - x) + z\|^2 = \|u - x\|^2 + \|z\|^2 \\ &\geq \|z\|^2 = \|y - u\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

So, $\|y - x\| \geq \|y - u\|$

Now suppose, $\|y - x\| = \|y - u\|$. So, the inequality above becomes an equality, and therefore $\|u - x\|^2 + \|z\|^2 = \|z\|^2$

$$\text{or, } \|u - x\|^2 = 0 \quad \text{or, } \|u - x\| = 0 \quad \text{or, } u = x \quad x = u$$

conversely, If $x = u$ then $(x - u) = 0$

$$\text{so, } \|y - x\|^2 = \|(u - x) + z\|^2 = \|z\|^2 = \|y - u\|^2$$

$$\text{or, } \|y - x\| = \|y - u\|$$

The vector u in the corollary 4.2.11 is called the orthogonal projection of y on W .

Theorem 4.2.12 Suppose $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is an orthonormal set in an n -dimensional inner product space V .

Then (a) S can be extended to an orthonormal basis

$$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\} \text{ for } V$$

(b) If $W = \text{span}(S)$ then $S_1 = \{v_{k+1}, v_{k+2}, \dots, v_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis for W^\perp

(c) If W is any subspace of V . Then $\dim(V) = \dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp)$

Proof: As any linearly independent subset of a finite dimensional vector space can be extended to a basis of that space,

so, S can be extended to a basis $S' = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n\}$ for V . Now apply the Gram Schmidt orthogonalization process on S' . Now using mathematical induction, we can prove that: if $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors then the vectors $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ derived from the Gram Schmidt process satisfy

$$x_i = u_i, \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, n. \text{ So, using this}$$

result, the first k vectors resulting from this process are the vectors in S , and this new set spans V . Normalizing the last $n-k$ vectors of this set produces an orthonormal set that spans V . So, the result now follows.

(b) Because S_1 is a subset of a basis, it is linearly independent. Since S_1 is clearly a subset of W^\perp , we need only show that S_1 spans W^\perp . Note that for any $x \in V$,

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, u_i \rangle u_i$$

If $x \in W^\perp$, then $\langle x, u_i \rangle = 0$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\text{So, } x = \sum_{i=k+1}^n \langle x, u_i \rangle u_i \in \text{Span}(S_1)$$

(c) Let W be a subspace of V . It is a finite dimensional inner product vector space, as V is and so it has an orthonormal basis $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$. By (a) and (b), we have

$$\dim(V) = n = k + (n-k) = \dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp)$$