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SM286 – Diff. Eq – Quiz 20 – Sections 11.1
Orthogonal Functions

1. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be orthogonal functions on $[a, b]$. Show that:

$$\|f(x) + g(x)\|^2 = \|f(x)\|^2 + \|g(x)\|^2$$

(Recall the definition of the norm of a function: $\|\phi(x)\|^2 = \int_a^b \phi(x)\phi(x)dx = \int_a^b [\phi(x)]^2 dx$).

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) + g(x)\|^2 &= \int_a^b (f(x) + g(x))(f(x) + g(x)) dx \\ &= \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 + 2f(x)g(x) + [g(x)]^2 dx \\ &= \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx + 2 \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx + \int_a^b [g(x)]^2 dx \\ &\quad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad + \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ &\|f(x)\|^2 \qquad + \qquad 0 \qquad \qquad + \qquad \|g(x)\|^2 \\ &\quad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ &\text{definition} \qquad \qquad f(x) \text{ \& } g(x) \qquad \qquad \text{definition} \\ &\text{of norm} \qquad \qquad \text{orthogonal} \qquad \qquad \text{of norm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \|f(x) + g(x)\|^2 = \|f(x)\|^2 + \|g(x)\|^2$$