

Lecture Notes on Linear Algebra

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1. Vector Space

Definition (Vector Space). A vector space (or linear space) W over a Field \mathcal{F} consists of a set on which two operations (called addition and scalar multiplication, respectively) are defined so that for each pair of elements x, y , in W there is a unique element $x + y$ in W , and for each element a in F and each element x in W there is a unique element ax in W , such that the following conditions hold.

§ Subspace .

Definition (Subspace). A subset W of a vector space W over a field \mathbb{F} is called a subspace of W if W is a vector space over \mathbb{F} with the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined on W .

Remark. Trivial subspaces of a vector space V , namely V itself and $\{0\}$. Note that empty set ϕ is not a vector space, since it does not contains a zero vector.

Theorem 1.1. Let V be a vector space and W a subset of V . Then W is a subspace of V if and only if the following three conditions hold for the operations defined in V .

- (a) $0 \in W$.
- (b) $x + y \in W$ whenever $x \in W$ and $y \in W$.
- (c) $cx \in W$ whenever $c \in \mathbb{F}$ and $x \in W$.

Corollary 1.1.1. Let W be a subset of vector space V . W is a subspace of V if and only if $0 \in W$ and $ax + y \in W$ whenever $a \in F$ and, $x, y \in W$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Since W is a subspace $\Rightarrow 0 \in W$, $ax \in W$ for $a \in \mathcal{F}$ and $ax, y \in W \Rightarrow ax + y \in W$. (\Leftarrow) $0 \in W$. Since $ax + y \in W$, $a \in \mathcal{F}$, take $a = 1 \Rightarrow x + y \in W$, and also $\because 0 \in W$, take $y = 0 \Rightarrow ax \in W$, for $a \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence, W is a subspace. ■

Theorem 1.2. Any intersection of subspaces of a vector space V is a subspace of V .

Theorem 1.3. Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a vector space V , then $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace of V if and only if $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ or $W_2 \subseteq W_1$.

Proof. Suppose $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace of V , we assume that $W_1 \not\subseteq W_2$ and $W_2 \not\subseteq W_1$. Let $x \in W_1 \setminus W_2$, $y \in W_2 \setminus W_1$, then $x + y \in W_1$ or W_2 , say W_1 . But $y = (x + y) - x \in W_1$, which is a contradiction. So we have $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ or $W_2 \subseteq W_1$. Conversely is trivial. ■

Definition. If S_1 and S_2 are nonempty subsets of a vector space V , then the sum of S_1 and S_2 , denoted $S_1 + S_2$, is the set $\{x + y : x \in S_1 \text{ and } y \in S_2\}$.

Theorem 1.4. Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a vector space V .

- (a) $W_1 + W_2$ is a subspace of V that contains both W_1 and W_2 .
- (b) Any subspace of V that contains both W_1 and W_2 must also contain $W_1 + W_2$.

Proof. To prove (a), we first show that $W_1 + W_2$ is a subspace of V . Clearly, $0 = 0 + 0 \in W_1 + W_2$. Let $x = x_1 + x_2$, $y = y_1 + y_2$, $c \in \mathbb{F}$

$$cx + y = c(x_1 + x_2) + (y_1 + y_2) = (cx_1 + y_1) + (cx_2 + y_2) \in W_1 + W_2$$

By corollary 1.1.1, $W_1 + W_2$ is a subspace of V .

Then we show that $W_1, W_2 \subseteq W_1 + W_2$. $\forall x \in W_1, y \in W_2$, $x = x + 0 \in W_1 + W_2$, $y = 0 + y \in W_1 + W_2$, we have $W_1, W_2 \subseteq W_1 + W_2$.

To prove (b), Let W be a subspace of V contains both W_1 and W_2 , then $\forall x \in W_1, y \in W_2$, $x + y \in W$. Thus $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq W$. ■

Definition (Direct Sum). A vector space V is called the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 if W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of V such that $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ and $W_1 + W_2 = V$. We denote that V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 by writing $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$.

Theorem 1.5. *Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a vector space V . V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 i.e.*

$$V = W_1 \oplus W_2$$

if and only if each vector in V can be uniquely written as $x_1 + x_2$, where $x_1 \in W_1$ and $x_2 \in W_2$

Solution. Suppose that we can write $v = x_1 + x_2 = y_1 + y_2$ with $x_1, y_1 \in W_1$ and $x_2, y_2 \in W_2$. Since $x_1 + x_2 = y_1 + y_2$ and W_1, W_2 are subspaces of a vector space V , so $x_1 - y_1 = x_2 - y_2 \in W_1 \cap W_2$. As $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$, $x_1 - y_1 = x_2 - y_2 = \{0\}$, that is, $x_1 = y_1$ and $x_2 = y_2$. Hence it is a unique representation. Conversely, suppose that the condition holds. We claim that $V = W_1 + W_2$ and $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$. Since $W_1 + W_2$ is the smallest subspace of V , so $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq V$. By assumption, it is clear to get that $V \subseteq W_1 + W_2$. This proves $V = W_1 + W_2$. Since W_1, W_2 are subspaces of V , so $0 \in W_1$ and $0 \in W_2$. Let v be a vector in $W_1 \cap W_2$. From the uniqueness of decomposition and $v = 0 + v = v + 0$, it implies that $v = 0$. This proves $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$. In conclusion, $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$. ■

§ Linear Combinations and Bases.

Definition (Linearly Dependent). *A subset S of a vector space W is called linearly dependent if there exist a finite number of distinct vectors u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n in S and scalars a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , not all zero, such that*

$$a_1 u_1 + a_2 u_2 + \dots + a_n u_n = 0.$$

In this case we also say that the vectors of S are linearly dependent.

Definition (Linearly Independent). *A subset S of a vector space that is not linearly dependent is called linearly independent. As before, we also say that the vectors of S are linearly independent.*

Remark.

1. *The empty set is linearly independent, for linearly dependent sets must be nonempty.*
2. *A set consisting of a single nonzero vector is linearly independent. For if $\{u\}$ is linearly dependent, then $au = 0$ for some nonzero scalar a . Thus*

$$u = a^{-1}(au) = a^{-1}0 = 0$$

3. A set is linearly independent if and only if the only representations of 0 as linear combinations of its vectors are trivial representations.

Theorem 1.6. Let V be a vector space, and let $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq V$. If S_1 is linearly dependent, then S_2 is linearly dependent.

Proof. Since $S_1 = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ is linearly dependent i.e. $\exists a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathcal{F}$ are not all zero s.t.

$$a_1u_1 + \dots + a_mu_m = 0 \quad (1)$$

Since $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ say $S_2 = S_1 \cup \{u_{m+1}, \dots, u_n\}$. Let

$$b_1u_1 + \dots + b_mu_m + b_{m+1}u_{m+1} + \dots + b_nu_n = 0 \quad b_j \in \mathcal{F}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now, we take $b_{m+1} = \dots = b_n = 0$ and by (1) there exists a_1, \dots, a_m are not all zeros. Hence, S_2 is linearly dependent. ■

Corollary 1.6.1. Let S be a linearly independent subset of a vector space V , and let v be a vector in V that is not in S . Then $S \cup \{v\}$ is linearly dependent if and only if $v \in \text{span}(S)$.

Proof. Suppose $S \cup v$ is linear independent, then $\exists v_1, \dots, v_n \in S \cup v$ such that $a_1u_1 + \dots + a_nu_n = 0$ for some nonzero scalars a_1, \dots, a_n . Because S is linear independent, say $u_1 = v$. We have $v = a_1^{-1}(-a_2u_2 - \dots - a_nu_n)$, which is a linear combination of u_2, \dots, u_n . Thus $v \in \text{span}(S)$. Conversely, suppose $v \in \text{span}(S)$. Then $\exists v_1, \dots, v_n \in S$ and scalars b_1, \dots, b_m such that $v = b_1v_1 + \dots + b_mv_m$. Thus $0 = b_1v_1 + \dots + b_mv_m + (-1)v$ which means $S \cup v$ is linear independent. ■

Theorem 1.7. Let S be a linearly independent subset of a vector space V , and let v be a vector in V that is not in S . Then $S \cup \{v\}$ is linearly dependent if and only if $v \in \text{span}(S)$.

Proof. Let β be a basis of v . Suppose $v = a_1u_1 + \dots + a_nu_n = b_1u_1 + \dots + b_nu_n$. We have $0 = (a_1 - b_1)u_1 + \dots + (a_n - b_n)u_n$. Since β is linear independent, we have $(a_1 - b_1) = \dots = (a_n - b_n)$, hence $a_1 = b_1, \dots, a_n = b_n$, which means v is uniquely expressed as a linear combination of β . Conversely, suppose v can be uniquely expressed as a linear combination of β . Clearly, β generates V and the representation of 0 is unique. So if $0 = a_1u_1 + \dots + a_nu_n$, we have $a_1 = \dots = a_n$. Thus β is linear independent and is a basis of V . ■

Definition (Basis). A basis β for a vector space V is a linearly independent subset of V that generates V . If β is a basis for V , we also say that the vectors of β form a basis for V .

Theorem 1.8. Let V be a vector space and $\beta = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be a subset of V . Then β is a basis for V if and only if each $v \in V$ can be uniquely expressed as a linear combination of vectors of β , that is, can be expressed in the form

$$v = a_1u_1 + a_2u_2 + \dots + a_nu_n$$

for unique scalars a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n .

Proof. If $S = \emptyset$ or $S = 0$, then $V = \{0\}$ and \emptyset is a subset of S which is a basis of V . Otherwise S contains a nonzero vector $\{u_1\}$. We continue choosing vectors $u_2, \dots, u_k \in S$ such that $\beta = \{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ is linear independent and $\{u_1, \dots, u_k, v\}$ is linear dependent for some vector $v \in V \setminus S$. To show that β is a basis, it suffices to show that β generates V . Let $v \in S$. If $v \in \beta$, then clearly $\beta \in \text{span}(S)$. If $v \in S \setminus \beta$, then we have $\beta \cup v$ is linear dependent. So $v \in \text{span}(\beta)$. Thus $S \subseteq \text{span}(\beta)$. ■

Theorem 1.9. If a vector space V is generated by a finite set S , then some subset of S is a basis for V . Hence V has a finite basis.

Proof. We prove it by mathematical induction on m . For $m = 0$, $L = \emptyset$, so take $H = G$. Assume the theorem holds for some integer $m \geq 0$. For $m+1$, let $L = \{v_1, \dots, v_{m+1}\}$ be a linear independent subset of V containing $m+1$ vectors. Because $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ is linear independent, so by the induction hypothesis, we have $m \geq n$ and \exists a subset $\{u_1, \dots, u_{n-m}\}$ of G such that $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \cup \{u_1, \dots, u_{n-m}\}$ generates v . Thus \exists scalars $a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_{n-m}$ such that $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_mv_m + b_1u_1 + \dots + b_{n-m}u_{n-m} = v_{m+1}$. We have $n - m > 0$ and v_{m+1} is a linear combination of $\{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$ which contradicts the assumption that L is linear independent. Hence $n > m$ that is $n \geq m+1$. Moreover, say b_1 is nonzero, otherwise we obtain the same contradiction. We have $u_1 = (-b_1^{-1}a_1)v_1 + \dots + (-b_1^{-1}a_m)v_m + (b_1^{-1})v_{m+1} + (-b_1^{-1}b_2)u_2 + \dots + (-b_1^{-1}b_{n-m})u_{n-m}$. Let $H = \{u_2, \dots, u_{n-m}\}$. Then $u_1 \in \text{span}(L \cup H)$ and $v_1, \dots, v_m, u_2, \dots, u_{n-m} \in \text{span}(L \cup H)$, so $\{v_1, \dots, v_m, u_1, \dots, u_{n-m}\} \subseteq \text{span}(L \cup H)$. We have $\text{span}(L \cup H) = V$. Since H is a subset of G contains $(n - m) - 1 = n - (m + 1)$ vectors. So by mathematical induction, we are done. ■

Theorem 1.10 (Replacement Theorem). *Let V be a vector space that is generated by a set G containing exactly n vectors, and let L be a linearly independent subset of V containing exactly m vectors. Then $m \leq n$ and there exists a subset H of G containing exactly $n - m$ vectors such that $L \cup H$ generates V .*

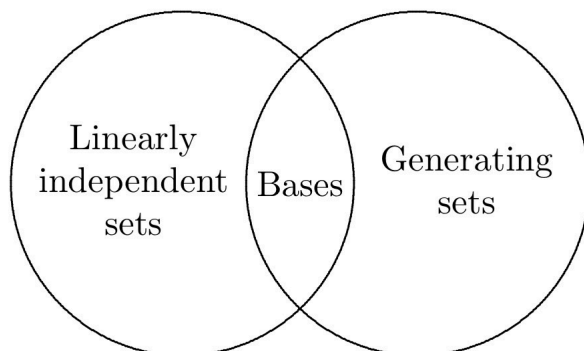
Proof. Let $\dim(V) = n$. If $W = \{0\}$, then W is finite-dimensional and $\dim(W) = 0 \leq n$. Otherwise, W contains a nonzero vector x_1 , so $\{x_1\}$ is a linear independent set. We continue choosing vectors $x_1, \dots, x_k \in W$ such that x_1, \dots, x_k is linear independent. This process must stop at $k \leq n$ and $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ is linear independent and other vector in W produces a linear dependent set. Hence it is a basis of W . Thus $\dim(W) = k \leq n$. If $\dim(W) = n$, a basis of W is a linear independent subset of V contains n vectors, so a basis of W is also a basis of V . Thus $W = V$. ■

Corollary 1.10.1. *Let V be a vector space having a finite basis. Then every basis for V contains the same number of vectors.*

Definition (Finite-Dimensional). *A vector space is called finite-dimensional if it has a basis consisting of a finite number of vectors. The unique number of vectors in each basis for V is called the dimension of V and is denoted by $\dim(V)$. A vector space that is not finite-dimensional is called infinite-dimensional.*

Corollary 1.10.2. *Let V be a vector space with dimension n .*

1. *Any finite generating set for V contains at least n vectors, and a generating set for V that contains exactly n vectors is a basis for V .*
2. *Any linearly independent subset of V that contains exactly n vectors is a basis for V .*
3. *Every linearly independent subset of V can be extended to a basis for V .*



Theorem 1.11. *Let W be a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space V . Then W is finite-dimensional and $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$. Moreover, if $\dim(W) = \dim(V)$, then $V = W$.*

Proof. Since V is a finite-dimensional vector space, say $\dim(V) = n$. If $W = \{0\}$, then W is a finite-dimensional and $\dim(W) = 0 \leq n$. Otherwise, W contains a nonzero vector x_1 ; so $\{x_1\}$ is linearly independent set. Continue choosing vectors, x_1, \dots, x_k in W such that $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ is linearly independent. Since no linearly independent subset can contain more than n vectors in V , therefore $S \cup \{v\}$ is linearly dependent for $\{v\} \in \text{span}(S)$ then by Thm 1.7 S generates W . S is a basis of $W \implies \dim(W) = k \leq n$. If $\dim(W) = n$, then a basis for W is a linearly independent subset of V containing n vectors. By replacement theorem any linearly independent subset of V contains exactly n vectors is also a basis of V . Hence $V = W$. ■

Proposition 1.12. *Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a finite-dimensional vector space V . $W_1 \subseteq W_2$ if and only if $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = \dim(W_1)$*

Theorem 1.13. *Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v be vectors in a vector space V , and define $W_1 = \text{span}(\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\})$, and $W_2 = \text{span}(\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v\})$. Then $v \in \text{span}(W_1)$ if and only if $\dim(W_1) = \dim(W_2)$.*

Remark. *We may give an example for satisfying the conditions on above but $\dim(W_1) \neq \dim(W_2)$.*

Theorem 1.14. *Let W_1 and W_2 be finite-dimensional subspaces of a vector space V .*

(a) *Then the subspace $W_1 + W_2$ is finite-dimensional, and*

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$$

(b) Let $V = W_1 + W_2$. Deduce that V is the direct sum of W_1 and W_2 if and only if

$$\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$$

Proof.

(a). Let $\beta = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ is a basis of $W_1 \cap W_2$ with $\dim(W_1) = k + m$, $\dim(W_2) = k + n$ and $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = k$ for $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\beta \in W_1$ and $\beta \in W_2$ by Replacement Theorem, every linearly independent subset of V can be extended to a basis for V .

$\exists \beta_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ is a basis of W_1 and $\beta_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ is a basis of W_2 . Let $x \in W_1 + W_2$.

Claim. $\text{Span}(\{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\}) = W_1 + W_2$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (a_1u_1 + a_2u_2 + \dots + a_{k+1}v_1 + a_{k+2}v_2 + \dots + a_{k+m}v_m) + (b_1u_1 + b_2u_2 + \dots \\ &\quad + b_ku_k + b_{k+1}w_1 + b_{k+2}w_2 + \dots + b_{k+n}w_n), a_i, b_j \in \mathcal{F} \text{ for } i, j = 1, 2, \dots \\ &= c_1u_1 + c_2u_2 + \dots + c_ku_k + a_{k+1}v_1 + a_{k+2}v_2 + \dots + a_{k+m}v_m + b_{k+1}w_1 + \\ &\quad b_{k+2}w_2 + \dots + b_{k+n}w_n, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \in \mathcal{F} \implies \forall x \in W_1 + W_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore W_1 + W_2 \subseteq \text{span}(\{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\})$$

$\because W_1 + W_2$ is a subspace, any linear combination of $W_1 + W_2$'s subset are in $W_1 + W_2$

$$\therefore \text{span}(\{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\}) \in W_1 + W_2$$

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Claim. $\{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ is linearly independent

$$\sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_i + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i v_i + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i = 0 \implies \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_i + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i v_i = - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_i + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i v_i \in W_1, \quad - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i \in W_2$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_i + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i v_i, \quad - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i \in W_1 \cap W_2$$

$$\implies \exists d_i \in \mathcal{F}, \sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_i + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i v_i = - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i u_i$$

$\therefore \beta_1, \beta_2$ is linearly independent $\therefore -\sum_{i=1}^n c_i w_i = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i u_i$ only for scalars

are all zeros. $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i u_i + \sum_{i=1}^m b_i v_i = 0$ only for scalars are all zero

$\therefore \{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ is linearly independent

$\therefore \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ is a basis of $W_1 + W_2$

$\therefore \dim(W_1 + W_2) = k + m + n$

$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) + \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$

(b). $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

by Exercise 1.16.29(a), if W_1 and W_2 are finite-dimensional subspace of a vector space V , $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(\{0\}) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$

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Theorem 1.15. Let W_1 and W_2 be subspaces of a vector space V such that $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ if and only if there exist base β_1, β_2 of W_1, W_2 , respectively such that $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$ is a basis for V .

Proof. Let $\beta_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in W_1$,

$\beta_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \in W_2$

$$W_1 + W_2 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i + \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j \mid a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathcal{F} \right\}$$

Claim : $\text{Span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2) \subseteq W_1 + W_2$

let $x \in \text{Span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2)$, $x = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + b_1 u_1 + b_2 u_2 + \dots + b_m u_m$

$\therefore W_1, W_2$ is a subspace of $V \therefore \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \in W_1, \sum_{i=1}^m b_i u_i \in W_2$

$\therefore x \in W_1 + W_2, \text{Span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2) \subseteq W_1 + W_2$

Claim. $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq \text{Span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2)$

Let $x \in W_1 + W_2, x = (a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n) + (b_1 u_1 + \dots + b_m u_m)$

$\therefore x \in \text{Span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2) \therefore W_1 + W_2 \subseteq \text{Span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2) \therefore \text{Span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2) = W_1 + W_2$

Claim $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$ is linearly independent

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i + \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j &= 0 \implies \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j \\
\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i &\in W_1, \quad - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j \in W_2 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i, \quad - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j \in W_1 \cap W_2 \\
\therefore W_1 \cap W_2 &\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j u_j = 0 \quad \therefore \beta_1, \beta_2 \text{ is linearly independent} \\
\therefore a_1 = \dots = a_n = b_1 = \dots = b_m &= 0 \therefore \beta_1 \cup \beta_2 \text{ is linearly independent} \\
\therefore \beta_1 \cup \beta_2 &\text{ is a basis of } V.
\end{aligned}$$

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Theorem 1.16.

If W_1 is any subspace of vector space of V , then there exists a subspace W_2 of V such that

$$V = W_1 \oplus W_2$$

Proof. let $\beta_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ and $\dim(V) = n$. By Corollary of Replacement Theorem, Every linearly independent subset of V can be extended to a basis for V then $\exists \beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-m}\}$ is a basis of V . Let $W_2 = \text{span}(\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-m}\})$ $\therefore u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-m} \in V, V$ is a vector space by Thm 1.5, the span of any subset S of a vector space V is a subspace.

$\therefore W_2$ is a subspace of V . Now we claim that $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

$\therefore W_1, W_2$ is a subspace of $V \therefore 0 \in W_1, W_2$. Assume $\exists r \in V$ and $r \in W_1, r \in W_2, r \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
r &= a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m \\
&= b_1 u_1 + b_2 u_2 + \dots + b_{n-m} u_{n-m} \\
&= c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_m v_m + d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_{n-m} u_{n-m} \\
\implies &\begin{cases} (c_1 - a_1)v_1 + \dots + (c_m - a_m)v_m + d_1 u_1 + \dots + d_{n-m} u_{n-m} = 0 \\ c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_m v_m + (d_1 - b_1)u_1 + \dots + (d_{n-m} - b_{n-m})u_{n-m} = 0 \end{cases} \\
\implies &c_1 = a_1, c_2 = a_2, \dots, c_m = a_m, d_1 = b_1, \dots, d_{n-m} = b_{n-m} \\
\implies &r = r + r \Rightarrow r = 0 \rightarrow \leftarrow \therefore W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}.
\end{aligned}$$

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