

Proof

① Show  $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2$  is linearly independent  $\Rightarrow \text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \cap \text{span}\{y_1, y_2\} = \{0\}$

suppose  $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2$  are linearly independent

$\Rightarrow$  only  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = c_5 = 0$  such that  $c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + c_3 x_3 + c_4 y_1 + c_5 y_2 = 0$  (\*)

WTS  $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \cap \text{span}\{y_1, y_2\} = \{0\}$

$$0 = 0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 \in \text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$

$$0 = 0y_1 + 0y_2 \in \text{span}\{y_1, y_2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \in \text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \cap \text{span}\{y_1, y_2\}$$

assume  $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \cap \text{span}\{y_1, y_2\} \neq \{0\}$

$\Rightarrow$  there are not all zero scalar  $c_1^*, c_2^*, \dots, c_5^*$

$$\text{such that } c_1^* x_1 + c_2^* x_2 + c_3^* x_3 = c_4^* y_1 + c_5^* y_2$$

$$c_1^* x_1 + c_2^* x_2 + c_3^* x_3 - c_4^* y_1 - c_5^* y_2 = 0$$

which is contradiction to (\*)

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$\Rightarrow x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2$  are linearly independent.

□

Thus list  $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2$  is linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow \text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \cap \text{span}\{y_1, y_2\} = \{0\}$