

Important consequences of Steinitz:

Cor 6.4.7: All bases of  $V$  have the same number of vectors.

Proof: If  $A = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ ,  $B = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m\}$  are both bases of  $V$ .

$A$  spans  $V$ ,  $B$  is linearly independent:  $m \leq n$

$B$  spans  $V$ ,  $A$  is linearly independent:  $n \leq m \quad \therefore m = n$ .

Def 6.4.8: If a basis of  $V$  has  $n$  vectors, then  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $\dim V = n$  ( $\dim V$  may depend on  $\mathbb{F}$ .)

If  $V$  has no finite basis, then  $V$  is infinite-dimensional.



Ex: Using standard bases

$$\dim \mathbb{F}^n = n, \dim P_{\leq n}(\mathbb{F}) = n, \dim M_{m,n}(\mathbb{F}) = mn$$

$\mathbb{F}[x]$  is infinite-dimensional.

How to find a basis 3: Use dimension.

Th 6.4.11 Basis theorem: If  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq V$  and

$|\mathcal{A}| = \dim V$  ( $\neq \infty$ ), then  $\mathcal{A}$  is linearly independent if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  spans  $V$ .

$\therefore$  only need to check one of  $\swarrow \searrow$ .

(2207 Week 8.5 p7)

Other useful things:

Cor 6.4.10: If  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq V$  and  $|\mathcal{A}| > \dim V$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  is linearly dependent.

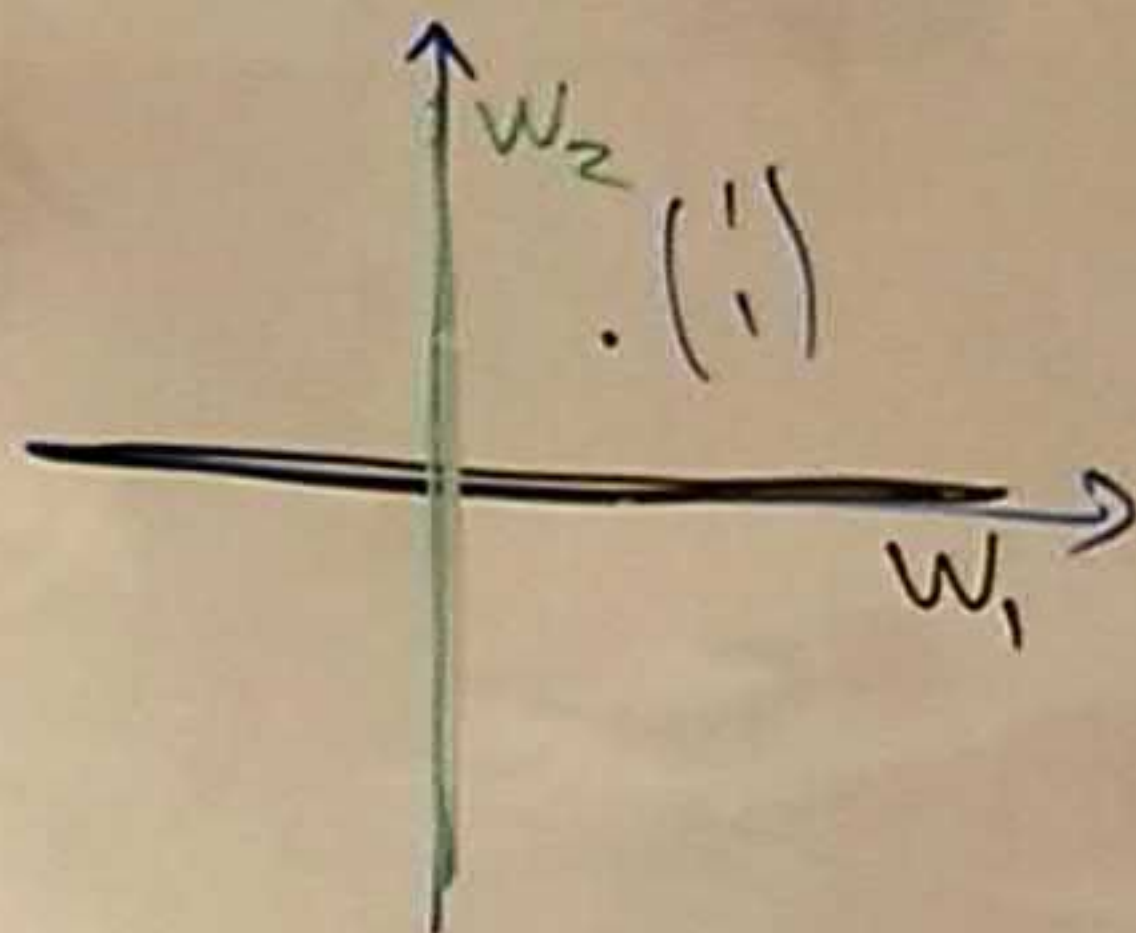
Th. 6.4.16: If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $\dim W \leq \dim V$ .  
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## 6.5: Sums and direct sums of subspaces

[?] How to make a big subspace out of small ones?

Ex in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $W_1 = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$   
 $W_2 = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$



$W_1 \cup W_2$  is not a subspace:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{W_1} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{W_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin W_1 \cup W_2$$

$\therefore$  To make a big subspace  $W$  containing  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , we must include sums like

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$



Def 6.5.1/6.5.4: Let  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  be subspaces of  $V$ .

The sum of  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  is:

$$W_1 + \dots + W_k = \sum_{i=1}^k W_i = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \mid \alpha_i \in W_i \ 1 \leq i \leq k \right\}$$

Ex: from above:  $W_1 + W_2 = \mathbb{R}^2 \because \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $W_1$   $W_2$

in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $U_1 = \text{span}\{e_1\}$  line

$U_2 = \text{span}\{e_2\}$  line

$V_1 = \text{span}\{e_1, e_2\}$  plane

$V_2 = \text{span}\{e_2, e_3\}$  plane

$U_1 + U_2 = V_1 \because \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $U_1$   $U_2$

$V_1 + V_2 = \mathbb{R}^3 \because \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $V_1$   $V_2$



Note: • summing is commutative:  $W_1 + W_2 = W_2 + W_1$

•  $W_1 + \dots + W_k \supseteq W_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,

$\therefore$  given  $w_i \in W_i$ ,

$$w_i = \underbrace{\vec{0}}_{W_1} + \dots + \underbrace{\vec{0}}_{W_{i-1}} + \underbrace{w_i}_{W_i} + \underbrace{\vec{0}}_{W_{i+1}} + \dots + \underbrace{\vec{0}}_{W_k}$$

$\in W_1 + \dots + W_k$ .

Prop. 6.5.3:  $W_1 + \dots + W_k$  is a subspace.

Proof:  $\vec{0} \in W_1 + \dots + W_k \because \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \dots + \vec{0}$   
and  $\vec{0} \in \text{each } W_i \because W_i \text{ is a subspace.}$

if  $\alpha, \beta \in W_1 + \dots + W_k$ , then  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k$ ,

$\beta = \beta_1 + \dots + \beta_k$ , for  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in W_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha + \beta &= \alpha(\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k) + \beta_1 + \dots + \beta_k \\ &= (\alpha\alpha_1 + \beta_1) + \dots + (\alpha\alpha_k + \beta_k) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\alpha\alpha_i + \beta_i \in W_i$

$\therefore W_i$  is a subspace.

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Another view:  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a set  
 $\therefore$  to make a subspace, take  $\text{Span}(W_1 \cup W_2)$ .



Th. 6.5.5: a)  $W_1 + \dots + W_k = \text{Span}(W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_k)$

b) if  $W_i = \text{Span}(A_i)$ , then  
 $W_1 + \dots + W_k = \text{Span}(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_k)$

Proof: for simplicity, we show only  $k=2$ .

To show  $W_1 + W_2 \supseteq \text{Span}(W_1 \cup W_2)$ :

$W_1 + W_2$  is a subspace, and contains  $W_1$  and  $W_2$

$\therefore$  contains  $W_1 \cup W_2$   
(6.3.8)  $\therefore$  contains  $\text{Span}(W_1 \cup W_2)$

To show  $\text{Span}(W_1 \cup W_2) \supseteq W_1 + W_2$