

Linear Algebra by Hefferon  
Chapter 2, combining Subspaces, exercise 4.35

(a)  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ , it has as basis  $\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$ , so dimension 1.

$$W_1 + W_2 = [\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\} \cup \{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}\}] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix},$$

it has as basis  $\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$ , so dimension 3.

(b) Lemma 1: The concatenation of the bases of  $U$  and  $W$  spans  $U + W$ .

Proof:  $\langle \vec{\mu}_1, \dots, \vec{\mu}_j \rangle$  be a basis of  $U$  and  $\langle \vec{\omega}_1, \dots, \vec{\omega}_p \rangle$  be a basis of  $W$ . Let  $\vec{v} \in [U \cup W]$ ,  $\vec{v} = c_1.\vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_m.\vec{u}_m + d_1.\vec{w}_1 + \dots + d_n.\vec{w}_n$ , so  $\vec{v} = c_1.(\alpha_1.\vec{\mu}_1 + \dots + \alpha_j.\vec{\mu}_j) + \dots + d_1.(\gamma_1.\vec{\omega}_1 + \dots + \gamma_p.\vec{\omega}_p)$ , so  $\vec{v} = k_1.\vec{\mu}_1 + \dots + k_j.\vec{\mu}_j + l_1.\vec{\omega}_1 + \dots + l_p.\vec{\omega}_p$ . so  $v$  is a linear combination of basis vectors from  $U$  and  $W$ . QED.

(Basically,  $\vec{v}$  is a linear combination of linear combinations.)

The concatenation of the expanded sequences is:  $\langle \vec{\mu}_1, \dots, \vec{\mu}_j, \vec{\beta}_1, \dots, \vec{\beta}_k, \vec{\beta}_1, \dots, \vec{\beta}_k, \vec{\omega}_1, \dots, \vec{\omega}_p \rangle$  spans  $U + W$  by Lemma 1. We can easily turn it into a basis: the duplicate  $\vec{\beta}$  vectors can be removed since they are linearly dependent on themselves, resulting in  $\langle \vec{\mu}_1, \dots, \vec{\mu}_j, \vec{\beta}_1, \dots, \vec{\beta}_k, \vec{\omega}_1, \dots, \vec{\omega}_p \rangle$ . The  $\vec{\mu}$  and  $\vec{\omega}$  vectors are linearly independent from  $\vec{\beta}$  vectors. and they are also independent of each other.

Proof: WLOG, assume  $\vec{\mu}_1$  is linearly dependent on  $\{\vec{\omega}_1, \dots, \vec{\omega}_i\}$ , then  $\vec{\mu}_1 \in U \cap W$ , then  $\vec{\mu}_1$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{\beta}$  vectors since they are the basis of the intersection, but then the basis of  $U$ ,  $\langle \vec{\mu}_1, \dots, \vec{\mu}_j, \vec{\beta}_1, \dots, \vec{\beta}_k \rangle$  has linearly dependent vectors which is a contradiction. QED.

(c) Let  $\mu = \langle \vec{\mu}_1, \dots, \vec{\mu}_m \rangle$  be a basis of  $U$ , it has dimension m.  $\omega = \langle \vec{\omega}_1, \dots, \vec{\omega}_n \rangle$  be a basis of  $W$ , it has dimension n.  $\beta = \langle \vec{\beta}_1, \dots, \vec{\beta}_k \rangle$  be a basis of  $U \cap W$ , it has dimension k.

Every vector in  $U \cap W$  is spanned by both  $\mu$  and  $\omega$ , so by the Exchange Lemma, we can replace some  $\vec{\mu}_x$  and  $\vec{\omega}_y$  by  $\vec{\beta}_1$ , obtaining two new bases that we call  $\mu^1$  and  $\omega^1$  signifying that they now include 1 basis vector from  $\beta$ .

By induction, we can replace all k vectors to get  $\mu^k$  and  $\omega^k$ , we can be sure that will keep finding non-trivial linear combinations for a vector  $\vec{\beta}_i$  at step i, because both bases still span  $\beta$  and  $\vec{\beta}_i$  is linearly independent from any  $\vec{\beta}$  vectors in the bases, so it must be dependent on the  $\vec{\mu}$  and  $\vec{\omega}$  remaining vectors.

$\mu^k$  contains a count of  $k$   $\vec{\beta}$  vectors and ( $j = m - k$ )  $\vec{\mu}$  vectors remaining, similary  $\omega^k$  contains ( $p = n - k$ )  $\vec{\omega}$  vectors.

With these new bases  $\mu^k$  and  $\omega^k$ , the problem is now identical to problem (a). From (a) we know that  $\langle \vec{\mu}_1, \dots, \vec{\mu}_j, \vec{\beta}_1, \dots, \vec{\beta}_k, \vec{\omega}_1, \dots, \vec{\omega}_p \rangle$  is a basis. It contains  $j + k + p$  vectors, which is equal to  $(j + k) + (p + k) - k = m + n - k$ , so it's dimension  $\dim(U + W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W) - \dim(U \cap W)$ . QED.