

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 $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$, so dimension 1.

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

it has as basis $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$, 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 $\vec{v} \in [U \cup W]$, $\vec{v} = c1.\vec{u}_1 + \dots + cm.\vec{u}_m + d1.\vec{w}_1 + \dots + dn.\vec{w}_n$, so $\vec{v} = c1.(\alpha_1.\vec{\mu}_1 + \dots + \alpha_j.\vec{\mu}_j) + \dots + d1.(\gamma_1.\vec{\omega}_1 + \dots + \gamma_j.\vec{\omega}_j)$, so $\vec{v} = k1.\vec{\mu}_1 + \dots + kj.\vec{\mu}_j + l1.\vec{\omega}_1 + \dots + lp.\vec{\omega}_p$. 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 μ and ω , 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 μ^1 and ω^1 signifying that they now include 1 basis vector from β .

By induction, we can replace all k vectors to get μ^k and ω^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 β and $\vec{\beta}_i$ is linearly indepent from any $\vec{\beta}$ vectors in the bases, so it must be dependent on the $\vec{\mu}$ and $\vec{\omega}$ remaining vectors.

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

With these new bases μ^k and ω^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.