

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.

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

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  $\mu$  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 we 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.

#### Exercise 4.38

Lemma 1: If  $\vec{v} \in (W_1 \cap W_2) + (W_1 \cap W_3)$  then we can always find exactly one vector in  $(W_1 \cap W_2)$  and exactly one vector in  $(W_1 \cap W_3)$ .

Proof: Assume that  $\vec{v}$  is a linear combination of multiple vectors from  $(W_1 \cap W_2)$ .  $(W_1 \cap W_2)$  is the intersection of two subspaces and is therefore a subspace itself, so it is closed under linear combinations. It follows that these multiple vectors must have their linear combination in  $(W_1 \cap W_2)$  as one vector. The same holds for  $(W_1 \cap W_3)$ . QED.

If  $\vec{v} \in (W_1 \cap W_2) + (W_1 \cap W_3)$  then  $\vec{v}$  is a linear combination of two vectors:  $v_{12} \in (W_1 \cap W_2)$  and  $v_{13} \in (W_1 \cap W_3)$  by Lemma 1. So  $\vec{v} \in W_1$  because it is a linear combination of two vectors both of which are in  $W_1$ . At the same time,  $\vec{v}$  is always a linear combination of a vector in  $W_2$  or a vector in  $W_3$ , so  $\vec{v} \in (W_1 + W_3)$ . Since  $\vec{v}$  is both aforementioned sets, it is also in their intesection, so  $\vec{v} \in (W_1) \cap (W_2 + W_3)$ . QED.

The inclusion does not reverse, as a counter-example take  $W1 = (x, x, 0)$ ,  $W2 = (x, 0, 0)$  and  $W3 = (0, y, 0)$ .

$(W_1 \cap W_2) + (W_1 \cap W_3) = (0, 0, 0)$ , but  $(W_1) \cap (W_2 + W_3) = (x, x, 0) \cap (x, y, 0) = (x, x, 0)$ .