

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 $\vec{v} \in [U \cup W]$, $\vec{v} = c_1.\vec{\mu}_1 + \dots + c_m.\vec{\mu}_m + d_1.\vec{\omega}_1 + \dots + d_n.\vec{\omega}_n$, 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 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 we 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 independent 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, similary 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.

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 $\vec{v} \in (W_1 + W_2)$. Since \vec{v} is both aforementioned sets, it is also in their intersection, 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 $(W_1) \cap (W_2 + W_3) = (x, x, 0) \cap (x, y, 0) = (x, x, 0)$.