

## Lecture 5

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## 5.1 Direct Sum

### 5.1.1 Direct sum of subspaces

**Theorem :**  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \iff V = W_1 + W_2$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

**Proof(  $\implies$  ) :**

- Suppose  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$
- $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \implies V = W_1 + W_2$
- To prove :  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$
- Let  $z = W_1 \cap W_2$  where  $z \neq 0$
- Then :  $z = \text{blue} + \text{green} = \text{blue} + \text{green}$  where blue elements belong to  $W_1$  and green elements belong to  $W_2$
- As  $z$  has been expressed in two ways, therefore the representation is not unique.
- Therefore  $z$  has to be  $0$ . Hence proved.

**Proof(  $\impliedby$  ):**

- Suppose  $V = W_1 + W_2$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$
- To Prove :  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$
- let  $z \in V$ .
- Let blue represent the fact that the element belongs to  $W_1$  and green elements belong to  $W_2$
- Suppose the following two representations of  $z$  exist:
  - $z = \text{blue}_1 + \text{green}_1$
  - $z = \text{blue}_2 + \text{green}_2$
- Then  $\text{blue}_1 + \text{green}_1 = \text{blue}_2 + \text{green}_2 = z$
- $\text{blue}_1 - \text{blue}_2 = \text{green}_2 - \text{green}_1$

- Clearly  $LHS = RHS$
- But as  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$
- Therefore,  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$  and  $y_1 - y_2 = 0$
- Therefore  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_1 = y_2$
- Therefore each  $z \in V$  is uniquely represented as  $x + y$
- Therefore  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$

### 5.1.2 Extended direct sum

- A vector space  $V(F)$  is said to be direct sum of its subspaces  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k$  i.e.  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$  if and only if a vector  $z \in V$  is uniquely expressible as  $z = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k$  with  $x_i \in W_i$
- $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus W_3 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$  Iff and only if :
  1.  $V = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_k$
  2.  $W_i \cap (W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_{i-1} + W_{i+1} + \dots + W_k) = \{0\}$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

### 5.1.3 Complementary Subspaces

- If  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 (\implies V = W_1 + W_2 \text{ and } W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\})$
- In such a case  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are said to be complementary subspaces.
- Complementary subspaces are **NOT** unique.
- For example : Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3(R)$ , then the following are its subspaces :
  - $M_1 = \{(0, x_2, x_3)\}$  (yz-plane),  $N_1 = \{(x_1, 0, 0)\}$  (x-axis)
  - $M_2 = \{(x_1, 0, x_3)\}$  (xz-plane),  $N_2 = \{(0, x_2, 0)\}$  (y-axis)
  - $M_3 = \{(x_1, x_2, 0)\}$  (xy-plane),  $N_3 = \{(0, 0, x_3)\}$  (z-axis)
  - $V = M_1 \oplus N_1 = M_2 \oplus N_2 = M_3 \oplus N_3$
- **Theorem:** Corresponding to a given sub-space, there will be a unique complementary subspace.
- Proof :
  - Let  $W_1$  be a given subspace and  $W_2$  and  $W_3$  be its complementary subspaces so that  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 = W_1 \oplus W_3$
  - Now let  $z = x_1 + x_2$  where  $x_1 \in W_1$  and  $x_2 \in W_2$
  - Also let  $z = x_1 + x_3$  where  $x_1 \in W_1$  and  $x_3 \in W_3$
  - $x_1 + x_2 = x_1 + x_3$
  - $x_2 = x_3$
  - Therefore  $W_2 = W_3$

### 5.1.4 Dimension of a subspace

- Each subspace  $W$  of a finitely generated vector space  $V(F)$  of dimension  $n$  is a finite dimensional subspace with dimension  $\leq n$

$$\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$$

- $\dim(W) = \dim(U) \iff W = V$
- If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of a finite dimension vector space  $V(F)$ , then :

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$$

- $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \implies \dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$

### 5.1.5 Quotient Space

- Let  $W$  be any subspace of a vector space  $V(F)$ . Let  $x$  be any vector in  $V$ . Then the set

$$W + x = \{w + x : w \in W\}$$

is called a coset of  $W$  in  $V$  generated by  $x$ .

$$\frac{V}{W} = \{W + x : x \in V\} = \text{set of all cosets of } W \text{ in } V$$

- $\mathbf{0} \in V$  and  $W + \mathbf{0} = W$ , therefore  $W$  is itself a coset of  $W$  in  $V$
- If  $x \in W$ , then  $W + x = W$  (why?)
- If  $W + x$  and  $W + y$  are two cosets of  $W$  in  $V$ , then

$$W + x = W + y \iff x - y \in W$$

- Proof (  $\implies$  )

- Since  $\mathbf{0} \in W \implies \mathbf{0} + x \in W + x$ , thus  $x \in W + x$
- Now  $W + x = W + y \implies x \in W + y$
- $x - y \in W + (y - y)$
- $x - y \in W + \mathbf{0}$

- Proof (  $\impliedby$  )

- $x - y \in W \implies W + x - y = W$
- $W + (x - y + y) = W + y$
- $W + x = W + y$

- Theorem :** If  $W$  is a subspace of a vector space  $V(F)$ , then set  $\frac{V}{W}$  of all cosets  $W + x$  where  $x$  is any arbitrary element of  $V$ , is a vector space over  $F$ , under the operations defined by :

- Vector Addition :**  $\forall x, y \in V, (W + x) + (W + y) = W + x + y$
- Scalar Multiplication :**  $\alpha(W + x) = W + \alpha x$

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$$\dim\left(\frac{V}{W}\right) = \dim(V) - \dim(W)$$

- Let  $m$  be the dimension of the subspace  $W$  of the vector space  $V(F)$
- Let  $S_1 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$  be a basis of  $W$ .
- Since  $S_1$  is a linearly independent subset of  $V$ , it can be extended to form a basis of  $V$ .
- Let  $S_2 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$
- $\dim(V) = m + n, \dim(W) = m$
- $\dim(V) - \dim(W) = m + n - m = n$
- Therefore We have  $\dim\left(\frac{V}{W}\right) = n$
- Claim :  $S_3 = \{W + y_1, W + y_2, \dots, W + y_n\}$  is a basis of  $\frac{V}{W}$ .
- Prove that  $L(S_3) = \frac{V}{W}$  and that  $S_3$  is linearly independent.
- To prove linear independence of  $S_3$ ,
  - \*  $\alpha_1(W + y_1) + \alpha_2(W + y_2) + \alpha_3(W + y_3) + \dots + \alpha_n(W + y_n) = \mathbf{0}_{\frac{V}{W}}$
  - \*  $W + (\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \alpha_3 y_3 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n) = W + \mathbf{0}$
  - \*  $\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n \in W$
  - \*  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = \text{L.C. of } S_1$  (Any vector in  $W$  can be expressed as a L.C. of basis vectors.)
  - \*  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i x_i$
  - \*  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i x_i = 0$
  - \*  $\alpha_i = 0$  and  $\beta_i = 0$
- To prove  $L(S_3) = \frac{V}{W}$ 
  - \* Let  $W + x \in \frac{V}{W}$
  - \*  $x \in V \implies x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i y_i$
  - \*  $x = z + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i y_i$  where  $z = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$
  - \*  $W + x = W + (z + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i y_i)$
  - \*  $W + x = W + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i y_i$
  - \*  $W + x = (W + \beta_1 y_1) + (W + \beta_2 y_2) + \dots + (W + \beta_m y_m)$
  - \*  $W + x = \text{L.C. of } S_3$
  - \* Therefore  $L(S_3) = \frac{V}{W}$
- $S_2$  is a basis of  $V$
- To prove  $L(S_3) = \frac{V}{W}$

- $x, y \in V \implies x + y \in V$
- Also  $\alpha \in F$  and  $x \in V \implies \alpha x \in V$
- Therefore  $W + (x + y) \in \frac{V}{W}$  and also  $W + \alpha x \in \frac{V}{W}$
- Thus  $\frac{V}{W}$  is closed with respect to addition of cosets and scalar multiplication of cosets.
- Zero element of  $\frac{V}{W}$  is  $W + \mathbf{0} = W$
- $W - x$  is the inverse of  $W + x$

H.W. Prove  $\frac{V}{W}$  is a vector space.