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Lecture 5

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## 5.1 Subspaces

## 5.1.1 Direct sum of subspaces

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

 $Proof( \Longrightarrow ) :$ 

- 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 = 0 + z = z + 0 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.
- $\bullet$  Therefore z has to be **0**. Hence proved.

 $Proof(\Leftarrow=)$ :

- 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:

$$-z = x_1 + y_1$$
$$-z = x_2 + y_2$$

- Then  $x_1 + y_1 = x_2 + y_2 = z$
- $x_1 x_2 = y_1 y_2$

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- $\bullet$  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  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$