



Why**Definition**

Suppose U_1, \dots, U_m are subsets of V . The *sum* of U_1, \dots, U_m is the set

$$\{u_1 + \dots + u_m \mid u_1 \in U_1, \dots, u_m \in U_m\}$$

For subspaces

The sum of two subspaces is a subspace. Moreover, it is the smallest subspace containing both subspaces.

Proposition 1. *Suppose U_1, \dots, U_m are subspaces of a vector space V . The $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is the smallest subspace containing U_1, \dots, U_m .*

