

6. For assertion 1:

~~If  $V$  and  $W$  share vector other than the  $\vec{0}$  vector, then  $\vec{u} = \vec{v} + \vec{w}$  can be written as  $\vec{u} = \vec{w} + \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{u} = \vec{v} + \vec{0}$  where  $\vec{v} = \vec{w}$ .~~

~~This means  $\vec{v}$  could be written as  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  in a non-unique way.~~

Assume  $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{w}_1 \neq \vec{0} = \vec{x}$

$$\vec{u} = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{w}_1, \quad \vec{u} = \vec{x} + \vec{x} = 2\vec{x}$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{v}_1 + \frac{3}{2}\vec{w}_1, \quad \vec{u} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{x} + \frac{3}{2}\vec{x} = \frac{4}{2}\vec{x} = 2\vec{x}$$

$\vec{u} = \vec{v} + \vec{w}$  is not unique if  $\vec{v} = \vec{w}$  for any value.

Assertion 2:

Since  $\vec{v} \neq \vec{w}$  for all vectors except  $\vec{0}$

$V$  and  $W$  may not share any coefficients/basis vectors.

Proof:

Assume  $V = \text{span}(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m)$

Assume  $W = \text{span}(x_m, x_{m+1}, x_{m+2}, \dots, x_n)$

If  $V$  and  $W$  share basis vector  $x_m$ , one could set all other basis to the  $\vec{0}$  vector, and set  $x_m$  to  $1x_m$ .

Then  $\vec{v}$  would be equal to  $\vec{w}$  which is a contradiction.

~~This means  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  always  $\neq$  where  $\dim(V) = n$  and  $\dim(W) = m$  and  $\dim(U)$  must be  $n+m$~~

If we therefore define  $V$  as  $\text{span}(x_1, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  and

$W$  as  $\text{span}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$  where  $x \neq y$ , ~~and  $\dim(V) = n$  and  $\dim(W) = m$~~

any  $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$  has dimension  $n+m$ , so any  $\vec{v}$  has dimension  $n+m$