

v_1, \dots, v_m linearly independent in V , $w \in V$

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$v_1 + w, \dots, v_m + w$ linearly dependent $\Rightarrow \exists a_1, \dots, a_m$, not all 0 s.t.:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i(v_i + w) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i + a_i w = 0$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i + \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i\right) w = 0$$

Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i = 0$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i + \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i\right) w = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i = 0 \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i = 0} \right\} \Rightarrow a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0$$

v_1, \dots, v_m are lin. independent $\Bigg]$ This is a contradiction
- $\exists a_1, \dots, a_m$ not all 0.

Thus, $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \neq 0$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i + \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \right) w = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$$\Rightarrow w = - \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^m a_i} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i \right) \Rightarrow w \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_m)$$