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Glossary

l.i. = linearly independent
 l.d. = " dependent
 v.s. = vector space
 f.d. = finite-dimensional
 $\stackrel{!}{=}$ means equal by definition
 \cong isomorphic.

Recall if V is a f.d. v.s. with basis

$$v_1, \dots, v_n \quad \text{then} \quad V \cong \mathbb{K}^n = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}, c_i \in \mathbb{K} \right\}$$

check this is well-defined

$$u = \sum c_i v_i \quad \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{if also} \quad u = \sum c'_i v_i \quad \longmapsto \begin{bmatrix} c'_1 \\ \vdots \\ c'_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{then} \quad \sum (c'_i - c_i) v_i = u - u = 0$$

$$\therefore c'_i - c_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

because the v_i are l.i.

What happens if we change the basis?

let $B = v_1, \dots, v_n$ as before

$B' = v'_1, \dots, v'_n$ another basis.

Define $P_{B, B'}$ by $v'_j = \sum_i v_i (P_{B, B'})_{ij}$

↑
coefficients of v'_i in basis B

$$\text{so} \quad P_{B, B'} = \begin{bmatrix} v'_1 \\ v'_2 \\ \vdots \\ v'_n \end{bmatrix}_B, \quad \text{where}$$

$[\]_B$ denotes the column vector w.r.t. the basis B .

this $n \times n$ matrix is called the "transition matrix" ⁽¹⁵⁾
 from B to B' .

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } u \in V \text{ then } [u]_B = P_{B,B'} [u]_{B'}$$

(Note this is the op. convention to LinAlg I)

$$\left[\text{check: } u = \sum_i c_i v_i = \sum_j c'_j v'_j \right. \\ \left. = \sum_{j,i} c'_j (P_{B,B'})_{ij} v_i \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{ccc} c_i & = & \sum_j (P_{B,B'})_{ij} c'_j \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ [u]_B & & [u]_{B'} \end{array} \right\}$$

Facts $P_{B,B} = I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ (= I_n the $n \times n$ identity matrix)

$$P_{B',B} = (P_{B,B'})^{-1} \Rightarrow P_{B,B'} \text{ is invertible}$$

$$\text{if } \sum_i (P_{B,B'})_{ki} (P_{B',B})_{ij} = I_{kj} (= \delta_{kj})$$

Similarly, if B'' another basis

$$v_j'' = \sum_k v_k (P_{B,B''})_{kj}$$

$$\sum_i v_i' (P_{B',B''})_{ij} \\ \parallel \\ \sum_{i,k} v_k (P_{B,B'})_{ki} (P_{B',B''})_{ij}$$

$$P_{B,B''} = P_{B,B'} P_{B',B''}$$

Similarly from the column vector point of view (16)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{B, B''} [u]_{B''} &= (P_{B, B'} P_{B', B''}) [u]_{B''} \\
 &= P_{B, B'} \underbrace{(P_{B', B''} [u]_{B''})}_{[u]_{B'}} \\
 &= [u]_B
 \end{aligned}$$

as expected

We can also do the above with row vectors

$$u \mapsto [c_1 \dots c_n] = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}^t \quad \leftarrow \text{"transpose"}$$

We prefer column vectors since e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x + 3y &= 5 \\
 4x + 5y &= 9
 \end{aligned}
 \iff
 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example $B = (v_1, v_2)$ basis of a 2-dimensional v.s. \checkmark
 $B' = (v'_1, v'_2)$ another basis

$$\begin{aligned}
 v'_1 &= v_1 + v_2 \\
 v'_2 &= 2v_1 + 3v_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{B, B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

v'_1 in basis v_1, v_2
 v'_2 in basis v_1, v_2

Suppose $[u]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ $a, b \in \mathbb{K}$

$$\Rightarrow [u]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + 2b \\ a + 3b \end{bmatrix}$$

check $u = a v_1' + b v_2'$

$$= a(v_1 + v_2) + b(2v_1 + 3v_2)$$

$$= (a + 2b)v_1 + (a + 3b)v_2$$

as expected ✓

$$P_{B', B} = (P_{B, B'})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(det $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ = 1)

now suppose $B'' = (v_1'', v_2'')$, $v_1'' = 3v_1' - 2v_2'$

$$v_2'' = -2v_1' + v_2'$$

$$P_{B', B''} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(check det = -1 ≠ 0
in \mathbb{K} so B''
is a basis)

$$\Rightarrow P_{B, B'} P_{B', B''} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P_{B, B''}$$

check $v_1'' = 3(v_1 + v_2) - 2(2v_1 + 3v_2)$

$$= -v_1 - 3v_2$$

$$v_2'' = -2(v_1 + v_2) + (2v_1 + 3v_2)$$

$$= v_2$$

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Section 1.4 (subspaces and direct sums)

Let V be a v.s. (over a field \mathbb{K})

A subset $U \subseteq V$ is called a subspace

if U is itself a v.s. with respect to

the $+$ and scaling by \mathbb{K} inherited from V

Lemma 1.24 Let U be a non-empty subset of a v.s. V over K . Then TFAE (the following are equivalent)

(a) U is a subspace of V

(b) $u+u' \in U, cu \in U \quad \forall u, u' \in U, c \in K$

(i.e. U is closed under $+$ and scaling by K in V)

proof (a) \Rightarrow (b) follows from the definition of a subspace

(b) \Rightarrow (a) Suppose (b). Then for all $u \in U$

set $-u := (-1)u \in U$

Since $U \neq \emptyset$ (the empty set) $\exists u \in U$

$\therefore 0 = u - u = u + (-u) \in U$ working in V

If $u, v \in U$

$\Rightarrow -v \in U$ and $u - v = u + (-v) \in U$

$\therefore (+, 0)$ is an abelian group structure on U

Now check the various axioms hold, e.g.

$c(u+u') = cu + cu'$ etc - they all hold in U since they hold in V . Q.E.D.

Constructions for subspaces

(a) If V is a v.s. over K and $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ then $U := \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle := \{ c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \mid c_i \in K \}$ is a subspace of V (spanned by v_1, \dots, v_n)

(b) let U, W be subspaces of V . Then (19)

(i) $U \cap W$ is a subspace (as set)

(ii) $U + W := \{u + w \mid u \in U, w \in W\}$

are subspaces of V .

LS Proof (a). U is non-empty as $\underline{0} = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_n$
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 0 vector $0 \in \mathbb{K}$

Closed under $+$:

$$\text{If } u = \sum_i c_i v_i, \quad u' = \sum_j c'_j v_j$$

$$\Rightarrow u + u' = \sum_i c_i v_i + \sum_i c'_i v_i = \sum_i (c_i + c'_i) v_i$$

Similarly check $cu \in U \forall c \in \mathbb{K}$

and then use lemma 1.24.

(b) (i) $\underline{0} \in U, \underline{0} \in W$ so $\underline{0} \in U \cap W$

hence $U \cap W$ is not empty

If $u, u' \in U \cap W \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u, u' \in U \text{ so } u + u' \in U \\ u, u' \in W \text{ so } u + u' \in W \end{cases}$

$\therefore u + u' \in U \cap W$. For all $c \in \mathbb{K}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} cu \in U \text{ as } U \text{ a subspace} \\ cu \in W \text{ as } W \text{ a subspace} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow cu \in U \cap W$

(ii) $\underline{0} = \underline{0} + \underline{0} \in U + W$ as $\underline{0} \in U, W$

If $u + w, u' + w' \in U + W$ (so $\begin{matrix} u, u' \in U \\ w, w' \in W \end{matrix}$)

then in V , $(u + w) + (u' + w') = \underbrace{(u + u')}_{\in U} + \underbrace{(w + w')}_{\in W} \in U + W$

And if $c \in \mathbb{K}$, $c(u + w) = \underbrace{cu}_U + \underbrace{cw}_W \in U + W$

Then use the lemma 1.24

(Q.E.D)

Example (i) If V a v.s. over K and

$v \in V$ then $\langle v \rangle = \{cv \mid c \in K\} := Kv$

is a subspace. E.g. $0 \in V, \langle 0 \rangle = \{0\} \subseteq V$

is a subspace. At the other extreme

V is itself a subspace of V . So we say

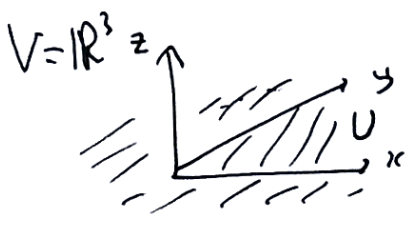
$U \subseteq V$ is a proper subspace if U is a subspace and $U \neq \{0\}, V$.

(ii) $\langle v_1, \dots, v_m \rangle = \langle v_1 \rangle + \langle v_2 \rangle + \dots + \langle v_m \rangle$

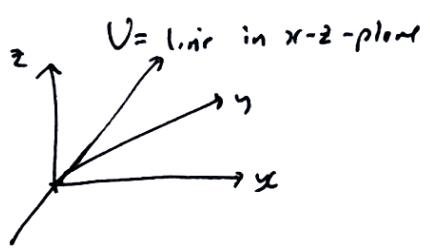
since $\langle v_j \rangle = \{cv_j\} \subseteq V$

(iii) in $\mathbb{R}^3, \underline{i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{j} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \underline{k} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

are a basis of $V = \mathbb{R}^3$. $U = \langle \underline{i}, \underline{j} \rangle =$ "x-y plane" $= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$



or $U = \langle \underline{i} + \underline{k} \rangle = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ x \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$



Spot Quiz

is this a subspace of $V = \mathbb{R}^3$?



e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+y \\ 0 \\ x^2+y^2 \end{bmatrix}$

so not in $U \iff x^2+y^2 \neq (x+y)^2$ unless x or $y = 0$

[Note that in other contexts we may write \mathbb{R}^3 as elements (x, y, z) - ordered triples.] (21)

(iv) $V = M_n(\mathbb{R})$ (all $n \times n$ matrices entries in \mathbb{R})

$U = \text{Sym}_n(\mathbb{R}) =$ all symmetric $n \times n$ matrices entries in \mathbb{R}
 $= \{ (a_{ij}) \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}, a_{ij} = a_{ji} \}$
 $= \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^t = A \}$ transpose.

is U a subspace?

yes no

proof if $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ and $b_{ij} = b_{ji}$

$\forall i, j$ then $A+B =$ matrix with entries
 $(A+B)_{ij} := a_{ij} + b_{ij}$
 $= a_{ji} + b_{ji}$

$\left(\begin{array}{l} A \text{ has entries } a_{ij} \\ B \text{ " " } b_{ij} \end{array} \right)$
 $= (A+B)_{ji}$

so $A, B \in U \Rightarrow A+B \in U$

similarly for scaling.

What about $U = \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{Tr}(A) = 0 \}$?

yes no

trace $\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_i a_{ii}$

proof $\text{Tr}(A+B) = \sum_i (a_{ii} + b_{ii}) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$
 $= 0 + 0 = 0$ if $A, B \in U$

similarly check scaling.

What about

$$U = \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 0 \}$$

Yes

No
if $n > 1$

depends
if $n = 1$

$\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$ unless 1×1 ($n=1$)

e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin U$

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U U

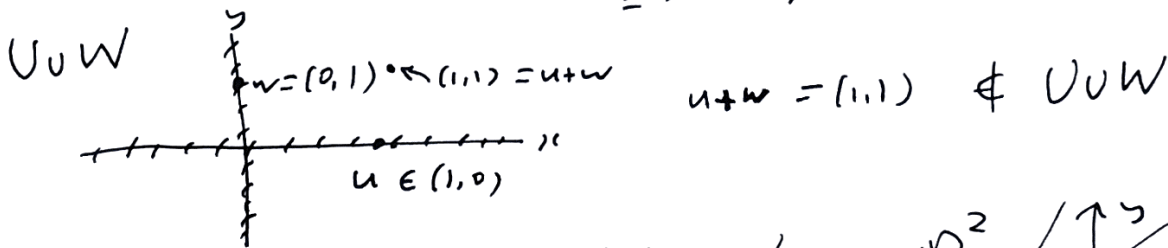
(v) What about if $U, W \subseteq V$ subspaces is $U \cup W$ a subspace?

Yes

No

depends
(in extreme cases)

e.g. $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, $U = \langle \underline{i} \rangle = x\text{-axis}$
 $W = \langle \underline{j} \rangle = y\text{-axis}$



$u+w \in U+W = \mathbb{R}^2$

$U \cup W \subset U+W$

not a v.s.

means contained not equal

$U+W$ extended into a v.s.

(but scaling work, $U \cup W$ closed under scaling)

[Remark in "Schrodinger's cat" in Quantum mechanics

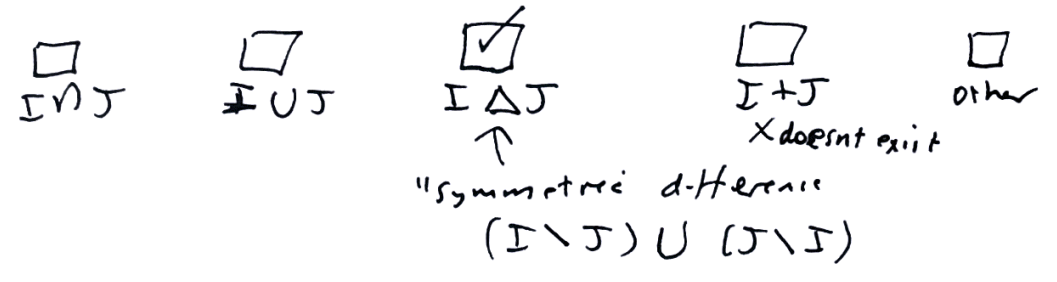
$u = (1, 0)$ could represent "cat alive"
 $w = (0, 1)$ " " " " "cat dead" } true state could be $u+w$]

(vi) Over $K = \mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$, If V has basis v_1, \dots, v_n , we can identify $V \cong \underbrace{P(\{1, \dots, n\})}_{\substack{\text{"power set"} \\ = \text{set of subsets} \\ \text{of } \{1, \dots, n\}}}$

$v \in V$
 $= \sum_i c_i v_i \longmapsto I = \{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \mid c_i = 1\}$
 $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$

If $v, w \in V$ $v \longmapsto I$
 $w = \sum_j d_j v_j$, $w \longmapsto J = \{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, d_j = 1\}$

What subset of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ does $v+w$ correspond to?



$v+w = \sum_i (c_i + d_i) v_i \iff \{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \mid c_i + d_i = 1\}$
 $= \{i \mid i \in I \setminus J \text{ or } i \in J \setminus I\}$
 $= I \Delta J$.

e.g. $U = P(\{1, 2, 3\}) = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle \subseteq V = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$
 if $n \geq 3$

Question is every subset of V of this form i.e. is $U = P(X)$, $X \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

(challenge) is what do all the subspaces of V over \mathbb{F}_2 look like

Theorem 1.25 let U, W be subspaces of a v.s. V over K . Assuming U, W are f.d.,

$$\dim(U \cap W) + \dim(U + W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W)$$

proof Let v_1, \dots, v_i be a basis of $U \cap W$. As $U \cap W \subseteq U$ is a subspace, we can extend it to a basis of U

$$v_1, \dots, v_i, u_1, \dots, u_j \quad (\text{by Theorem 1.15(c)})$$

(since v_1, \dots, v_i are l.i. viewed in U due to being l.i. in $U \cap W$ due to being a basis there)

Similarly viewed inside W , we extend v_1, \dots, v_i to a basis of W ,

$$v_1, \dots, v_i, w_1, \dots, w_k \quad \text{regarding } U \cap W \subseteq W$$

We'll show that

$$(*) \quad v_1, \dots, v_i, u_1, \dots, u_j, w_1, \dots, w_k \quad \text{are}$$

a basis of $U + W$. If so then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(U \cap W) + \dim(U + W) &= i + (i + j + k) = (i + j) + (i + k) \\ &= \dim(U) + \dim(W) \end{aligned}$$

as wanted.

We show that vectors $(*)$ span $U + W$:

$$\begin{aligned} u + w &\in \langle v_1, \dots, v_i, u_1, \dots, u_j \rangle + \langle v_1, \dots, v_i, w_1, \dots, w_k \rangle \\ &= \langle v_1, \dots, v_i, u_1, \dots, u_j, w_1, \dots, w_k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose a linear relation

$$a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_i v_i + b_1 u_1 + \dots + b_j u_j + \underbrace{c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k}_v = 0$$

$$\text{then } v := c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k = -a_1 v_1 - \dots - a_i v_i - b_1 u_1 - \dots - b_j u_j$$

$$\therefore v \in U \cap W \quad \underbrace{\in W} \quad \underbrace{\in U}$$

$$\therefore v = d_1 v_1 + \dots + d_i v_i \quad \text{some } d_i \in K$$

(as $\{v_i\}$ a basis of $U \cap W$)

so $c_1 w_1 + \dots + c_k w_k - d_1 v_1 - \dots - d_i v_i = 0$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0 \quad (\text{and also } d_1 = \dots = d_i = 0)$$

because $v_1, \dots, v_i, w_1, \dots, w_k$ basis of W : l.i.

$$\Rightarrow a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_i v_i + b_1 u_1 + \dots + b_j u_j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \dots = a_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b_1 = \dots = b_j = 0$$

because $v_1, \dots, v_i, u_1, \dots, u_j$ a basis of U : l.i.

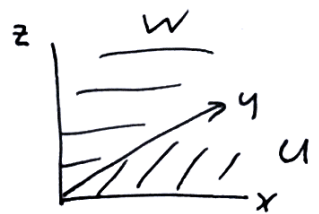
Hence $v_1, \dots, v_i, u_1, \dots, u_j, w_1, \dots, w_k$ are l.i.

\therefore a basis

QED

Example (a) $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, $U = \mathbb{R}^2 = \langle \underline{i}, \underline{j} \rangle = x-y \text{ plane}$

$W = \mathbb{R}^2 = \langle \underline{j}, \underline{k} \rangle = y-z \text{ plane}$



$$U \cap W = \langle \underline{j} \rangle = y\text{-axis}$$

$$U + W = V = \mathbb{R}^3 = \langle \underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k} \rangle$$

check $\dim(U \cap W) + \dim(U + W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W)$
 $1 + 3 = 2 + 2$

(b) Suppose $U \subseteq W$

then $U \cap W = U$, $U + W = W$
(since $U + W \supseteq \{0\} + W = W$ and $U + W \subseteq W$)



$$\dim(\underbrace{U \cap W}_U) + \dim(\underbrace{U+W}_W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W) \quad \checkmark \text{ holds automatically}$$

(c) Suppose $U, W \subseteq V$ subspaces and

$U \cap W = \{0\}$. In this case we write $U+W$

$$U \oplus W := U+W \quad \text{as } U \oplus W \quad \text{in case } U \cap W = \{0\}$$

"direct sum"

$$\underbrace{\dim(U \cap W)}_{\substack{\{0\} \\ 0}} + \dim(U+W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W) \quad \text{so } \dim(U \oplus W) = \dim(U) + \dim(W)$$

e.g. $U = x\text{-} \rightarrow \text{plane} = \mathbb{R}^2$
 $W = z\text{-axis} = \mathbb{R}$

$U \cap W = \{0\}$ and
indeed $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}$

With respect to Theorem 1.25 we have
 $U \cap W = \{0\}$ so no vectors v_1, \dots, v_k . So u_1, \dots, u_r

is a basis of U , w_1, \dots, w_k a basis of W

and $u_1, \dots, u_r, w_1, \dots, w_k$ is a basis of $U \oplus W$

→ every element of $U \oplus W$ is uniquely written as $u+w$ for $u \in U, w \in W$ (*)

Some of the form $\underbrace{a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_r u_r}_u + \underbrace{b_1 w_1 + \dots + b_k w_k}_w$

In fact direct sums do not need the v.s.'s to be f.d. This property (*) still holds.

Proof If $v = u+w = u'+w'$

$u, u' \in U$
 $w, w' \in W$

⇒ $\underbrace{u-u'}_U = \underbrace{w'-w}_W \in U \cap W = \{0\}$

so $u-u'=0, w-w'=0$
QED

Example $V = C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ (all differentiable functions as many times as you like)

$$U = \{ f(x) = ax \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \} \subseteq V$$

$$\begin{matrix} \cong \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbb{R} \\ f \mapsto a \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$$

It's a subspace by lemma 1.24

$$\begin{aligned} ax + bx &= (a+b)x \\ a(bx) &= (ab)x \end{aligned}$$

$$W = \{ f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \mid f'(0) = 0 \} \subseteq V$$

a subspace by lemma 1.24

$$\begin{aligned} U \cap W &= \{ f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \mid f(x) = ax, f'(0) = 0 \} \\ &= \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

$\downarrow f'(0) = a \quad \downarrow a=0$

so we have $U \oplus W$. In fact

$$U \oplus W = V \quad \text{any } f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) = u + w$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= f'(0)x, & w(x) &= f(x) - u(x) \\ \uparrow & & & \\ u & & w'(0) &= 0 \text{ so } w \in W \end{aligned}$$

check

$$u = a v_1' + b v_2'$$

$$= a (v_1 + v_2) + b (2v_1 + 3v_2)$$

$$= (a + 2b)v_1 + (a + 3b)v_2$$

as expected ✓

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(det $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ = 1)

now suppose

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(check det = -1 ≠ 0 in K so B'' is a basis)

$$\Rightarrow P_{B, B'} P_{B', B''} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P_{B, B''}$$

check

$$v_1'' = 3(v_1 + v_2) - 2(2v_1 + 3v_2)$$

$$= -v_1 - 3v_2$$

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