

# Selected Solutions to HW 5

§1.6 #14 : Find bases for the following subspaces of  $F^5$

$$W_1 = \{ (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5) \in F^5 : a_1 - a_3 - a_4 = 0 \}$$

First, recognize which values are free to take any number in  $F$  without affecting  $a_1 - a_3 - a_4 = 0$ . We see that  $a_2$  and  $a_5$  are not present, so

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ are vectors in the basis for } F^5.$$

For the remaining vectors we must construct the basis vector in a way that satisfies the given equation.

• allowing  $a_3$  to be zero  $\Rightarrow a_1 = a_4 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis vector

• allowing  $a_1$  to be zero  $\Rightarrow a_3 = -a_4 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a basis vector.

We stop here b/c if we carry this scheme forward and allow  $a_4 = 0$  then a basis vector could be  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  but this is a linear combination

of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , so it must be scrapped.  $\therefore \text{Basis}(W_1) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$\text{and } \dim(W_1) = 4.$$

§ 1.6 #14 cont.

Using the same thought process as before,  
 we have that a basis for  $W_2$  is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  with  $\dim W_2 = 2$

#5: Let  $G = \{ (1, -1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 0), (1, 2, 2, 2), (0, 2, 2, 2) \}$

Let  $L = \{ (-1, 4, 2, 0) \}$

(a). Show that  $G$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Want to show  
 reduces to a matrix w/ full rank.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & a_3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 & a_2 + a_1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 2 & a_4 - a_1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & a_2 + a_1 - a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 & a_4 - a_1 + a_3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 2 & a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & a_2 + a_1 - a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{4} & a_4 - a_1 + a_3 - 3(a_2 + a_1 - a_3) \end{array} \right)$$

We observe that this matrix is full rank  $\iff$  each column has a pivot.  
 The right hand side are numbers in the underlying field undergoing operations that put them back into the field (addition and scalar multiplication).

(b) Choose  $H = \{ (1, -1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 0), (0, 2, 2, 2) \}$ ;  $L = \{ (-1, 4, 2, 0) \}$ .

reduce  $H \cup L$  to see if all vectors are linearly independent.

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & a_1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & a_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & a_3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & a_4 \end{array} \right) = \dots = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 1 & -1 & 0 & a_1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 2 & a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & a_2 + a_1 - a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{4} & a_4 - a_1 + a_3 - 2(a_2 + a_1 - a_3) \end{array} \right)$$

By the Replacement Theorem  
 $H \cup L$  generates  $V$ .  
 $\text{Span } G = \text{Span}(H \cup L)$

Again, we've reduced to a full rank matrix.  $\therefore$  Independence of vectors.

§1.6 # 29 Prove: If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite dimensional subspaces of  $V$  where  $V$  is a vector space then  $W_1 + W_2$  is finite dimensional and that  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$ .

(a)

Let Basis  $(W_1 \cap W_2) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  then  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = k$

Let Basis  $(W_1) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  then  $\dim(W_1) = k + m$

Let Basis  $(W_2) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p\}$  then  $\dim(W_2) = k + p$

then Basis  $(W_1 + W_2) = \{u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m, w_1, \dots, w_p\}$  then  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = (k+m) + (k+p) - k = k+m+p$ .

Note:  $W_1 \subseteq W_1 \cap W_2$ .

$W_2 \subseteq W_1 \cap W_2$ .

$\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \in W_1 \setminus W_2$ .

$\{w_1, \dots, w_p\} \in W_2 \setminus W_1$ .

(b)  $W_1, W_2$  finite dimensional subspaces and  $V = W_1 + W_2$ .

Prove  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$  iff  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) assume  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ .

$W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$  by assumption.

Since  $V = W_1 + W_2$  is given and by above we have  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$   $\square$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) assume  $\dim(V) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  by above, part (a), we have  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = \{0\}$  and  $V = W_1 + W_2$  as given.

These together define the direct sum, so  $\therefore V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ .  $\square$