

1. [FIS P58 33]. This problem does not assume that  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite-dimensional. So you should never assume  $\beta_1 = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  (same for  $\beta_2$ ). All you have are

$$\text{span}(\beta_{1,2}) = W_{1,2}$$

and  $\beta_{1,2}$  are linear independent sets. Also a direct sum  $W_1 \oplus W_2$  means  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$  but not  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ . Indeed since  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are both subspaces, they both contain 0 vector and their intersection contains at least the zero vector. We now turn to the proof.

*Proof.* (a) Because the sum  $W_1 \oplus W_2$  is a direct sum, by definition,  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ . Because  $\text{span}(\beta_{1,2}) = W_{1,2}$ , in particular,  $\beta_{1,2} \subset W_{1,2}$  and then we have

$$\beta_1 \cap \beta_2 \subset W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}.$$

As bases of vector spaces,  $\beta_{1,2}$  do not contain zero vector. So  $\beta_1 \cap \beta_2 = \emptyset$ . To prove  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$  is a basis for  $V$ , we need to show (1)  $V \subset \text{span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2)$ ; (2)  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$  is a linear independent set.

(1): For a  $v \in V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ , we can find  $w_1 \in W_1$  and  $w_2 \in W_2$  such that  $v = w_1 + w_2$ . Because  $\text{span}(\beta_{1,2}) = W_{1,2}$ , we can find  $\{w_1^1, \dots, w_n^1\} \subset \beta_1$  and  $\{w_1^2, \dots, w_m^2\} \subset \beta_2$  such that

$$w_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1, \quad w_2 = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2.$$

Therefore,  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 + \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2 \in \text{span}(\beta_1 \cup \beta_2)$ .

(2): To show  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$  is a linear independent set, we need to show any finite selection of distinct vectors from  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$  are linear independent. If the finite selection of vectors are all from  $\beta_1$  or  $\beta_2$ , by linear independency of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , we are done. We then assume that the finite selection of vectors contain both vectors from  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  say  $\{w_1^1, \dots, w_n^1\} \subset \beta_1$  and  $\{w_1^2, \dots, w_m^2\} \subset \beta_2$ . And, we need to show

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 + \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2 = 0$$

has only trivial solution. Rearranging terms yields

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 = - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2 =: v$$

Because  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 \in W_1$  and  $v = - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2 \in W_2$ , we have  $v \in W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 = - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2 = v = 0,$$

which implies

$$a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0, \quad b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_m = 0$$

by linear independency of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ .

(b) Because  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$  is a basis for  $V$ ,  $\forall v \in V$ ,  $\exists \{w_1^1, \dots, w_n^1\} \subset \beta_1$  and  $\{w_1^2, \dots, w_m^2\} \subset \beta_2$ , s.t.  $v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 + \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2$ . But  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 \in W_1$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2 \in W_2$ , so  $V \subset W_1 + W_2$ . Now let  $v \in W_1 \cap W_2$ ,  $v \in W_1 \Rightarrow v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1$  for some  $\{w_1^1, \dots, w_n^1\} \subset \beta_1$  and  $v \in W_2 \Rightarrow v = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2$  for some  $\{w_1^2, \dots, w_m^2\} \subset \beta_2$ . Now

$$0 = v - v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i^1 - \sum_{j=1}^m b_j w_j^2$$

and by linear independency of  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$

$$a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0, \quad b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_m = 0.$$

Hence,  $v = 0$  and  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2$ . □

2. [FIS P58 34]. (a) Expand a basis  $\beta_1$  of  $W_1$  to a basis  $\beta_1 \cup \beta_2$  of  $V$  and define  $W_2 = \text{span}(\beta_2)$ . Then apply 33 part (b).

(b)  $W_2 = \text{span}(\{(0, 1)\})$  and  $W_2' = \text{span}(\{(1, 1)\})$