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Circle your answer. Make your work correct, complete and coherent.

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The quiz is worth 5 points. The solutions will be posted on my website later today.

Quiz 7, April 13, 2022

Let U and V be finite dimensional subspaces of the vector space W .

Suppose that z_1, \dots, z_c is a basis for $U \cap V$.

Suppose that u_{c+1}, \dots, u_a are elements in U so that

$$z_1, \dots, z_c, u_{c+1}, \dots, u_a$$

is a basis for U .

Suppose that v_{c+1}, \dots, v_b are elements in V so that

$$z_1, \dots, z_c, v_{c+1}, \dots, v_b$$

is a basis for V .

Prove that the elements

(1) $z_1, \dots, z_c, u_{c+1}, \dots, u_a, v_{c+1}, \dots, v_b$

of W are linearly independent.

Answer: Suppose

$$A_1, \dots, A_c, B_{c+1}, \dots, B_a, C_{c+1}, \dots, C_b$$

are numbers with

$$\sum_{i=1}^c A_i z_i + \sum_{j=c+1}^a B_j u_j + \sum_{k=c+1}^b C_k v_k = 0.$$

Observe that

(2)
$$\sum_{i=1}^c A_i z_i + \sum_{j=c+1}^a B_j u_j = - \sum_{k=c+1}^b C_k v_k$$

is an element of $U \cap V$. The vectors z_1, \dots, z_c are a basis for $U \cap V$; hence there are numbers D_1, \dots, D_c with

$$\sum_{i=1}^c D_i z_i = - \sum_{k=c+1}^b C_k v_k.$$

However, the vectors $z_1, \dots, z_c, v_{c+1}, \dots, v_b$ are a basis for V ; thus, the vectors

$$z_1, \dots, z_c, v_{c+1}, \dots, v_b$$

are linearly independent and $D_1 = \dots, D_c = C_1 = \dots = C_b = 0$. At this point (2) reads

$$\sum_{i=1}^c A_i z_i + \sum_{j=c+1}^a B_j u_j = 0.$$

However the vectors $z_1, \dots, z_c, u_{c+1}, \dots, u_a$ are a basis for U ; thus,

$$z_1, \dots, z_c, u_{c+1}, \dots, u_a$$

are linearly independent and

$$A_1 = \dots = A_c = B_{c+1} = \dots = B_a = 0.$$

We have shown that the vectors (1) are linearly independent.