

Linear Algebra 1: HW#7

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Problem 1 (30 points). *Prove parts (b), (c), and (d) of Proposition 2.3 from Lecture Notes 6.*

Hint: Imitate the proof of Proposition 1.2 from Lecture Notes 6.

Problem 2 (20 points). *Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $A = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k\}$ be a linearly dependent set of vectors.¹ Prove that there exists some index $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ such that \mathbf{a}_i is a linear combination of $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{i-1}$.²*

Hint: You should slightly adapt one direction of the proof of Proposition 1.4(a) from Lecture Notes 7.

Problem 3. [20 points] *Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} , and let U and W be subspaces of V . Prove that*

$$U + W := \{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{u} \in U, \mathbf{w} \in W\}$$

is a subspace of V .

¹linearly dependent = not linearly independent

²It is possible that $i = 1$. Recall that the “empty sum” is equal to the zero vector.

Problem 4 (30 points). Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over a field \mathbb{F} , and let U and W be subspaces of V . Prove that

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

Remark: By Problem 4 from HW#6, $U \cap W$ is a subspace of V . By Problem 3 (above), $U + W$ is a subspace of V . Since V is finite-dimensional, so are $U \cap W$ and $U + W$ (by Theorem 1.12 from Lecture Notes 7).

Hint: Start with a basis of $U \cap W$ and then extend it in a suitable way, and show that what you obtain is a basis of $U + W$.