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Proof: Let  $B_U = \{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m\}$  be a basis for  $U$ .

We can extend  $B_U$  to a basis  $B = \{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m, \bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_n\}$  for  $V$ . Let  $W = \text{sp}\{\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_n\}$  (so  $\{\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_n\}$  is a basis for  $W$ ). We will show  $V = U \oplus W$ .

Let  $\bar{v}$  be any vector in  $V$ . Since  $B$  spans  $V$ , we can write  $\bar{v} = \alpha_1 \bar{u}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \bar{u}_m + \beta_1 \bar{w}_1 + \dots + \beta_n \bar{w}_n$  for some scalars  $\alpha_i, \beta_j$ . Since  $U, W$  are subspaces of  $V$ ,  $\bar{u} = \alpha_1 \bar{u}_1 + \dots + \alpha_m \bar{u}_m \in U$  and  $\bar{w} = \beta_1 \bar{w}_1 + \dots + \beta_n \bar{w}_n \in W$ . Hence  $\bar{v} = \bar{u} + \bar{w} \in U + W$ , and so  $V = U + W$ .

By HW #3, Problem 4.94,

$U \cap W = \text{sp}\{\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_m\} \cap \text{sp}\{\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_n\} = \{\bar{0}\}$ ,  
and so  $V = U \oplus W$ .  $\square$

### Coordinate Vectors (§4.11)

Recall that if  $V$  is a vector space with basis  $B = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n\}$ , then every vector  $\bar{v} \in V$  can be written in a unique way in the form  $\bar{v} = \alpha_1 \bar{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \bar{v}_n$ .

Defn: Let  $V, B, \bar{v}$  be as above. The coordinate vector of  $\bar{v}$  relative to  $B$  is

$$[\bar{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{or } [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n])$$

Notes: (1) The basis must be thought of as an ordered set in this context. Changing the order of  $B$  will result in a different coordinate vector.

(2)  $\bar{v} \leftrightarrow [\bar{v}]_B$  gives a bijection between  $V$  and  $K^n$ .

Also, this correspondence "respects" the operations:

(a)  $[\bar{v} + \bar{w}]_B = [\bar{v}]_B + [\bar{w}]_B$  for all  $\bar{v}, \bar{w} \in V$

(b) if  $\alpha \in K, \bar{v} \in V$  then  $[\alpha \bar{v}]_B = \alpha [\bar{v}]_B$ .