

$-v \in W$ . By the unique representation of 0 as the sum of a vector in  $U$  and a vector in  $W$ , we must have  $v = 0$ . Thus  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ , giving the proof in one direction.

For the other direction, now suppose that  $V = U + W$  and  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ . To prove that  $V = U \oplus W$ , suppose that

$$0 = u + w,$$

where  $u \in U$  and  $w \in W$ . To complete the proof, we need only show that  $u = 0$  (by 1.8). The equation above implies that  $u = -w \in W \cap U$ , and hence  $u = 0$ . This, along with the equation above, implies that  $w = 0$ , completing the proof. ■

## Exercises

1. Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers, not both 0. Find real numbers  $c$  and  $d$  such that

$$1/(a + bi) = c + di.$$

2. Show that

$$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

is a cube root of 1 (meaning that its cube equals 1).

3. Prove that  $-(-v) = v$  for every  $v \in V$ .

4. Prove that if  $a \in F$ ,  $v \in V$ , and  $av = 0$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $v = 0$ .

5. For each of the following subsets of  $F^3$ , determine whether it is a subspace of  $F^3$ :

- (a)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in F^3 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0\}$ ;  
 (b)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in F^3 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 4\}$ ;  
 (c)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in F^3 : x_1x_2x_3 = 0\}$ ;  
 (d)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in F^3 : x_1 = 5x_3\}$ .

6. Give an example of a nonempty subset  $U$  of  $R^2$  such that  $U$  is closed under addition and under taking additive inverses (meaning  $-u \in U$  whenever  $u \in U$ ), but  $U$  is not a subspace of  $R^2$ .

7. Give an example of a nonempty subset  $U$  of  $R^2$  such that  $U$  is closed under scalar multiplication, but  $U$  is not a subspace of  $R^2$ .

8. Prove that the intersection of any collection of subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

9. Prove that the union of two subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if one of the subspaces is contained in the other.

10. Suppose that  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . What is  $U + U$ ?

11. Is the operation of addition on the subspaces of  $V$  commutative? Associative? (In other words, if  $U_1, U_2, U_3$  are subspaces of  $V$ , is  $U_1 + U_2 = U_2 + U_1$ ? Is  $(U_1 + U_2) + U_3 = U_1 + (U_2 + U_3)$ ?)