

Thus, $\mathcal{L}(V, \omega, W) \cong \mathbb{R}$ -vector space of symmetric $n \times n$ matrices.

$$\cong \mathbb{R}^{n+(n-1)+\dots+1} = \mathbb{R}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)}$$

Ex. 4. (1) If $\omega|_W \equiv 0$ then any basis will do.

Else, there are $u_1, v_1 \in W$ such that $\omega(u_1, v_1) = 1$
(normalize)

Necessarily u_1, v_1 are lin. indep.

Set $K = \text{span}(u_1, v_1) \subseteq W$

Claim: $W = K \oplus K^\perp$.

Proof: if $t \in K \cap K^\perp$, write $t = \lambda u_1 + \mu v_1$

then $0 = \omega(t, v_1) = \lambda \omega(u_1, v_1) \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$
 $t \in K^\perp$

similarly, $\mu = 0$. \square

Now continue with $(K^\perp, \omega|_{K^\perp})$ and do induction \square

(2) • W is symplectic: Basis looks like $u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_k$

Now $V = W \oplus W^\perp$ by non-deg. of $\omega|_W$

and W^\perp is also symplectic by non-deg. of ω

The union of the given basis with a symplectic basis for W^\perp is a symplectic basis for V .

• W isotropic: Basis look like w_1, \dots, w_p .

If $p = 1$ we're done.

Else, there must be $t_1 \in \langle w_2, \dots, w_p \rangle^\perp$ with $\omega(w_1, t_1) = 1$

for otherwise $w_1 \in (\langle w_2, \dots, w_p \rangle^\perp)^\perp = \langle w_2, \dots, w_p \rangle$ \downarrow

Now $\{w_1, t_1\}$ can be extended to a symplectic basis

$w_1, t_1, u_2, v_2, \dots, u_k, v_k$ for V .

Moreover, $\langle w_2, \dots, w_p \rangle \subseteq \langle u_2, v_2, \dots, u_k, v_k \rangle = \langle w_1, t_1 \rangle^\perp$.

is an isotropic subspace of one dimension less.

Now proceed by induction. \square

• W coisotropic $W^\perp \subseteq W$, so W^\perp is spanned by w_1, \dots, w_p .

Now $\langle u_2, v_2, \dots, u_k, v_k \rangle$ is symplectic and its orthogonal complement contains the isotropic subspace $\langle w_1, \dots, w_p \rangle$.

\downarrow
which is symplectic

We already know how to extend this to a symplectic basis. \square