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- ▶ A similar proof works for lower triangular matrices through expansion using first row. ■

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- ▶ So in a way, we can think of \mathbb{R}^{m+n} as constructed out of \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{R}^n . We say that \mathbb{R}^{m+n} is direct sum of \mathbb{R}^m and \mathbb{R}^n .

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