

### Aufgabe

Let  $b$  be a non-degenerate and symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  with  $\text{ind}_b = \nu$ .

- (a) Show that if  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  such that  $b|_{U \times U}$  is negative definite, then  $\dim U = \nu$  if and only if  $b|_{U^\perp \times U^\perp}$  is positive definite.
- (b) Let  $U$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  with  $U \cap U^\perp = 0$ . Then there exists an orthonormal basis  $e_0, \dots, e_n$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  such that  $\text{span}(e_0, \dots, e_k) = U$ ,  $\text{span}(e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n) = U^\perp$ , and  $b(e_i, e_j) = \epsilon_i \delta_{ij}$  for all  $i, j \in 0, \dots, n$  where  $\epsilon_i \in \{0, 1\}$ .