

## Additional Explanation on Q.2(b)

- ❑ To better understand the solution (which applies to any value of  $n$ ), you may consider a concrete example, say,  $n = 2$ .
- ❑ The set of all polynomials with degree equal to 2 is  $\{ax^2 + bx + c : a > 0\}$ .
  - Note that  $a$  must be positive, for otherwise the degree of the polynomial is less than 2.
- ❑ Consider  $x^2$  and  $-x^2$ , which are both in the above set. The set is **not closed under addition** because  $x^2 + (-x^2) = 0$ , which has degree 0.
- ❑ It can also be proved that the set is **not closed under scalar multiplication** by choosing the scalar to be 0.