

Subsets and Subspaces

Refer to [Vocabulary](#) for definitions.

A subspace **MUST** include the zero vector.

Set Builder Notation

Say you want to create a set with matrixes in \mathbb{R}^2 such that the top element \times the bottom element $= 0$.

Writing out each element is not only impractical, but impossible.

Hence we use set builder notation,

$$\{\text{matrix in } \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ such that the top element } \times \text{ the bottom element } = 0\}$$

$$\{\text{matrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \text{the top element } \times \text{ the bottom element } = 0\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a \times b = 0 \right\}$$

Is $v = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a \times b = 0 \right\}$ a subspace?

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in v$ but $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin v$ So v is **not** a subspace.