

Ex: let  $W$  be the union of the first and third quadrants in the  $xy$ -plane. That is, let  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mid xy \geq 0 \right\}$ .

- If  $\vec{u}$  is in  $W$  and  $c$  is any scalar, is  $c\vec{u}$  in  $W$ ?

If  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  is in  $W$ , then the vector

$c\vec{u} = c \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} cx \\ cy \end{pmatrix}$  is in  $W$  because

$(cx)(cy) = c^2(xy) \geq 0$  since  $xy \geq 0$ .

- Find specific vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  in  $W$  such that  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  is not in  $W$ .

If  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are in  $W$  but  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  is not in  $W$ .

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Ex: Determine if the given set is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_1$  for an appropriate value of  $\alpha$ .

All polynomials of the form  $\vec{p}(t) = a + t^\alpha$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

No. The zero vector is not in the set.

Ex: Determine if the given set is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_n$  for an appropriate value of  $n$ .

All polynomials in  $\mathbb{P}_n$  such that  $\vec{p}(0) = 0$ .

Yes.

Let  $H$  represent the given set.

The zero vector is in the set  $H$ .

If  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$  are in  $H$ , then  $(\vec{p} + \vec{q})(0) = \vec{p}(0) + \vec{q}(0) = 0 + 0 = 0$ ,  
so  $\vec{p} + \vec{q}$  is in  $H$ .

For any scalar  $c$ ,  $(c\vec{p})(0) = c \cdot \vec{p}(0) = c \cdot 0 = 0$ ,  
so  $c\vec{p}$  is in  $H$ .

Thus  $H$  is a subspace.

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Ex! Let  $H$  be the set of all vectors of the form

$\begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ 0 \\ -t \end{pmatrix}$ . Show that  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $H = \text{span}\{\vec{v}\}$  where  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Thus  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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Ex! Let  $W$  be the set of all vectors of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} s+3t \\ s-t \\ 2s-t \\ 4t \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Show that } W \text{ is a subspace of } \mathbb{R}^4.$$

$$\text{Let } W = \text{span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\} \text{ where } \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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Ex: Define  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Is  $\vec{w}$  in the subspace spanned by  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ ?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 & 6 & 7 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & 15 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

no solution

$\vec{w}$  is not in the subspace spanned by  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ .

Ex: let  $W$  be the set of all vectors of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} -a+1 \\ a-6b \\ 2b+a \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } a, b, \text{ and } c \text{ represent arbitrary}$$

real numbers. Find a set  $S$  of vectors that spans  $W$  or give an example to show that  $W$  is not a vector space.

Since a vector in  $W$  may be written as

$$\vec{w} = a \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

we conclude that the zero vector is not in  $W$  and therefore  $W$  is not a vector space.

Ex: let  $W$  be the set of all vectors of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4a+3b \\ 0 \\ a+b+c \\ c-2a \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } a, b, \text{ and } c \text{ represent arbitrary}$$

real numbers. Find a set  $S$  of vectors that spans  $W$  or give an example to show that  $W$  is not a vector space.

Since a vector in  $W$  may be written as

$$\vec{w} = a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we conclude that  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

is a set that spans  $W$ .