

Assume $U = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

- U is closed under addition
 $a = (x_1, y_1), b = (x_2, y_2) \in U \quad x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a + b = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$
 $x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow a + b \in U, \forall a, b \in U$
- U is closed under taking additive inverses.
 $a = (x_1, y_1) \in U, x_1, y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $-a = (-x_1, -y_1)$
 $-x_1, -y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall x_1, y_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow -a \in U \quad \forall a \in U.$

However, U is not closed under scalar multiplication

Assume $a = (1, 1) \in U, \lambda = \frac{1}{2} \in \mathbb{R}.$

$$\lambda a = \frac{1}{2} (1, 1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \notin U \quad \left(\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z} \right)$$

So, if U is a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R}^2 closed under addition and taking additive inverses it does not imply it's a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .