

More about problems 32 and 34 on p. 287.

32. To see that the set of vectors  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that 
$$\begin{cases} 3u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3 = 0 \\ 4u_1 + 5u_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we only need to check two things (because of the Subspace Test).

1) We need to see that the set is closed under addition. So, suppose

$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfy the

system, i.e., 
$$\begin{cases} 3u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3 = 0 \\ 4u_1 + 5u_2 = 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} 3v_1 - 2v_2 + v_3 = 0 \\ 4v_1 + 5v_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Add those together to see 
$$\begin{cases} 3(u_1 + v_1) - 2(u_2 + v_2) + (u_3 + v_3) = 0 \\ 4(u_1 + v_1) + 5(u_2 + v_2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

This shows that  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + v_1 \\ u_2 + v_2 \\ u_3 + v_3 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies the

system. 2) Next, we need to see that the set is closed under scalar multiplication.

Suppose  $\vec{u}$  satisfies the system. Multiply both rows of the system by  $c$  to see that  $c\vec{u}$  also satisfies the system. We are done.

34. Anything you do to see that the set is not closed under addition or scalar multiplication will suffice to show that the set is not a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

EX: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
  
↑ in      ↑ in      ↑ out

Not closed under +

or 
$$0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
  
zero ↑      ↑ in      ↑ out

Not closed under scalar mult.

Also, no zero vector in set.