**Definition:** A vector space is a nonempty set of objects V, called vectors, which have two operations defined: addition of vectors and multiplication by scalars (real numbers). For all  $u, v, w \in V$  and for all scalars c, d, the following ten axioms must hold:

1.  $u + v \in V$ 

2. 
$$u + v = v + u$$

3. 
$$(u+v) + w = u + (v+w)$$

- 4. There exists a vector  $0 \in V$  such that u + 0 = u
- 5. For all  $u \in V$ , there is a vector  $-u \in V$  such that u + (-u) = 0
- 6.  $cu \in V$
- 7. c(u+v) = cu + cv
- 8. (c+d)u = cu + cd
- 9. c(du) = (cd)u

10. 
$$1u = u$$

Determine if the following subsets H are subspaces of the vector space V.

- 1. *H* is the *x*-axis,  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$
- 2. *H* is the line  $x = 2, V = \mathbb{R}^2$
- 3. *H* is the first octant,  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$
- 4.  $H = \{ p(t) \in \mathbb{P}_4 \mid p(t) = a + bt^4 \}, V = \mathbb{P}_4$
- 5.  $H = \{ p(t) \in \mathbb{P}_4 \mid p(t) = 1 + bt^4 \}, V = \mathbb{P}_4$

Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
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- 1. Find an explicit algebraic description for nul(A). What is the geometric interpretation?
- 2. Find an explicit algebraic description for col(A)). What is the geometric interpretation?