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), subject to the ten axioms listed below.

The axioms must hold for all vectors  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{w} \in V$  and for all scalars c and d.

- 1.  $\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \in V$
- 2.  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$
- 3.  $(\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}) + \vec{\mathbf{w}} = \vec{\mathbf{u}} + (\vec{\mathbf{v}} + \vec{\mathbf{w}})$
- 4. There exists a vector  $\vec{\mathbf{0}} \in V$  such that  $\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{0}} = \vec{\mathbf{u}}$
- 5. For all  $\vec{u} \in V$ , there is a vector  $-\vec{u} \in V$  such that  $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$ 6.  $c\vec{u} \in V$
- 7.  $c(\vec{\mathbf{u}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}) = c\vec{\mathbf{u}} + c\vec{\mathbf{v}}$
- 8.  $(c+d)\vec{\mathbf{u}} = c\vec{\mathbf{u}} + d\vec{\mathbf{u}}$
- 9.  $c(d\vec{\mathbf{u}}) = (cd)\vec{\mathbf{u}}$
- 10.  $1\vec{u} = \vec{u}$

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 $H = \text{line in the plane through the origin and } \vec{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$  is a subspace of  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ 

- (a) True, and I can explain why
- (b) True, but I am unsure why
- (c) False, and I can explain why
- (d) False, but I am unsure why
- (e) Errr. . .

H = the 1<sup>st</sup> quadrant in the plane is a subspace of  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ 

- (a) True, and I can explain why
- (b) True, but I am unsure why
- (c) False, and I can explain why
- (d) False, but I am unsure why
- (e) Errr. . .

 $H = \text{set of points on } y = x^2 \text{ is a subspace of } V = \mathbb{R}^2$ 

- (a) True, and I can explain why
- (b) True, but I am unsure why
- (c) False, and I can explain why
- (d) False, but I am unsure why
- (e) Errr. . .

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Let 
$$\vec{\mathbf{v_1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\vec{\mathbf{v_2}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $H = \text{Span} \{ \vec{\mathbf{v_1}}, \vec{\mathbf{v_2}} \}$  is a subspace of  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ 

- (a) True, and I can explain why
- (b) True, but I am unsure why
- (c) False, and I can explain why
- (d) False, but I am unsure why
- (e) Errr. . .

H = the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quadrant in the plane is a subspace of  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ 

- (a) True, and I can explain why
- (b) True, but I am unsure why
- (c) False, and I can explain why
- (d) False, but I am unsure why
- (e) Errr. . .

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Let 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $H = \left\{ \vec{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid A\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \vec{\mathbf{0}} \right\}$  is a subspace of  $V = \mathbb{R}^4$ 

- (a) True, and I can explain why
- (b) True, but I am unsure why
- (c) False, and I can explain why
- (d) False, but I am unsure why
- (e) Errr. . .

$$\mathbf{Let} A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 2 & 8 \\ -3 & 1 & -3 & -8 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Fill in the blank: nul(A) is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$ —

2. Is 
$$\vec{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 in nul(A)?

- 3. Find a spanning set of vectors for nul(A)
- 4. Fill in the blank: col(A) is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$ —

5. Is 
$$\vec{\mathbf{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} 44\\ -36\\ 51 \end{bmatrix}$$
 in col(A)?

6. Find a spanning set of vectors for col(A)