

MATH 121A Prep: Subspaces

1. Let $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and define $\text{span}(\vec{v}) = \{c\vec{v} : c \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Show that $\text{span}(\vec{v})$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .
2. Explain why $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy = 0\}$ is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .
3. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and $W = \{A\vec{v} : \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$. Is W a subset of \mathbb{R}^n or \mathbb{R}^m ? Show that W is in fact a subspace.