

## SOLUTIONS TO SELECTED PROBLEMS IN SECTION 4.1

1. **a.** Yes. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $x, y, z, w \geq 0$ . Then  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x + z \\ y + w \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x + y \geq 0, z + w \geq 0$ , being sums of nonnegative numbers. This shows  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  is in  $V$ .

**b.** Take  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $c = -2$ , for example. Then  $c\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ , which is not in  $V$ .

2. **a.** Yes. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  with  $xy \geq 0$ . For any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} cx \\ cy \end{bmatrix}$  and the product of two components of  $c\vec{u}$  is  $cx \cdot cy = c^2xy \geq 0$ , because  $c^2 \geq 0$  and  $xy \geq 0$ . This tells us that  $c\vec{u}$  is in  $W$ , since  $W$  consists of all 2-vectors  $\vec{u}$  such that the product of two components of  $\vec{u}$  is nonnegative.

**b.** Consider  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , which is not in  $W$ .

3. Consider  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then their sum  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is outside the unit circle. For another example, consider  $c = 100$  and  $c\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . It is clear that  $c\vec{u}$  is not inside the circle.

6.  $z(t) = 0$ , the zero polynomial, is not of the form  $p(t) = a + t^2$ , so given collection is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_n$ .

8. Let  $H = \{p(t) : p(0) = 0, p(t) : \text{polynomial}\}$ . We claim that  $H$  is a subspace. First of all, clearly the zero polynomial is in  $H$ : the zero polynomial  $z(t) = 0$  gives 0 no matter what  $t$  is. In particular,  $z(0) = 0$ . Second, suppose we have two polynomials  $p(t)$  and  $q(t)$  in  $H$ , so  $p(0) = q(0) = 0$ . Their sum  $p(t) + q(t)$  equals 0 when we put  $t = 0$ , because  $p(0) + q(0) = 0 + 0 = 0$ . Finally, for any scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p(t) \in H$ ,  $cp(t) = c \cdot 0 = 0$ , which means  $cp(t)$  is in  $H$ .

9.  $H = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  because the span of any set of vectors is always a subspace (Theorem 1, p.221).

10.  $H = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Again we may apply Theorem 1, p.221, to show that  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

11.  $H = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . The same reason as above.

12.  $H = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Still the same argument works. Note that this time  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

16. Probably the easiest way to show that this set is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is by showing  $\vec{0}$  is not in  $W$ . If  $\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  were in  $W$ , it must be of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} -a+1 \\ a-6b \\ 2b+a \end{bmatrix}$ , forcing us to have  $-a+1=0$ ,  $a-6b=0$ , and  $2b+a=0$ . First two equations tell us  $a=1$  and hence  $b=\frac{1}{6}$ . But the last means  $b=-\frac{1}{2}$ . This contradiction is due to our assumption that  $\vec{0}$  is of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} -a+1 \\ a-6b \\ 2b+a \end{bmatrix}$ . In other words,  $\vec{0}$  cannot be in  $W$ .

18.  $W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .