

4. True or False. If the statement is true, then PROVE the statement. If the statement is false, then give a COUNTEREXAMPLE. If  $V$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the union  $V \cup W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

False Let  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  and  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \cup W$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V \cup W$  but  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin V \cup W$

5. True or False. If the statement is true, then PROVE the statement. If the statement is false, then give a COUNTEREXAMPLE. If  $V$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then the intersection  $V \cap W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

True  $\rightarrow 0$  is in  $V$  and  $0$  is in  $W$ ; hence  $0$  is in  $V \cap W$ .

$\rightarrow$  Take  $x$  and  $y \in V \cap W$ .  $V$  is a vector space and  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $V$ , so  $x+y \in V$ . Similarly:  $W$  is a vector space and  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $W$  so  $x+y \in W$ . Thus,  $x+y \in V \cap W$ .

$\rightarrow$  Take  $x \in V \cap W$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $V$  is a vector space so  $cx \in V$ .  $W$  is a vector space, so  $cx \in W$ .  
 Thus  $cx \in V \cap W$ .

6. Let  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1 \right\}$ . Is  $V$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Justify your answer.

No  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$  but  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin V$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$