

**HW2** All of the following exercises are from LADW.

**2.2.** Find *all* solutions of the vector equation

$$x_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + x_3 \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0},$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1, 0)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 1, 1)^T$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (1, 0, 1)^T$ . What conclusion can you make about linear independence (dependence) of the system of vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ ?

**2.1.** Write the systems of equations below in matrix form and as vector equations. Find the solutions in vector form.

(a)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 & - & 2x_2 & - & x_3 & = & -1 \\ 2x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & = & 1 \\ 3x_1 & - & 5x_2 & - & 2x_3 & = & -1 \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 & + & 2x_2 & & & + & 2x_4 & = & 6 \\ 3x_1 & + & 5x_2 & - & x_3 & + & 6x_4 & = & 17 \\ 2x_1 & + & 4x_2 & + & x_3 & + & 2x_4 & = & 12 \\ 2x_1 & & & - & 7x_3 & + & 11x_4 & = & 7 \end{cases}$$

**3.1.** For what value of  $b$  does the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

have a solution? Find the general solution of the system for this value of  $b$ .

**3.2.** Determine whether the following vectors are linearly independent:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**3.4** Do the polynomials  $x^3 + 2x$ ,  $x^2 + x + 1$ , and  $x^3 + 5$  span  $\mathbb{P}_3$ ? Justify your answer. (Hint:  $\mathbb{P}_3$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^4$  via the linear map  $A : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$  given by  $A(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3)^T = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$ .)

**3.6** Prove or disprove: If a square matrix  $A$  has linearly independent columns, then so does  $A^2 = AA$ .

**3.8** Show that if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a unique solution (i.e. only the trivial solution), then  $A$  is left-invertible. Note that we've already seen that if  $A$  is left-invertible, then there is a unique solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ; now we are going the other way around. (Hint: elementary matrices/row operations are invertible, so you can reduce the problem to showing that a matrix  $A$  with columns that are *distinct* standard basis vectors is left-invertible.)