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Question 1:

$$\begin{array}{c} -R_2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 & 14 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 - 4 & -a - 2 \end{array}$$

if 
$$a = 2$$
 then
$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 14 & 12 \\
0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -4
\end{bmatrix}$$

last row will be a bad row. Thus the system has no solutions.

a) no solution - if a=2 if a = -2 then

b) infinitely may solutions - if a= -2

c) a unique solution  $\rightarrow$  if  $a \neq 2$  and  $a \neq -2$   $0 \quad 0 \quad 0$ 

There will be & leading terms and 3 unknowns. Thus the system has infinitely may solutions

if a is other than -2 and 2, then there will be 3 leading terms and 3. unknowns. Thus the system has unique a solution.

So, Wis a subspace of Mziz