Problem 1.1 (15 points; 3 points each). Decide if each of the following is true or false. You do not need to provide reasons.

- (a) <u>True</u> Suppose a matrix B comes from a sequence of elementary row operations applied to a matrix A. Then $Ax = 0 \iff Bx = 0$.
- (b) False $(A+B)(A-B) = A^2 B^2$ for all $n \times n$ matrices A and B.
- (c) <u>True</u> Given that

$$\operatorname{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution to Ax = 0 is the set of x such that

$$\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

(d) False A is in row echelon form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e) <u>True</u> Let A a 3×6 matrix, and let B be the result of performing the elementary row operation $R_2 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_2$. Then B = EA where

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 1.2 (25 points). Solve Ax = 0 for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 & -5 & -3 & -4 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 & -5 & 1 \\ -4 & 6 & -3 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Follow the procedure discussed in class

- (10 points) Use elementary row operations to reduce to an echelon matrix.
- (10 points) Write down the resulting triangular system and use **back-substitution** to solve.
- (5 points) Write out your solution as a linear combination of vectors.

Reduction to echelon form requires six row manipulations:

This part is 10/25 points.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 & -5 & -3 & -4 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 & -5 & 1 \\ -4 & 6 & -3 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + 2R_1 \to R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 + R_1 \to R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 + R_2 \to R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_4 + R_2 \to R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back-substitution: So x_3 and x_5 are the free variables. Let $x_3 = s$ and $x_5 = t$. Back substitution gives

$$x_{5} = t$$

$$x_{4} = 0$$

$$x_{3} = t$$

$$-2x_{2} - s + 0 - 2t = 0 \rightarrow x_{2} = -\frac{1}{2}s - t$$

$$2x_{1} - 2(-\frac{1}{2}s - t) + 2s + t = 2x_{1} + 3s + 3t = 0 \rightarrow x_{1} = -\frac{3}{2}s - \frac{3}{2}t$$

Final answer as linear combination of vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2}s - \frac{3}{2}t \\ -\frac{1}{2}s - t \\ s \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This final answer is the remaining 5/25 points.