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Question-1 (3+1+1 marks):

Consider the homogeneous system of equations $AX = \mathbf{0}$ with coefficient from \mathbb{R} , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 1 & 8 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) By converting A into its row reduced echelon (RRE) matrix find all the free (or independent) variables in the given system.
- (b) Find the rank of A .
- (c) Write all the solutions of the given system $AX = \mathbf{0}$.

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Question-2 (2+1 marks):

For any positive integer n , let $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ be the vector space of all $n \times n$ matrices over the field \mathbb{R} . Let $A^t, Tr(A)$ and $\det(A)$ denote the transpose, the trace and the determinant of A , respectively, for $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$.

- (a) Is the subset $W_1 = \{A \in M_3(\mathbb{R}) : Tr(A + 2A^t) = 0\}$ a subspace of $M_3(\mathbb{R})$?
- (b) Is the subset $W_2 = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) : \det(A) = 0\}$ a subspace of $M_2(\mathbb{R})$?

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Question-3 (2 marks):

Let $\mathbb{R}[X]$ be the vector space of all polynomials over the field \mathbb{R} . Determine whether the subset

$$X = \{1, 1 + X, 1 + X + X^3, 1 + X^3\}$$

of $\mathbb{R}[X]$ is linearly dependent. Justify your answer.