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Assignment: Section 1.4 Homework

1. Compute the product using (a) the definition where  $A\mathbf{x}$  is the linear combination of the columns of  $A$  using the corresponding entries in  $\mathbf{x}$  as weights, and (b) the row-vector rule for computing  $A\mathbf{x}$ . If a product is undefined, explain why.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -9 & 10 \\ 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Compute the product using the definition where  $A\mathbf{x}$  is the linear combination of the columns of  $A$  using the corresponding entries in  $\mathbf{x}$  as weights. If the product is undefined, explain why. Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in any answer boxes to complete your choice.

- ☐ A.  $A\mathbf{x} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ B. The matrix-vector  $A\mathbf{x}$  is not defined because the number of rows in matrix  $A$  does not match the number of entries in the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- ☒ C. The matrix-vector  $A\mathbf{x}$  is not defined because the number of columns in matrix  $A$  does not match the number of entries in the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

(b) Compute the product using the row-vector rule for computing  $A\mathbf{x}$ . If the product is undefined, explain why. Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in any answer boxes to complete your choice.

- ☐ A.  $A\mathbf{x} =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ B. The matrix-vector  $A\mathbf{x}$  is not defined because the row-vector rule states that the number of columns in matrix  $A$  must match the number of entries in the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- ☐ C. The matrix-vector  $A\mathbf{x}$  is not defined because the row-vector rule states that the number of rows in matrix  $A$  must match the number of entries in the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

2. Use the definition of  $A\mathbf{x}$  to write the vector equation as a matrix equation.

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -9 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & -9 \\ 2 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Type an integer or simplified fraction for each matrix element.)

3. Write the system first as a vector equation and then as a matrix equation.

$$9x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 9$$

$$9x_2 + 4x_3 = 0$$

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Write the system as a vector equation. Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in any answer boxes to complete your choice.

☒ **A.**  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

☐ **B.**  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **C.**  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Write the system as a matrix equation. Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in any answer boxes to complete your choice.

☒ **A.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

☐ **B.**  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **C.**  $x_1$  \_\_\_\_\_  $+ x_2$  \_\_\_\_\_  $+ x_3$  \_\_\_\_\_  $=$  \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Write the system first as a vector equation and then as a matrix equation.

$$2x_1 - x_2 = 5$$

$$8x_1 + 3x_2 = 4$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 = 1$$

Write the system as a vector equation. Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in any answer boxes to complete your choice.

☒ **A.**  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

☐ **B.**  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} =$

☐ **C.**  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} =$

Write the system as a matrix equation. Select the correct choice below and, if necessary, fill in any answer boxes to complete your choice.

☒ **A.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 8 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

☐ **B.**  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 8 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

☐ **C.**  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} =$

5. Given  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  to the right, write the augmented matrix for the linear system that corresponds to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then solve the system and write the solution as a vector.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 10 \\ -26 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write the augmented matrix for the linear system that corresponds to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Select the correct choice below and fill in any answer boxes within your choice.

☒ **A.**  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & -8 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 10 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 & -26 \end{array} \right]$

☐ **B.**  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -8 & & & \\ 10 & & & \\ -26 & & & \end{array} \right]$

Solve the system and write the solution as a vector. Select the correct choice below and fill in any answer boxes within your choice.

☐ **A.**  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}$

☒ **B.**  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

6. Given  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  to the right, write the augmented matrix for the linear system that corresponds to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Then solve the system and write the solution as a vector.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & -7 \\ -4 & -2 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -14 \\ 56 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write the augmented matrix for the linear system that corresponds to the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ . Select the correct choice below and fill in any answer boxes within your choice.

- ☐ A.  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 6 & -7 & -14 \\ -4 & -2 & 6 & 56 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -4 \end{array} \right]$
- ☒ B.  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 6 & -7 & -14 \\ -4 & -2 & 6 & 56 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & -4 \end{array} \right]$

Solve the system and write the solution as a vector. Select the correct choice below and fill in any answer boxes within your choice.

- ☐ A.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$
- ☒ B.  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does not have a solution for all possible  $\mathbf{b}$ , and describe the set of all  $\mathbf{b}$  for which  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does have a solution.

How can it be shown that the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does not have a solution for all possible  $\mathbf{b}$ ? Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Row reduce the augmented matrix  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$  to demonstrate that  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$  has a pivot position in every row.
- ☒ B. Row reduce the matrix  $A$  to demonstrate that  $A$  does not have a pivot position in every row.
- ☐ C. Row reduce the matrix  $A$  to demonstrate that  $A$  has a pivot position in every row.
- ☐ D. Find a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  for which  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is the zero vector.
- ☐ E. Find a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  for which the solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is the zero vector.

Describe the set of all  $\mathbf{b}$  for which  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does have a solution.

$$0 = b_1 + b_2 + b_3$$

(Type an expression using  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ , and  $b_3$  as the variables and 1 as the coefficient of  $b_3$ .)

8. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix}$ . Does  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Why or why not?

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Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Yes. Any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  except the zero vector can be written as a linear combination of these three vectors.
  - ☐ B. No. When the given vectors are written as the columns of a matrix A, A has a pivot position in only two rows.
  - ☐ C. No. The set of given vectors spans a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Any of the three vectors can be written as a linear combination of the other two.
  - ☒ D. Yes. When the given vectors are written as the columns of a matrix A, A has a pivot position in every row.
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9. Determine whether each statement below is true or false. Justify each answer.

a. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is referred to as a vector equation. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☒ A. False. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is referred to as a matrix equation because  $A$  is a matrix.
- ☐ B. True. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is referred to as a vector equation because it consists of scalars multiplied by vectors.
- ☐ C. True. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is referred to as a vector equation because  $A$  is constructed from column vectors.
- ☐ D. False. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is referred to as a linear equation because  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of vectors.

b. A vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of a matrix  $A$  if and only if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. If the matrix  $A$  is the identity matrix, then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one solution, but  $\mathbf{b}$  is not a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .
- ☐ B. True. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is unrelated to whether the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of a matrix  $A$ .
- ☒ C. True. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has the same solution set as the equation  $x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{b}$ .
- ☐ D. False. If the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has infinitely many solutions, then the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  cannot be a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

c. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent if the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  has a pivot position in every row. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. True. If the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  has a pivot position in every row, then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ☐ B. False. The augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  cannot have a pivot position in every row because it has more columns than rows.
- ☒ C. False. If the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  has a pivot position in every row, the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  may or may not be consistent. One pivot position may be in the column representing  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- ☐ D. True. The pivot positions in the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  always occur in the columns that represent  $A$ .

d. The first entry in the product  $A\mathbf{x}$  is a sum of products. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. The first entry in  $A\mathbf{x}$  is the product of  $x_1$  and the column  $\mathbf{a}_1$ .
- ☐ B. False. The first entry in  $A\mathbf{x}$  is the sum of the corresponding entries in  $\mathbf{x}$  and the first entry in each column of  $A$ .
- ☒ C. True. The first entry in  $A\mathbf{x}$  is the sum of the products of corresponding entries in  $\mathbf{x}$  and the first entry in each column of  $A$ .
- ☐ D. True. The first entry in  $A\mathbf{x}$  is the sum of the products of corresponding entries in  $\mathbf{x}$  and the first column of  $A$ .

e. If the columns of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. True. Since the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the augmented matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  has a pivot position in

every row.

- ☐ B. False. Since the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the matrix  $A$  has a pivot position in exactly  $m - 1$
- ☒ C. <sup>rows.</sup> True. If the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ☐ D. False. If the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

f. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $A$  cannot have a pivot position in every row. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. Since the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
  - ☒ B. True. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has no solution for some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
  - ☐ C. False. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
  - ☐ D. True. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and if the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent for some  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
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10. Determine whether each of statements a through f below are true or false. Justify each answer.

a. Every matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  corresponds to a vector equation with the same solution set. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. The matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does not correspond to a vector equation with the same solution set.
- ☐ B. False. The matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  only corresponds to an inconsistent system of vector equations.
- ☒ C. True. The matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is simply another notation for the vector equation  $x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are the columns of  $A$ .
- ☐ D. True. The matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is simply another notation for the vector equation  $x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{b}$ , where  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  are the rows of  $A$ .

b. If the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, then  $\mathbf{b}$  is in the set spanned by the columns of  $A$ . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False.  $\mathbf{b}$  is only included in the set spanned by the columns of  $A$  if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent.
- ☐ B. False.  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is only consistent if the values of  $\mathbf{b}$  are nonzero.
- ☒ C. True. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a nonempty solution set if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .
- ☐ D. True. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution set if and only if  $A$  has a pivot position in every row.

c. Any linear combination of vectors can always be written in the form  $A\mathbf{x}$  for a suitable matrix  $A$  and vector  $\mathbf{x}$ . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☒ A. True. The matrix  $A$  is the matrix of coefficients of the system of vectors.
- ☐ B. True.  $A\mathbf{x}$  can be written as a linear combination of vectors because any two vectors can be combined by addition.
- ☐ C. False.  $A$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  cannot be written as a linear combination because the matrices do not have the same dimensions.
- ☐ D. False.  $A$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  can only be written as a linear combination of vectors if and only if in  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  is nonzero.

d. If the coefficient matrix  $A$  has a pivot position in every row, then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. False. If a coefficient matrix  $A$  has a pivot position in every row, then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  may or may not be consistent.
- ☐ B. True. A pivot position in every row of a matrix indicates an inconsistent system of equations because the augmented column will always be zeros.
- ☒ C. False. If  $A$  has a pivot position in every row, the echelon form of the augmented matrix could not have a row such as  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$ , and  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  must be consistent.
- ☐ D. True. If  $A$  has a pivot position in every row, then the augmented matrix must have a row of all zeros, indicating an inconsistent system of equations.

e. The solution set of a linear system whose augmented matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  is the same as the solution set of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☒ A. True. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with columns  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has the same solution set as the system of linear equations whose



- ☐ B. augmented matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$ . True. The linear system whose augmented matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  will have the same solution set as  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  is nonzero.
- ☐ C. False. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with columns  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\mathbf{b}$  cannot be found in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , and the system is inconsistent.
- ☐ D. False. The solution set of a linear system whose augmented matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  is the same as the solution set of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x}$  has the same number of rows as  $A$ .

f. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns do not span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for every  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. True. If  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, then the rows of  $A$  must span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ☐ B. True. If the columns of  $A$  do not span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  may or may not span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ☐ C. False. If the columns of  $A$  do not span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  cannot be consistent.
- ☒ D. False. If the columns of  $A$  do not span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $A$  does not have a pivot position in every row, and row reducing  $\begin{bmatrix} A & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}$  could result in a row of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $c$  is a nonzero real number.

11. Let  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -6 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ -18 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$ . It can be shown that  $-3\mathbf{u} - 6\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ . Use this fact (and no row

operations) to find  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  that satisfy the equation  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ -6 & 6 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ -18 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$x_1 =$      -3    

$x_2 =$      -6    

(Simplify your answers.)

12. Could a set of three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  span all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Explain. What about  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  when  $n$  is less than  $m$ ?

Could a set of three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  span all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Explain. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. Yes. Any number of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  will span all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- ☐ B. No. There is no way for any number of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  to span all of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- ☒ C. No. The matrix  $A$  whose columns are the three vectors has four rows. To have a pivot in each row,  $A$  would have to have at least four columns (one for each pivot.)
- ☐ D. Yes. A set of  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  can span  $\mathbb{R}^m$  when  $n < m$ . There is a sufficient number of rows in the matrix  $A$  formed by the vectors to have enough pivot points to show that the vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Could a set of  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  span all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  when  $n$  is less than  $m$ ? Explain. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. No. Without knowing values of  $n$  and  $m$ , there is no way to determine if  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  will span all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ☐ B. Yes. A set of  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  can span  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if  $n < m$ . There is a sufficient number of rows in the matrix  $A$  formed by the vectors to have enough pivot points to show that the vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ☐ C. Yes. Any number of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  will span all of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- ☒ D. No. The matrix  $A$  whose columns are the  $n$  vectors has  $m$  rows. To have a pivot in each row,  $A$  would have to have at least  $m$  columns (one for each pivot.)

13. Determine if the columns of the matrix to the right span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & -5 & 4 & 2 & 6 \\ -7 & 5 & -5 & 3 & -4 \\ -7 & 9 & -6 & 8 & -7 \\ 2 & -2 & 9 & -9 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose the correct answer below.

- ☒ A. The columns of the matrix span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- ☐ B. The columns of the matrix do not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .