

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & -5 & 12 \\ 6 & 1 & -13 & 13 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

1A. Use the “super-augmented” matrix technique discussed in class to find what conditions (if any) there are on  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ , and  $b_3$  which guarantee that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution.

1B. What value must  $b_1$  have to ensure that  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ -13 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$  can be written as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ ?

1C. Express  $\mathbf{w}$  from (1B) as a specific linear combination of the columns  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , *etc.* of  $A$ . Your answer will have the form “ $\mathbf{w} = x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \dots$ ” (etc) where you’ll supply the actual values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , *etc.*

1D. Let  $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 43 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Express all solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$  in the form  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{v}_h$  where  $\mathbf{p}$  is a particular solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_h$  represents all solutions of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

1E. Explicitly give the “trivial solution” of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .