

1. Suppose  $\mathbf{b}$  has components  $b_1, b_2, b_3$ ,  $A$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix and the augmented matrix corresponding to the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is row equivalent to

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 & 8 & b_1 - 2b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -b_2 + 4b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k & 3b_1 + 2b_2 + b_3 \end{array} \right].$$

1A. Suppose  $k = 1$ . What conditions (if any) must  $b_1, b_2$  and  $b_3$  satisfy in order for  $\mathbf{b}$  to be in  $\text{Col}(A)$ ? Explain!

1B. So, if  $k = 1$ , is  $\text{Col}(A)$  all of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ? Explain!

1C. Suppose  $k = 1$ . Find vectors that span the nullspace of  $A$ . *Hint:* Think about the way we write the solutions of the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  in “parametric form”.

1D. Suppose  $k = 0$ . What conditions (if any) must  $b_1, b_2$  and  $b_3$  satisfy in order for  $\mathbf{b}$  to be in  $\text{Col}(A)$ ? Explain!

1E. So, if  $k = 0$ , is  $\text{Col}(A)$  all of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ? Explain!

2. Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be the vector space of all continuous functions  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , as discussed in class.

2A. Is the set  $H = \{f \in \mathbf{F} \mid \text{the graph of } f \text{ passes through the point } (0, 3)\}$  closed under vector addition? Prove it or give a counterexample.

2B. Is the set  $G = \{f \in \mathbf{F} \mid \text{the graph of } f \text{ passes through the point } (3, 0)\}$  closed under vector addition? Prove it or give a counterexample.

2C. Which (if either) of  $H$  or  $G$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{F}$ ?