

5. Find all  $\vec{x}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{matrix} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 \end{matrix}; \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -2t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ker(A) = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r-t \\ r \\ t \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ker(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

7. Find all  $\vec{x}$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ . Since  $\text{rref}(A) = I_3$  we have  $\ker(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

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11. Solving the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  we find that  $\ker(A) = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

12. Solving the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  we find that  $\ker(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

13. Solving the system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  we find that  $\ker(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$ .

14. By Fact 3.1.3, the image of  $A$  is the span of the columns of  $A$ :

$$\text{im}(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

17. By Fact 3.1.3,  $\text{im}(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathbb{R}^2$  (the whole plane).

18. By Fact 3.1.3,  $\text{im}(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  (a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ).

19. Since the four column vectors of  $A$  are parallel, we have  $\text{im}(A) = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

20. Since the three column vectors of  $A$  are parallel, we have  $\text{im}(A) = \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

30. By Fact 3.1.3,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  does the job. There are many other possible answers: any nonzero  $2 \times n$  matrix  $A$  whose column vectors are scalar multiples of vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

31. The plane  $x + 3y + 2z = 0$  is spanned by the two vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , for example. Therefore,

$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  does the job. There are many other correct answers.

32. By Fact 3.1.3,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  does the job. There are many other correct answers: any nonzero  $3 \times n$  matrix  $A$  whose column vectors are scalar multiples of  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

33. The plane is the kernel of the linear transformation  $T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = x + 2y + 3z$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

34. To describe a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  as a kernel means to describe it as an intersection of planes (think about it). By inspection, the given line is the intersection of the planes

$$x + y = 0 \text{ and} \\ 2x + z = 0.$$

This means that the line is the kernel of the linear transformation  $T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + y \\ 2x + z \end{bmatrix}$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

44. a. Yes; by construction of the echelon form, the systems  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  have the same solutions (it is the whole point of Gaussian elimination not to change the solutions of a system).

b. No; as a counterexample, consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $\text{im}(A) = \text{span}(\vec{e}_2)$ , but  $B = \text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $\text{im}(B) = \text{span}(\vec{e}_1)$ .