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1. [4 points] Write down the general solution of the following linear system in vector parametric form.

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y + z + 2t = 2 \\ z + 2t = -1 \\ -x + 3y - 2z - 4t = -1 \\ 2x - 6y + 4z + 8t = 2 \end{cases}$$

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2. **[3 points]** Determine all values of the parameter h such that the linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & h & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is consistent. You should justify your answer.

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3. Compute the following:

(a) [1 point] $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) [1 point] $-3\mathbf{a} + 2A\mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

4. (a) [2 points] Let A be a 4×4 matrix, and set $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

We know that the general solution of the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 &= -3x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_4 - 3 \\ x_2 &: \text{free} \\ x_3 &= -2x_4 - \frac{1}{2} \\ x_4 &: \text{free} \end{cases}$$

Is the linear system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ consistent? If your answer is “Yes”, you should write down the general solution of the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

(b) [2 points] Is it true that for any choice of b_1, b_2, b_3 in \mathbb{R} , the linear system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 & & -2x_3 & +3x_4 & -x_5 & = & b_1 \\ & -x_2 & +x_3 & & +5x_5 & = & b_2 \\ 2x_1 & -x_2 & -3x_3 & +6x_4 & +3x_5 & = & b_3 \end{cases}$$

is consistent? You should justify your answer.

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5. [4 points] Set

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Does \mathbf{b} belong to $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{a}_3\}$?

6. [4 points] For each of the following statements, indicate if it is true or false. You will receive 1 point for every correct answer and lose .5 points for every incorrect answer (but you cannot receive a negative mark on this question).

_____ Vectors of the form $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & -\frac{1}{2} & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$, where $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ is any vector in \mathbb{R}^3 , are always

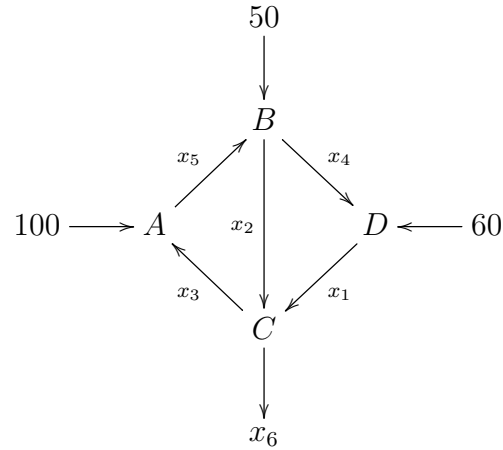
in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}\}$, where $\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

_____ Two row equivalent matrices always have the same number of pivot columns.

_____ A homogeneous linear system always has infinitely many solutions.

_____ A linear system with 6 equations and 7 variables is always consistent.

7. [2 points] Consider the traffic flow described by the following diagram. The letters A through D label intersections. The arrows indicate the direction of flow (all roads are one-way) and their labels indicate flow in cars per hour.



Write down a linear system describing the traffic flow, i.e., all constraints on the variables $x_i, i = 1, \dots, 6$. (You do not need to solve the linear system.)

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