

1. Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} -3x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= -5 \\ 7x_1 + 2x_3 - 6x_4 &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

Express the system

a. as an augmented matrix.

b. as a vector equation.

c. as a matrix equation.

2. Solve the system in question 1. Give a parametric expression of your solutions.

3. Is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  a linear combination of the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ? Show steps and justification clearly.

4. Do the vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in question 3 span a line, a plane, or all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Explain.