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Problem Sheet 5

1. For what values of a, b, c the following system will have no solution, one solution and infinite solutions

$$\begin{aligned}4x + y + az &= 7 \\ -x + by + z &= 11 \\ -2x + y - 3z &= c.\end{aligned}$$

2. Give a basis for each of the four fundamental subspaces associated to the following matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. For any values of a, b and c , find the determinant of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \end{pmatrix}$.

4. Find the values of a for which the planes $ax - y + z = 1$ and $3ax + ay - 2z = 5$ are perpendicular.

5. Suppose $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 2 & a & 1 & 8 \\ \text{(row 3 of } A) \end{pmatrix}$ has reduced echelon form $R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) What can you say about row 3 of A ?
 - (b) What are the numbers a and b ?
 - (c) Describe the nullspace of A .
6. State whether the following are true or false and give a reason or a 2×2 or 3×3 counter example. Here $|A|$ denotes the determinant of matrix A .
- (a) The determinant of $A + I = (\det A) + 1$.
 - (b) The determinant of $A^4 = |A|^4$.
 - (c) The determinant of $4A = 4|A|$.
 - (d) The determinant of $A = |A|$.
 - (e) If A is not invertible, then AB is not invertible.
 - (f) The determinant of $AB = |A||B|$.
 - (g) AB and BA have the same determinant.