

Attempt all questions and show all your work. Attach to Honesty Declaration Form.

1. For each of the following linear system of equations, first find reduced row echelon form of the augmented matrix and then find all solutions of the system.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x & +z - w & = 1 \\
 -x + y & -z + w & = 0 \\
 2y & +z + w & = 1 \\
 3y & +z + w & = 2
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{rcl}
 3x + 5y & = & 1 \\
 2x + y & = & 3 \\
 4x + 2y & = & 6 \\
 5x + 6y & = & 4
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x_1 & -x_3 - x_4 & = 5 \\
 -2x_1 + x_2 & +3x_3 + 4x_4 & = -2 \\
 3x_1 + x_2 & -2x_3 - x_4 & = 9
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} & = & 4 \\
 \frac{2}{x} - \frac{3}{y} - \frac{1}{z} & = & 1 \\
 -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{z} & = & 0
 \end{array}$$

**Solution:**

(a) (i)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] R_2 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -3R_2 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -R_3 + R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -R_3 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] RREF \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x - 2w = 2 & & x = 2 + 2t \\
 y = 1 & \Rightarrow & y = 1 \\
 z + w = -1 & & z = -1 - t \\
 0 = 0 & & w = t
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 t \in \mathbf{R}$$

(b) (ii)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 4 \end{array} \right] R_1 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 4 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -4R_1 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -5R_1 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 7 \\ 0 & -14 & 14 \\ 0 & -14 & 14 \end{array} \right] R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{-7}R_2 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -14 & 14 \\ 0 & -14 & 14 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -4R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow 14R_2 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow 14R_2 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] RREF \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = 2 \\ y = -1 \end{array} \Rightarrow (2, -1).$$

(c) (iii)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 & 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] R_3 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_3 \\ \Rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -14 \end{array} \right]. \text{ Since from the last row we get } 0 = -14 \text{ which is not} \\ & \text{possible, so this system has no solution.} \end{aligned}$$

(d) (iv) Let  $\frac{1}{x} = x_1$ ,  $\frac{1}{y} = x_2$  and  $\frac{1}{z} = x_3$ . Then it becomes

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 + x_2 & + & x_3 = 4 \\ 2x_1 - 3x_2 & - & x_3 = 1. \text{ So} \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 & + & x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] R_3 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_3 \Rightarrow \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{-5}R_2 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -3R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{13}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right] R_3 \rightarrow 5R_3 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{13}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -\frac{2}{5}R_3 + R_1 \\ R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{3}{5}R_3 + R_2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]. \text{ So } x_1 = 3, x_2 = 2 \text{ and } x_3 = -1; \text{ which means } x = \frac{1}{3}, y = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and} \\ & z = -1. \text{ Therefore the solution of the system is } \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, -1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

2. Find all *basic* solutions of the homogeneous system

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 9x_1 + 9x_2 + 4x_3 - 4x_4 + 9x_5 - 10x_6 & = & 0 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 + 2x_5 - 3x_6 & = & 0 \\ 11x_1 + 11x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 + 4x_5 + 22x_6 & = & 0 \end{array}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 9 & 9 & 4 & -4 & 9 & -10 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 11 & 11 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 22 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -4R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -11R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 11 & 11 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 22 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -11R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 & -7 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -3R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 & -7 & 21 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{7}R_3 \end{array} \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2 \\ R_1 \rightarrow -R_3 + R_1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{RREF} \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + 2x_6 &= 0 & x_1 &= -x_2 - x_5 - 2x_6 \\ x_3 - x_5 - 4x_6 &= 0 & \Rightarrow & x_3 = x_5 + 4x_6 \\ x_4 - x_5 + 3x_6 &= 0 & & x_4 = x_5 - 3x_6 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = -t - r - 2s$$

$$x_2 = t$$

$$x_3 = r + 4s$$

$$x_4 = r - 3s$$

$$x_5 = r$$

$$x_6 = s$$

Let  $x_2 = t$ ,  $x_5 = r$  and  $x_6 = s$ . Then **where  $t, r, s \in \mathbf{R}$ . But**

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t - r - 2s \\ t \\ r + 4s \\ r - 3s \\ r \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ t \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -r \\ 0 \\ r \\ r \\ r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2s \\ 0 \\ 4s \\ -3s \\ 0 \\ s \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore a basic solution is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

3. For any real number  $n$  let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} n+1 & n+2 & n+3 \\ n+4 & n+5 & n+6 \\ n+7 & n+8 & n+9 \end{pmatrix}$ . Use properties of determinant to find  $|A|$ . (Explain)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= \begin{vmatrix} n+1 & n+2 & n+3 \\ n+4 & n+5 & n+6 \\ n+7 & n+8 & n+9 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \end{matrix} = \begin{vmatrix} n+1 & n+2 & n+3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_3 \end{matrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} n+1 & n+2 & n+3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

4. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $\det(-10A)$ .

**Solution: First**  $\det(-10A) = (-10)^4 \det(A) = 10000 \det(A)$ . **But**

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = +1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \left( 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$-\left(1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}\right) + \left(1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}\right) = (0 + (-1)) - (0 + 1) + (-1 - 0) = -3.$$

**Therefore**  $\det(-10A) = 10000(-3) = -30000$ .

5. Use Cramer's rule to solve each of the following linear system of equations.

(a) 
$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 &= 11 \\ 4x_1 - 4x_2 + 6x_3 &= 11 \\ 6x_1 - 6x_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

(b) 
$$\begin{aligned} 3y + z - u &= 4 \\ y + z &= 0 \\ 2y - z + 4u &= 6 \quad (\text{For } y \text{ only, so do not find } x, z \text{ and } u.) \\ x + 5z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

(a) 
$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -4 & 6 \\ 6 & -6 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = +6 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - (-6) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6(40) + 6(2) = 252.$$

$$|A_1| = \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 4 & 4 \\ 11 & -4 & 6 \\ 3 & -6 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = +3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - (-6) \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 4 \\ 11 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 3(40) + 6(22) = 252. \text{ So}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{|A_1|}{|A|} = \frac{252}{252} = 1. \text{ Also}$$

$$|A_2| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 11 & 4 \\ 4 & 11 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = +6 \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 4 \\ 11 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6(22) - 3(2) = 126. \text{ So}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|} = \frac{126}{252} = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Also}$$

$$|A_3| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 11 \\ 4 & -4 & 11 \\ 6 & -6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 11 \\ -6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 11 \\ 6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 11 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 6 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = 3(54) - 4(-54) + 11(0) = 378.$$

**So**

$$x_3 = \frac{|A_3|}{|A|} = \frac{378}{252} = \frac{3}{2}. \text{ Therefore the solution of the system is } \left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right).$$

(b) 
$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \left( -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$= (-1)(3 + 8) = -11. \text{ Also}$$

$$|A_2| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = (-1) \left( 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$= (-1)(16 + 6) = -22. \text{ Therefore } y = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|} = \frac{-22}{-11} = 2.$$

6. Determine whether each set of vectors is linearly dependent or linearly independent.

- (a)  $\{\mathbf{u}_1 = \langle 4, 5 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_2 = \langle 3, 10 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_3 = \langle -11, 20 \rangle\}$   
 (b)  $\{\mathbf{u}_1 = \langle 4, 3, 6 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_2 = \langle 5, 7, 1 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_3 = \langle -1, -4, 5 \rangle\}$   
 (c)  $\{\mathbf{u}_1 = \langle 1, 2, -2, 4 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_2 = \langle 1, 3, -3, 4 \rangle, \mathbf{u}_3 = \langle 1, 2, -1, 4 \rangle\}$

**Solution:**

(a) There are three vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  so  $m = 3 > 2 = n$  therefore  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is a linearly dependent set.

(b)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 7 & -4 \\ 6 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & -4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4(39) - 5(39) - (-39) = 156 - 195 + 39 = 0$$

Therefore  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is a linearly dependent set.

(c) If  $c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + c_3\mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{0}$  then

$c_1 \langle 1, 2, -2, 4 \rangle + c_2 \langle 1, 3, -3, 4 \rangle + c_3 \langle 1, 2, -1, 4 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ . So  
 $\langle c_1 + c_2 + c_3, 2c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3, -2c_1 - 3c_2 - c_3, 4c_1 + 4c_2 + 4c_3 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ . Hence

$$\begin{array}{rcl} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \\ -2c_1 - 3c_2 - c_3 = 0 \\ 4c_1 + 4c_2 + 4c_3 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -4R_1 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_3 \rightarrow -R_3 \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_1 \rightarrow -R_3 + R_1 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] RREF$$

Therefore  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = 0$  and  $c_3 = 0$ , which means  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$  is a linearly independent set.

7. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1 = \langle 1, 2, 1, 3 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = \langle 1, 3, 1, 3 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = \langle 4, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{u}_4 = \langle 6, -9, -2, -6 \rangle$ . Show that they are linearly dependent and then write  $\mathbf{u}_4$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2$  and  $\mathbf{u}_3$ .

**Solution:** If  $c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + c_3\mathbf{u}_3 + c_4\mathbf{u}_4 = \mathbf{0}$  then

$c_1 \langle 1, 2, 1, 3 \rangle + c_2 \langle 1, 3, 1, 3 \rangle + c_3 \langle 4, 0, 0, 0 \rangle + c_4 \langle 6, -9, -2, -6 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ . So  
 $\langle c_1 + c_2 + 4c_3 + 6c_4, 2c_1 + 3c_2 - 9c_4, c_1 + c_2 - 2c_4, 3c_1 + 3c_2 - 6c_4 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$ . Hence

$$\begin{array}{rcl} c_1 + c_2 + 4c_3 + 6c_4 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + 3c_2 - 9c_4 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 - 2c_4 = 0 \\ 3c_1 + 3c_2 - 6c_4 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & -9 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & -21 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & -24 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_1 \\ \\ R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{-4}R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 12 & 27 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -8 & -21 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & -24 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -12R_3 + R_1 \\ R_2 \rightarrow 8R_3 + R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow 12R_3 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{RREF} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_1 + 3c_4 = 0 \\ c_2 - 5c_4 = 0 \\ c_3 + 2c_4 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_1 = -3t \\ c_2 = 5t \\ c_3 = -2t \\ c_4 = t \end{array} \quad t \in \mathbf{R}$$

Therefore  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3$  and  $\mathbf{u}_4$  are linearly dependent. Now let  $t = 1$  then  $-3\mathbf{u}_1 + 5\mathbf{u}_2 - 2\mathbf{u}_3 + \mathbf{u}_4 = \mathbf{0}$  which means  $\mathbf{u}_4 = 3\mathbf{u}_1 - 5\mathbf{u}_2 + 2\mathbf{u}_3$ .