## Introduction to Algebra 1

1. Solve the following systems of linear equations simultaneously.

|   | 2x- | y+  | z =  | 1  | ( | 2x- | y+  | z =  | 1        |
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| { | x+  | y+  | 2z = | 2  | { | x+  | y+  | 2z = | <b>2</b> |
|   | x-  | 2y- | z =  | -1 |   | x-  | 2y- | z =  | 0        |

What does it mean from the point of view of rows/columns?

2. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a subspace? For those which are affine subspaces, find a vector  $\underline{u}$  and a subspace V such that they are equal to  $\underline{u} + V$ !

a)  $\{\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 | |\underline{v}| = 1\}$ , b)  $\{(x, y, z) | x + 2y + z = 0\}$  and c)  $\{(x, y, z) | x + 2y + z = 1\}$ .

3. Verify that

- a) the intersection of two subspaces is a subspace, but
- b) the union of two subspaces is a subspace if and only if one contains the other.
- 4. What is the intersection of the planes x + 3y + z = 2 and x + 2y + 2z = 5? If the intersection is a line, compute its paramteric and vectorial form!
- 5. What is the explicit equation of the plane 2x y + z = 1 and its vectorial form?
- 6. Let  $B = \{(1,0,1)^T, (0,2,-1)^T, (1,1,0)^T\}.$ 
  - a) Show that B is a basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ !
  - b) What is the coordinate vector of  $(1, 0, 0)^T$  with respect to B?
  - c) For which vector  $\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is  $[w]_B = (5, 1, -2)^T$ ?
- 7. Choose a maximal linearly independent system of the columns of the following matrix A! Write the other columns as linear combinations of the previous ones. Compute a basis of  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  (where  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is the nullspace of A)!

- 8. What is the reduced row echelon form of  $A = (\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2, \underline{a}_3) \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$  if  $\underline{a}_3 = \underline{a}_1 2\underline{a}_2$  and  $a_1 \notin \text{Span}(\underline{a}_3)$ ?
- 9. Let  $\underline{a} = (1, 0, -1, 2)^T$ ,  $\underline{b} = (1, 1, 0, 1)^T$  and  $\underline{c} = (0, 2, 1, 0)^T \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Show that  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  are linearly independent! Which of  $\underline{v} = (1, 0, 0, 0)^T$  and  $\underline{w} = (1, 1, 1, 1)^T$  is the linear combination of  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$ ? For those which are, compute the coefficients!
- 10. Find a basis in those subsets of problem 4 which are subspaces!

The problem sheets are available on the homepage of the lecturer: www.math.bme.hu/~merdelyi/bevalg1/