

4b) Using part (a), find all values of  $e$  and  $f$  so that this system has

i. a unique solution

$$\text{Rank } A = \text{Rank } [A|b] = \text{columns} = 3$$

has a unique solution when  $e \neq 4$  and  $f \neq -6$   
*Not necessary.*

ii. infinitely many solutions, or

$$\text{Rank } A = \text{Rank } [A|b] < \text{columns} \\ 2 < 3$$

has infinitely many solutions when  $e = 4$  and  $f = -6$  ✓

iii. no solutions

$$\text{Rank } A < \text{Rank } [A|b] \\ 2 < 3$$

has no solutions when  $e = 4$  and  $f \neq -6$  ✓

4c) In case b(ii) above, give a complete geometric description of the set of solutions.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & e-4 & f-6 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad x_3 = s$$
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -1 - s \\ x_2 &= 2 + s \\ x_3 &= s \end{aligned} = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The set of solutions is a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  going through the point  $(-1, 2, 0)$  with a direction of  $(-1, 1, 1)$ . ✓