

Suggested Solutions for Tutorial 3

①  $A_1$  By the 2x2-method we have

$$A_1^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(You can get the same result by the Gauss-Jordan method)

$$\underline{A_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{(-4) (-7)} \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & -7 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{(-2)} \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \text{Row echelon form has a zero-row.}$$

$A_2$  does not have an inverse.

$$\underline{A_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{(-1) (-1)} \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{(-5)} \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 & -5 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 2 & 0 & 3 & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \text{(-2)} \end{array}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 5 & -\frac{11}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{11}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } A_3^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{11}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -11 & 1 \\ -6 & 6 & 0 \\ 12 & -10 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{11} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} (-3) \\ (-1) \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \\ \\ (-1) \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \\ \\ (-1) \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \\ \\ (-2) \\ (-1) \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 21 & -2 & -8 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

So  $A_{11}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 21 & -2 & -8 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$2) a) AX = B - 3X \Leftrightarrow AX + 3X = B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow AX + 3IX = B \Leftrightarrow (A + 3I)X = B$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X = (A + 3I)^{-1}B \text{ if } (A + 3I)^{-1} \text{ exists!}$$

$$A + 3I = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A + 3I)^{-1} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \underline{X} = (A + 3I)^{-1}B = \frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 16 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b) AXB^{-1} = C \Leftrightarrow A^{-1}AXB^{-1} = A^{-1}C \Leftrightarrow XB^{-1} = A^{-1}C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow XB^{-1}B = A^{-1}CB \Leftrightarrow X = A^{-1}CB$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \underline{X} = A^{-1}CB = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\begin{bmatrix} -6 & -16 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}}}$$

$$2c) \quad XC = B^T + XA - 2I \Leftrightarrow XC - XA = B^T - 2I$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X(C-A) = (B^T - 2I) \Leftrightarrow X = (B^T - 2I)(C-A)^{-1}$$

↑  
if this exists!

~~...~~  $C-A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{So } (C-A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \underline{X} = (B^T - 2I)(C-A)^{-1} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 9 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

③ We have a system equivalent to the matrix equation  $Ax=b$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } Ax=b \Leftrightarrow A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b \Leftrightarrow x = A^{-1}b.$$

Using  $A^{-1} = A_3^{-1}$  from ① we get:

$$\underline{x} = A^{-1}b = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -11 & 1 \\ -6 & 6 & 0 \\ 12 & -10 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 6 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}}}$$

④ We try to invert the Matrix using Gauss-Jordan.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ c & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5+3c & c & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

The bottom row is zero when  $5+3c=0 \Leftrightarrow c=-\frac{5}{3}$ .

~~For all other~~ So the matrix has no inverse for this  $c$ .

For all other  $c$  we may divide by  $5+3c$  and

Continue:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{c}{5+3c} & \frac{1}{5+3c} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 + 3R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 0 & \frac{5}{5+3c} & \frac{-3}{5+3c} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{c}{5+3c} & \frac{1}{5+3c} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 \cdot (-1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{-5}{5+3c} & \frac{3}{5+3c} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{c}{5+3c} & \frac{1}{5+3c} \end{array} \right] \quad \left| -\frac{3c}{5+3c} = \frac{5+3c-3c}{5+3c} \right.$$

So the inverse exists for  $c \neq -\frac{5}{3}$  and it is:

$$\frac{1}{5+3c} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ c & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(The same result can be obtained easier with the  $2 \times 2$ -formula!  
This method works for  $n \times n$ -matrices though)

$$(5) \star A^2 + 3A - 2I = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^2 + 3A = 2I$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A(A + 3I) = 2I$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A \cdot \frac{1}{2}(A + 3I) = I$$

This shows that the inverse of  $A$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(A + 3I) !!$

(6) a) Rotating by the same angle in the opposite direction is the inverse map.

b) No inverse exists. The inverse would have to map the  $x$ -axis onto all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

c)  $S$  is its own inverse! Reflecting 2 times has no effect, we have  $[S][S] = I$ .

7) Put the vectors as rows in a matrix and  
a) row reduce:

$$\begin{matrix} v_1 \rightarrow \\ v_2 \rightarrow \\ v_3 \rightarrow \\ v_4 \rightarrow \end{matrix}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}
 \sim
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 & -9 \end{bmatrix}
 \sim
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

these vectors form a basis for S!

b) So S has dimension 3;  $\dim(S) = 3$

c) This corresponds to solving the system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 2 & -7 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \sim
 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & 3 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 4 & | & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

No solutions, so no  
the vector  $w$  is not in  $S$ .

d) No, for example,  $w$  is not a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_4$ .

(or just note that  $\dim S = 3 \neq 4 = \dim \mathbb{R}^4$ )

8) a)  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Span of columns}$ . We write the columns as rows and reduce:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow (-2) \\ \leftarrow (-2) \\ \leftarrow (-3) \end{matrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow (-1) \\ \leftarrow (-1) \end{matrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{basis!} \\ \leftarrow (-1) \end{matrix}$$

So  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

Thus  $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col}(A) = 2$

b)  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the null space iff it solves the system  $AX=0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \leftarrow (-2) \\ \leftarrow (-3) \end{matrix} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 10 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \leftarrow (-\frac{1}{4}) \\ \leftarrow (-\frac{1}{5}) \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \leftarrow (-1) \\ \leftarrow (-1) \end{matrix} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \leftarrow (-2) \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

take  $x_3 = s$   
 $x_4 = t$ . Then

$$\begin{matrix} x_1 = 2s - t \\ x_2 = 2s - t \\ x_3 = s \\ x_4 = t \end{matrix} \left( \begin{matrix} s, t \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$\text{So } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis for  $\text{Nul}(A)$ .

So the dimension of  $\text{Nul}(A)$  is 2.  $\dim \text{Nul}(A) = 2$ .

# 7 Alternative solution

a) We put the Vectors as Columns in a matrix and row-reduce.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-2 \cdot R_1 \\ -3 \cdot R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & -7 & 1 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{+7 \cdot R_2 \\ -7 \cdot R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & -16 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-\frac{4}{3} \cdot R_3 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \cdot R_4}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pivots in columns 1, 2, 3, therefore a basis for  $S$  is:  $\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

b) By a),  $\dim(S) = 3$

c) We solve:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-2 \cdot R_1 \\ -3 \cdot R_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & -1 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 1 & | & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{+7 \cdot R_2 \\ -7 \cdot R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & | & 11 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-\frac{8}{6} \cdot R_3 \\ -\frac{8}{6} \cdot R_4}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

NO solutions! Answer: No,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin S$ .

d) No, for example  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin S$ , so  $S$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

## 8 Alternative Solution

We start by finding a basis for  $\text{Nul}(M)$ :  $MX=0 \Leftrightarrow$

b)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-2R_1 \\ -3R_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 10 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-\frac{1}{4}R_2 \\ -\frac{1}{5}R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_3 - x_4 \\ x_2 = 2x_3 - x_4 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Therefore  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Nul}(M)$ .

For a) we note that column 1 and 2 were pivot columns in the echelon form of  $M$ .

Therefore,  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Col}(M)$ .

Remark: Note that a subspace can have more than one basis. Both  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  span the same subspace ( $\text{Col}(M)$ ). Both answers are correct.