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- a) FALSE
  - b) FALSE
  - c) TRUE
  - d) TRUE
  - e) FALSE

2 (a)  $\lambda x + z = 3$   
 $2x - 3y = 4$   
 $x - y + z = 2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ \lambda & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\begin{array}{l} R_2 - \lambda R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array}]{}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1-\lambda & 3-2\lambda \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -R_3 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1-\lambda & 3-2\lambda \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - \lambda R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-3\lambda & 3-2\lambda \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\boxed{\lambda \neq \frac{1}{3}}$  then there is a unique sol<sup>n</sup>  $\left( \begin{array}{l} z = \frac{3-2\lambda}{1-3\lambda} \\ \Rightarrow y = -2z = \text{etc} \end{array} \right)$

ie unique sol<sup>n</sup> for all  $\lambda$  except  $\lambda = \frac{1}{3}$

(b) If  $\lambda = \frac{1}{3}$  then reduced system is  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{3} \end{array} \right]$

which is inconsistent  $\Rightarrow$  no sol<sup>n</sup>

ie no sol<sup>n</sup> when  $\boxed{\lambda = \frac{1}{3}}$

(c) Above two cases cover every value of  $\lambda \Rightarrow$   $\boxed{\text{no value of } \lambda}$  gives infinitely many sol<sup>n</sup>s.

3 (a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$  unless  $ad=bc$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{5-6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}}$$

(b)  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}}$

(c) No Given any vector  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$  is the unique sol<sup>n</sup> b/c  $A^{-1}$  exists (& is unique)

4  $x'' - 2x' - 3x = 0$

(a)  $x = e^{rt} \Rightarrow x'' - 2x' - 3x = e^{rt}(r^2 - 2r - 3) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (r-3)(r+1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = 3, -1$

$\Rightarrow$  general sol<sup>n</sup> is  $x(t) = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-t}$

(b)  $x(0) = C_1 + C_2 = \alpha$   
 $x' = 3C_1 e^{3t} - C_2 e^{-t} \Rightarrow x'(0) = 3C_1 - C_2 = \beta$  }  $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = \alpha \\ 3C_1 - C_2 = \beta \end{cases}$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}}$$

(c) No - for any  $\alpha, \beta$  we can solve the system in (b):  
 $\begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$  The inverse exists because  
 $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 - 3 = -4 \neq 0$

5 (a) Find solns of  $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$  then unique

$$\text{soln is } \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  vectors are independent.

If  $\det(\ ) = 0$  then there are infinitely many solns (can't be unique soln & can't be no soln since  $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is always a soln)

$\Rightarrow$  there is a linear combination (other than  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ ) that gives the zero vector  $\Rightarrow$  vectors are dependent

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{vmatrix} = \alpha(\alpha^2 - 1) - \alpha = -\alpha(\alpha^2 - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(\ ) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 0 \text{ OR } \alpha = \pm\sqrt{2}}$$

(b)  $x + y + z = 0$   
 $y - z = 0 \Leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$  is already row reduced

$\Rightarrow z = \text{anything} = t$  Then  $y = z = t$  &  $x = -y - z = -t - t = -2t$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \text{ for any } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

(c) The set of all solns is  $t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = W$

So  $\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}$  is a basis of  $W$  (one vector must be independent & it spans  $W$ )

$\Rightarrow \boxed{W \text{ is one-dimensional}}$  (one basis vector)

6. Let  $B$  &  $C$  both be inverses of  $A$  (different, if possible)

Then, by definition of inverse,  $AB = BA = I$  &  $AC = CA = I$

$$\Rightarrow AB = I = AC$$

$$\Rightarrow B(AB) = B(AC)$$

$$\Rightarrow (BA)B = (BA)C$$

$$\Rightarrow IB = IC$$

$$\Rightarrow B = C$$

(Associativity of matrix multiplication)

$$(BA = I)$$

So "both" inverses are, in fact, equal  $\Rightarrow$  the inverse is unique

Q.E.D.