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(7) No

It is not closed under scalar multiplication.

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the set but  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is not in the set.

(8) Yes

 $W$  is equal to the null space of  $\begin{bmatrix} a^T \\ b^T \end{bmatrix}$ .

The null space of a matrix is always a vector space.

(9)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

R3  $\mapsto$  R3 - 3R1

R2  $\mapsto$   $\frac{1}{2}R2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -7 & -3 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

R1  $\mapsto$  R1 - 4R2

R3  $\mapsto$  R3 + 7R2

R2  $\mapsto$  R2 - R3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & \frac{7}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

R3  $\mapsto$  2R3

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & -1 \\ -6 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(10)

Suppose  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 = 0$ . Then  $v_1^T(c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3) = 0$ Thus  $c_1v_1^Tv_1 + 0 + 0 = 0$ . But  $v_1^Tv_1$  is a non-zero number so  $c_1 = 0$ .Repeat this process  $v_2^T(c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$  $v_3^T(c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3) = 0 \Rightarrow c_3 = 0$ .The only numbers  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  with  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 = 0$  are $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ . We have proven that  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linearly independent.