

4. Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $Ax = 0$  has infinitely many solutions. Let  $b$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (a) Can  $Ax = b$  have no solution? **Yes**  
 (b) Can  $Ax = b$  have exactly one solution? **No**  
 (c) Can  $Ax = b$  have infinitely many solutions? **Yes**  
 (d) **EXPLAIN** each answer.

The hypothesis tells us that  $A$  is not invertible, so the IMT tells us that  $Ax = b$  has no solution for some choices of  $b$ . Also, if  $Ax = b$  has any solutions, then it has to have an infinite number of solutions because if  $Ax = b$  and  $Ay = 0$  then  $A(x+y) = b$ . We are told that there are infinitely many  $y$  with  $Ay = 0$ .

5. Suppose  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Do  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  have to span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? **EXPLAIN**.

**Yes**. The main theorem about dimension tells us that  $n$  linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; thus, these vectors must span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

You may also give an explanation based on the IMT, see exam 3.

6. Let  $B$  be the basis  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Suppose that  $x$  is the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose coordinate vector with respect to the basis  $B$  is  $[x]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . What is the usual representation of  $x$ ?

$$x = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 - 12 \\ -25 + 18 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$