

1. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -18 & -24 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ and assume that $Ax = b$ is consistent for some particular, but unspecified, vector b . Is the solution unique or not? Why? If it is not, how are multiple solutions obtained?

2. Give the matrix A associated to the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, where

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1 - 2x_2 \\ -x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$