

**Answers: Matrix equations, row space, column space**

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $\text{rank}A = 2$ .  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has infinitely many solutions.  
(The number of free parameters =  $3 - 2 = 1 > 0$ .)
3. The vectors are linearly dependent if  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has a non-zero solution. This holds by (2) above.
4. The column space of  $A$  consists of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ .  
The row space of  $A$  consists of all linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ .
5. The column space of  $A$  has a basis consisting of the columns of  $A$  corresponding to leading entries (pivots) in the row echelon form:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

The row space of  $A$  has a basis consisting of the non-zero rows in the row echelon form:

$$\{ [ 1 \quad -1 \quad 2 ], [ 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 ] \}.$$

For the matrix  $A$ ,

column rank =  $\dim(\text{column space}) = 2$  and row rank =  $\dim(\text{row space}) = 2$ .

Hence

$$\text{column rank} = \text{row rank} = \text{rank}A = 2,$$

as expected.