Quiz 3

1. Recall that, as shown in class, the homogeneous system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

becomes, in row-reduced echelon form,

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and that therefore the 3 planes corresponding to the 3 rows of the original system, whose normal vectors are the rows of A,

$$\vec{A}_1 = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$
$$\vec{A}_2 = \langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$$
$$\vec{A}_3 = \langle 7, 8, 9 \rangle$$

must all lie in the same plane. Show this, namely show that \vec{A}_3 lies in the span of \vec{A}_1 and \vec{A}_2 , or in other words find constants $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$a\vec{A}_1 + b\vec{A}_2 = \vec{A}_3$$

You may find it easier to work with column vectors rather than row vectors.