

Linear Algebra  
Quiz 3

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You have 10 minutes to complete this quiz. If you have a question raise your hand and remain seated. In order to receive full credit your answer must be **complete**, **legible** and **correct**. Show your work, and give adequate explanations.

1. Find weights  $w_1, w_2$  and  $w_3$  (if they exist) such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = w_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + w_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + w_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The weights must satisfy  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Solving, we get  $\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. Find the nullspace of  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Recall that the nullspace of  $A$  is the space of all  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

The fact that there was a unique solution to Problem 1 implies that there there is a unique solution to the homogeneous system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , which must be  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Hence the nullspace of  $A$  is  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ .