1 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & \mathbf{b}_1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 6 & \mathbf{b}_2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 2 & \mathbf{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & \mathbf{b}_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & \mathbf{b}_2 - \mathbf{b}_1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 & \mathbf{b}_3 - \mathbf{b}_1 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & \mathbf{b}_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & \mathbf{b}_2 - \mathbf{b}_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{b}_3 + \mathbf{b}_2 - \mathbf{2b}_1 \end{bmatrix}$

$A\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b}$ has a solution when $b_3 + b_2 - 2b_1 = 0$; the column space contains all combinations of $(2, 2, 2)$ and $(4, 5, 3)$. **This is the plane** $b_3 + b_2 - 2b_1 = 0$ (!). The nullspace contains all combinations of $\boldsymbol{s}_1 = (-1, -1, 1, 0)$ and $\boldsymbol{s}_2 = (2, -2, 0, 1)$; $\boldsymbol{x}_{complete} = \boldsymbol{x}_p + c_1\boldsymbol{s}_1 + c_2\boldsymbol{s}_2$;

$\begin{bmatrix} R & \boldsymbol{d} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ gives the particular solution $x_p = (4, -1, 0, 0)$.

3 $\boldsymbol{x}_{\text{complete}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. The matrix is singular but the equations are still solvable; $\boldsymbol{b}$ is in the column space. Our particular solution has free variable $y = 0$.

4 $\boldsymbol{x}_{\text{complete}} = \boldsymbol{x}_p + \boldsymbol{x}_n = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0) + x_2(-3, 1, 0, 0) + x_4(0, 0, -2, 1)$.

8 (a) Every $\boldsymbol{b}$ is in $\boldsymbol{C}(A)$: *independent rows*, only the zero combination gives $\mathbf{0}$.

(b) We need $b_3 = 2b_2$, because $(\text{row } 3) - 2(\text{row } 2) = \mathbf{0}$.

10 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ has $\boldsymbol{x}_p = (2, 4, 0)$ and $\boldsymbol{x}_{\text{null}} = (c, c, c)$. Many possible A !

11 A 1 by 3 system has at least **two** free variables. But $\boldsymbol{x}_{\text{null}}$ in Problem 10 only has **one**.

12 (a) If $A\boldsymbol{x}_1 = \boldsymbol{b}$ and $A\boldsymbol{x}_2 = \boldsymbol{b}$ then $\boldsymbol{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{x}_2$ and also $\boldsymbol{x} = \mathbf{0}$ solve $A\boldsymbol{x} = \mathbf{0}$

(b) $A(2\boldsymbol{x}_1 - 2\boldsymbol{x}_2) = \mathbf{0}$, $A(2\boldsymbol{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{x}_2) = \boldsymbol{b}$

16 The largest rank is 3. Then there is a pivot in every *row*. The solution *always exists*. The column space is $\mathbf{R}^3$. An example is $A = [\,I \quad F\,]$ for any 3 by 2 matrix F.

17 The largest rank of a 6 by 4 matrix is 4. Then there is a pivot in every *column*. The solution is *unique* (if there is a solution). The nullspace contains only the *zero vector*. An example is $A = R = [\,I \quad F\,]$ for any 4 by 2 matrix F.

22 If $A\boldsymbol{x}_1 = \boldsymbol{b}$ and also $A\boldsymbol{x}_2 = \boldsymbol{b}$ then $A(\boldsymbol{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{x}_2) = \mathbf{0}$ and we can add $\boldsymbol{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{x}_2$ to any solution of $A\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{B}$: the solution $\boldsymbol{x}$ is not unique. But there will be **no solution** to $A\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{B}$ if $\boldsymbol{B}$ is not in the column space.

31 For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, the only solution to $A\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is $\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. B cannot exist since 2 equations in 3 unknowns cannot have a unique solution.

34 (a) If $\boldsymbol{s} = (2, 3, 1, 0)$ is the only special solution to $A\boldsymbol{x} = \mathbf{0}$, the complete solution is $\boldsymbol{x} = c\boldsymbol{s}$ (a line of solutions). The rank of A must be $4 - 1 = 3$.

(b) The fourth variable x_4 is *not free* in $\boldsymbol{s}$, and R must be $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) $A\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b}$ can be solved for all $\boldsymbol{b}$, because A and R have *full row rank* $r = 3$.

36 If $A\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b}$ and $C\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b}$ have the same solutions, A and C have the same shape and the same nullspace (take $\boldsymbol{b} = \mathbf{0}$). If $\boldsymbol{b}$ = column 1 of A, $\boldsymbol{x} = (1, 0, \ldots, 0)$ solves $A\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b}$ so it solves $C\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b}$. Then A and C share column 1. Other columns too: $A = C$!