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Directions: Please answer in the space provided. No calculators. Please put all phones, etc., away.

1. Consider the basis  $B = \{(2, 1, 2), (3, 4, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the coordinate vector  $[x]_B$  for  $x = (7, 0, 11)$ .

$$[\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } \vec{x} = (7, 0, 11) = c_1(2, 1, 2) + c_2(3, 4, 1) + c_3(1, 1, 1)$$

$$\text{That is, } (7, 0, 11) = (2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3, c_1 + 4c_2 + c_3, 2c_1 + c_2 + c_3)$$

$$\text{or } \begin{cases} 2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3 = 7 \\ c_1 + 4c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 11 \end{cases}$$

Must solve to find  $c_1, c_2, c_3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 11 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 & 11 \end{array} \right]$$

This step gets lots of 1's and 0's [good]

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{R_1 - R_3 \rightarrow R_1 \\ R_2 - 5R_3 \rightarrow R_2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$c_1 = 5 \quad c_2 = -2 \quad c_3 = 3$$

$$\text{Thus } [\vec{x}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

ANSWER

Check:  $5(2, 1, 2) - 2(3, 4, 1) + 3(1, 1, 1) = (7, 0, 11) = \vec{x}$