**3.1** (20 points) For what vectors **b** does the linear system of equations  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a nontrivial solution?

(a) 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, (b)  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , (c)  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- **3.2** (30 points) For each of the following matrices, find  $\mathbf{U}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}$  by performing the following steps:
  - (a) determine all eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors;
  - (b) Form a  $3 \times 3$  matrix **S**, where each column is an eigenvector;
  - (c) Calculate the diagonal matrix  $e^{\mathbf{\Lambda}t}$  having on diagonal  $e^{\lambda_j t}$ , where  $\lambda_j$  (j = 1, 2, 3) is an eigenvalue;
  - (d) Find  $\mathbf{U}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{S} e^{\mathbf{\Lambda}t} \mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .

(a) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} -10 & -6 & -3 \\ 12 & 8 & 3 \\ 12 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- 3.3 (40 points) For each matrix from the previous problem, perform the following steps.
  - (a) determine the minimal polynomial;
  - (b) find the Sylvester auxiliary matrix  $\mathbf{Z}_k$  for each eigenvalue  $\lambda_k$ ;
  - (c) verify the spectral decomposition  $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{k} \lambda_k \mathbf{Z}_k$  for each matrix from the previous problem;
  - (d) construct the exponential matrix  $\mathbf{U}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}$  for each matrix from the previous problem;
  - (e) show that matrix  $\mathbf{U}(t)$  is a (unique) solution of the matrix initial value problem

$$\dot{\mathbf{U}}(t) = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}(t), \qquad \mathbf{U}(0) = \mathbf{I}, \quad \text{the identity matrix.}$$

**3.4** (10 points) Given the matrices **A** and **B** as shown below. Find eigenvalues of their products **AB** and **BA** and determine their algebraic and geometrical multiplicities.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 7 & -3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$