24. Suppose a system of linear equations has a  $3 \times 5$  augmented matrix whose fifth column is not a pivot column. Is the system consistent? Why (or why not)?

In Exercises 9 and 10, write a vector equation that is equivalent to the given system of equations.

9.  $x_2 + 5x_3 = 0$   $4x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 = 0$   $-x_1 + 3x_2 - 8x_3 = 0$ 10.  $3x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 3$   $-2x_1 - 7x_2 + 5x_3 = 1$  $5x_1 + 4x_2 - 3x_3 = 2$ 

In Exercises 11 and 12, determine if **b** is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3$ .

11. 
$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
12.  $\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ 

22. Construct a 3 × 3 matrix A, with nonzero entries, and a vector
 b in ℝ<sup>3</sup> such that b is *not* in the set spanned by the columns of A.

Compute the products in Exercises 1–4 using (a) the definition, as in Example 1, and (b) the row–vector rule for computing  $A\mathbf{x}$ . If a product is undefined, explain why.

**1.** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
**2.** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 5–8, use the definition of  $A\mathbf{x}$  to write the matrix equation as a vector equation, or vice versa.

8. 
$$z_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} + z_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + z_3 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + z_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

**14.** Let 
$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $\mathbf{u}$  in the subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by the columns of  $A$ ? Why or why not?

**15.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does not have a solution for all possible  $\mathbf{b}$ , and describe the set of all  $\mathbf{b}$  for which  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  does have a solution.

True or false (and why):

- **24.** a. Every matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  corresponds to a vector equation with the same solution set.
  - b. If the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent, then **b** is in the set spanned by the columns of A.
  - c. Any linear combination of vectors can always be written in the form  $A\mathbf{x}$  for a suitable matrix A and vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
  - d. If the coefficient matrix A has a pivot position in every row, then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is inconsistent.
  - e. The solution set of a linear system whose augmented matrix is  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3 \ \mathbf{b}]$  is the same as the solution set of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , if  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]$ .
  - f. If *A* is an  $m \times n$  matrix whose columns do not span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent for every  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- **30.** Construct a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, not in echelon form, whose columns do *not* span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that the matrix you construct has the desired property.