Do not begin until instructed.

**Problem 1** (9pts). Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the following:

**Problem 2** (6pts). Recall the definition of linear dependence:

A collection  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  of vectors is *linearly dependent* if there exist scalars  $c_1, \dots, c_n$ , not all zero, such that  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$ .

Define

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2\\1\\-3\\2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-2\\1\\-4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -4\\3\\1\\6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Prove that  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3$  are linearly dependent.

*Hint*: how do  $\mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_3$  relate to the matrix **A** from the previous problem?