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**Problem 1:** Consider the linear map

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x - y \\ 3y \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Give the matrix representation of this map. We will call this matrix  $A$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) Put  $A$  in echelon form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\rho_1 \rightarrow \rho_3 \rightarrow \rho_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) In your echelon form above, how many variables are leading? How many variables are free?

Both  $x$  and  $y$  are leading variables. There are no free variables.

d) What is the rank of  $f$ ? You do not need to justify your answer.

There are two leading variables in the echelon form of the matrix associated to  $f$ , and therefore the rank of  $f$  is 2.

e) What is the nullity of  $f$ ? You do not need to justify your answer.

There are no free variables in the echelon form of the matrix associated to  $f$ , and therefore the nullity of  $f$  is 0.