Quiz 10 Solution GSI: Lionel Levine 2/23/05

1. Find the coordinates of the vector (3, 2, 2) with respect to the basis

$$v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$$
 $v_2 = (1, 0, 1),$ $v_3 = (1, 1, 2).$

We are looking for numbers a_1 , a_2 , a_3 such that

$$(3,2,2) = a_1(1,0,0) + a_2(1,0,1) + a_3(1,1,2)$$

= $(a_1 + a_2 + a_3, a_3, a_2 + 2a_3).$

This gives the system of equations

Solving the system gives cooridnates

$$a_1 = 3$$
, $a_2 = -2$, $a_3 = 2$.