

Find the vector form of the general solution of the given linear system $Ax = b$; then use that results to find the vector form of the general solution of $Ax = 0$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 5$$

$$x_1 + x_3 = -2$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 3$$

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & | & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 - R_1, \quad R_3 - 2R_1$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & | & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & | & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \div R_2$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & | & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$