

## Step-1

The values for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  can be determined such that

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Observing that the last item in the 1<sup>st</sup> column is 0, so as to

$$c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 1 = 2 \Rightarrow c_2 = 2$$

From the 1<sup>st</sup> item in every column it outcomes

$$c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 1 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 + 2 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -1$$

Lastly, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> entry in every column it outcomes

$$c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 2 = -1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 = -1 + 4 = 3$$

Therefore the 3<sup>rd</sup> column can be represented as a linear combination of the 1<sup>st</sup> two columns:

$$-1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Step-2

At the present suppose  $b = (0, 0, 0)$  in the original system:

$$u \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + v \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + w \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

From the above equation the result obtained is

$$-1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow -1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore one solution for  $(u, v, w)$  is  $(-1, 2, -1)$ .

Alternative solution is  $(0,0,0)$  . the equation above can be multiplied by an arbitrary constant  $c$  and the right-hand side will keep on zero, therefore the whole set of solutions is altogether vectors of the form  $c(-1,2,-1)$  , that is, a line through the points  $(-1,2,-1)$  and the origin.