

**Example 4** If  $\begin{bmatrix} 2x & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$ , find the value of  $x$ .

**Example 6** Express the matrix A as the sum of a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrix, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -6 \\ 7 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**35.** Verify that  $A^2 = I$  when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .