

1 (10 pts). Find the general solution to the system expressed here in augmented matrix form:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & 5 & 15 \end{array} \right]$$

Solution:

(Source: 1.2.12)

Forward phase:

Subtract multiples of pivot row \mathbf{r}_1 from rows beneath to produce zeros in column 1:

$\mathbf{r}_2 \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$	1	0	-2	2	7
	0	1	2	0	-4
	2	1	-2	5	15
$\mathbf{r}_3 \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_3 - 2\mathbf{r}_1$	1	0	-2	2	7
	0	1	2	0	-4
	0	1	2	1	1

Subtract multiples of pivot row \mathbf{r}_2 from row beneath to produce zeros in column 2:

$\mathbf{r}_3 \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{r}_2$	1	0	-2	0	-3
	0	1	2	0	-4
	0	0	0	1	5

End forward phase. Matrix is in row echelon form.

Backward phase:

Subtract multiples of pivot row \mathbf{r}_3 from rows above to produce zeros in column 4:

$\mathbf{r}_1 \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_1 - 2\mathbf{r}_3$	1	0	-2	0	-3
	0	1	2	0	-4
	0	0	0	1	5

End backward phase. Matrix is in reduced row echelon form.

x_3 is free, since its coefficients form a non-pivot column. General solution:

$$x_1 = -3 + 2x_3$$

$$x_2 = -4 - 2x_3$$

$$x_3 \text{ is free}$$

$$x_4 = 5$$