

① Find a basis in the solution space of the hom. lin. system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 4x_4 + x_5 = 0 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + 5x_4 + 2x_5 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 + 9x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Sol: $\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 9 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1}} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

basic variables: x_1, x_2 | free variables: x_3, x_4, x_5
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(2nd) $x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{x_2 = -3x_3 - x_4 - x_5}$

(1st) $x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + 4x_4 + x_5 = 0$

$$x_1 + 2(-3x_3 - x_4 - x_5) - x_3 + 4x_4 + x_5 = 0$$

$$x_1 - 6x_3 - 2x_4 - 2x_5 - x_3 + 4x_4 + x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{x_1 = 7x_3 - 2x_4 + x_5}$$

The free variables: $\underline{x_3 = a}$, $\underline{x_4 = b}$, $\underline{x_5 = c}$ (where a, b, c are arbitrary).

So the solutions are: $\underline{[7a - 2b + c, -3a - b - c, a, b, c]^T}$ (11-)

A basis: $a=1, b=0, c=0 \rightsquigarrow [7, -3, 1, 0, 0]^T$
 $a=0, b=1, c=0 \rightsquigarrow [-2, -1, 0, 1, 0]^T$
 $a=0, b=0, c=1 \rightsquigarrow [1, -1, 0, 0, 1]^T$

So a basis of the solution space is

$$\boxed{[7, -3, 1, 0, 0]^T, [-2, -1, 0, 1, 0]^T, [1, -1, 0, 0, 1]^T.}$$

(So the dimension of the solution space is 3.)