Solve by matrix. And also calculate *x*, *y*, *z*.

## Solution:

The first step is to turn three variable system of equations into a 3x4 Augmented matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | \\ 2 & -3 & 5 & | \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & | \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Next we label the rows of the matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & | & 5 \\ 2 & -3 & 5 & | & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 6 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{R_1}{\underset{R_2}{R_2}}$$

Next we need to change all the entries below the leading coefficient of the first row to zeros.

For the second row, we can achieve this by multiplying by  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and then adding the result to row 1. For the third row, we can multiply by -1 and then also add the result to row 1.

$$-\frac{1}{2}R_{2}\begin{pmatrix}1&1&2\\-1&\frac{3}{2}&-\frac{5}{2}\\-1&-2&1\end{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{2} \\ R_{3} \end{pmatrix} R_{1}'$$
$$-\frac{1}{2}R_{2} + R_{1}\begin{pmatrix}1&1&2\\0&\frac{5}{2}&-\frac{1}{2}\\0&-1&3\end{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} \\ R_{3}'$$

We need the leading element in the second row to also be one. We obtain this result by multiplying the second row by  $\frac{2}{5}$ .

$$\frac{2}{5}R_{2}'\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 2 & 5\\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & 1\\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}R_{2}'' R_{3}''$$

Next we zero out the element in row three beneath the leading coefficient in row two. For achieve these adding row two and three.

$$R_{2}^{\prime\prime} + R_{3}^{\prime} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{14}{5} \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R_{1}^{\prime} \\ R_{2}^{\prime\prime} \\ R_{3}^{\prime\prime} \end{pmatrix}$$

From the above matrix, we solve for the variables starting with z in the last row

$$\frac{14}{5}z = 0$$

So z = 0

Next we solve for y by substituting for z in the equation formed by the second row:

$$y - \frac{1}{5}z = 1$$
$$y = 1 + 0$$
$$y = 1$$

Finally we solve for x by substituting the values of y and z into the equation formed by the first row:

$$x + y + 2z = 5$$
$$x = 5 - 1 - 0$$
$$x = 4$$

Therefore, the solution to the system of equations is  $\{x, y, z\} = \{4, 1, 0\}$ 

**Answer:** {4,1,0}