

$$x^2 + 2x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 2\beta + \gamma \\ -\alpha + \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

We know  $\boxed{\gamma = 1}$  By looking at the third row, Now let's look at the first row...

So...  $0 = \alpha + 2\beta + 1$

\*  $\alpha = -2\beta - 1$

\* Substitute in for row 2

$$2 = -\alpha + \beta$$

$$2 = -(-2\beta - 1) + \beta$$

$$2 = 2\beta + 1 + \beta$$

$$1 = 3\beta$$

$$\boxed{\beta = \frac{1}{3}}$$

so  $2 = -\alpha + \frac{1}{3}$   $\nearrow \frac{5}{3} = -\alpha$   
 $\frac{6}{3} = -\alpha + \frac{1}{3}$   $\rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = -\frac{5}{3}}$

Check:

$$x^2 + 2x = -\frac{5}{3}(P_1) + \frac{1}{3}(P_2) + 1(P_3)$$

$$x^2 + 2x = -\frac{5}{3}(-x+1) + \frac{1}{3}(x+2) + 1(x^2+1)$$

$$= \frac{5}{3}x - \frac{5}{3} + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3} + x^2 + 1$$

$$= \frac{5}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}x + x^2 - \frac{5}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + 1$$

$$= \frac{6}{3}x + x^2 - \frac{5}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + 1$$

$$= 2x + x^2 - \frac{3}{3} + 1$$

$$= 2x + x^2$$

$$= \underline{x^2 + 2x} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

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