Question Given

$$2x - y + 2z = 2$$
$$x - 2y + z = -4$$
$$x + y + \lambda z = 4$$

then the value of  $\lambda$  such that the given system of equation has NO solution, is

- 1) 3
- 2) 1
- 3) 0
- 4) -3

## **Solution:**

Let us solve the given equation theoretically and then verify the solution computationally. The given equation can be combined as:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{C} \tag{1}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

Where,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad and \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

Now forming the augmented matrix:

$$[\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{C}] = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & \lambda & 4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & \lambda & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 10 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & \lambda & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (5)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 3 & 0 & 10 \\
1 & -2 & 1 & -4 \\
1 & 1 & \lambda & 4
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2}
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 3 & 0 & 10 \\
1 & -2 & 1 & -4 \\
0 & 3 & \lambda - 1 & 8
\end{pmatrix}$$
(6)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 3 & 0 & | & 10 \\
1 & -2 & 1 & | & -4 \\
0 & 3 & \lambda - 1 & | & 8
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1}
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 3 & 0 & | & 10 \\
1 & -2 & 1 & | & -4 \\
0 & 0 & \lambda - 1 & | & -2
\end{pmatrix}$$
(7)

Given that the system of equation has NO solution . So,

$$\lambda = 1 \tag{8}$$

From the figure it is clearly verified that the theoretical solution matches with the computational solution.

