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Question: Solve the system of equations and find the condition for which the system has no solution:

$$x + y + z = 6$$
$$x + 4y + 6z = 20$$
$$x + 4y + \lambda z = \mu$$

Solution:

Name	Value
Equation 1	$x + y + z = 6 \iff \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = 6$
Equation 2	$x + 4y + 6z = 20 \iff (1 4 6)\mathbf{x} = 20$
Equation 3	$x + 4y + \lambda z = \mu \iff \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mu$

Table: Equations

The system of equations in matrix form is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 20 \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

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Forming the augmented matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 20 \\ 1 & 4 & \lambda & \mu \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

Using Gaussian elimination,

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & | & 6 \\
1 & 4 & 6 & | & 20 \\
1 & 4 & \lambda & | & \mu
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_3 \to R_3 - R_1}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & | & 6 \\
0 & 3 & 5 & | & 14 \\
0 & 3 & \lambda - 1 & | & \mu - 6
\end{pmatrix}$$
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & 14 \\ 0 & 3 & \lambda - 1 & \mu - 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \to R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 6 & \mu - 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

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From back substitution we get:

$$(\lambda - 6)z = \mu - 20\tag{5}$$

For the system to have no solution, we must have

$$\lambda = 6 \qquad \qquad \mu \neq 20 \tag{6}$$

So, we get zero equal to a non-zero value which is not possible.

Therefore the system of equations has **no solution**.

Final Answer : The system has no solution when $\lambda = 6$ and $\mu \neq 20$.

No solution for $\lambda=6$ and $\mu\neq20$

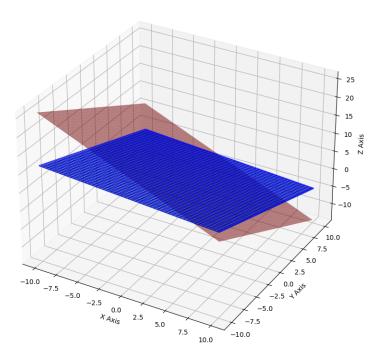


Fig: Planes