

Step-1

We know that $Ax = b$ has a solution or there exists a vector y , such that $yA = 0$ and $yb \neq 0$.

Let $y = (2, -1)$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}yA &= (2, -1) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\&= (2 \times 2 + (-1) \times 4, 2 \times 2 + (-1) \times 4) \\&= (0, 0)\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}yb &= (2, -1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\&= 2 \times 1 + (-1) \times 1 \\&= 1 \\&\neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Step-2

Thus, we have produced a vector $y = (2, -1)$ such that $yA = 0$ and $yb \neq 0$. Therefore, for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, the equation $Ax = b$ has no solution.