

## Step-1

We have to prove that a matrix with a column of zeros cannot have an inverse.

## Step-2

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n-1} & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n-1} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  be a matrix with a zero column.

We know that if a matrix  $A$  is invertible, then  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.

Since the given  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has no pivot position in the last column.

So the matrix  $A$  is not invertible.

Hence a matrix with zero columns is not invertible.