

## Step-1

Given that the column 5 of  $U$  has no pivot. Then we have to fill the following blanks.

Then,  $x_5$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ variable, the zero vector (is) (is not) the only solution to  $Ax = 0$ . If  $Ax = b$  has a solution, then it has \_\_\_\_\_ solutions.

## Step-2

Given that the column 5 of  $U$  has no pivot. So that column contains zeros, and hence  $x_5$  is a free variable. And the system  $Ax = b$  has a solution then it has unique solution or infinitely many solutions.

## Step-3

For example, consider two systems with augmented forms:

$$[A \ b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A \ b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the first system, the rank of  $A$  and the rank of  $[A \ b]$  are equal and the system has unique solution while in the second system, the rank of  $A$  and the rank of  $[A \ b]$  are equal and the system has infinite number of solutions.