

Step-1

Consider the following systems

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y + z = 0 \\ 2x - y + z = 0 \\ 4x + y + z = 2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 2y + z = 0 \\ 4x + 4y + z = 0 \\ 6x + 6y + z = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Step-2

Write the system (1) in matrix notation:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}}_X = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$

Notice that, in the above notation row 1 and row 2 of the matrix A are same.

Step-3

Augmented matrix associated with the above one is,

$$\begin{aligned}
[A \mid \mathbf{b}] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\
&\quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\
&\approx \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\
&\quad R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \\
&\approx \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\
&\quad R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\
&\approx \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Step-4

From the calculation of $[A \mid \mathbf{b}]$, notice that, if row 1 of a matrix is equal to row 2, then row 2 is equal to zero by the operation $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and then exchange zero row with row 3 by the operation $R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$, finally observe that there is **no third pivot**. [There is no non-zero element in third row and third column.]

Step-5

Write the system (2) in matrix notation:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A_1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}_1}$$

Notice that, in the above notation columns 1 and 2 of the matrix A_1 are same.

Step-6

Augmented matrix associated with the above one is,

$$[A_1 \mid \mathbf{b}_1] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$\approx \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$\approx \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_3$$

$$\approx \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

From the calculation of $[A_1 \mid \mathbf{b}_1]$, notice that, if column 1 of a matrix is equal to column 2, there is **no second pivot**. [There is no non-zero element in second row and second column.]