

## Step-1

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Given matrices

We have to show that  $A$  is not invertible.

## Step-2

Subtracting  $\frac{9}{7}$  times row 3 from row 4, we get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the last row consists all zeros.

Hence the matrix  $A$  has no inverse.

## Step-3

Given that the third row of  $A^{-1}$ , multiplying  $A$  should give the third row  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  of  $A^{-1}A = I$

We have to explain why this is impossible.

## Step-4

Let the third row of  $A^{-1}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \end{bmatrix}$

Then  $A^{-1}A = I$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2a & a+3b & 4a+8b & 6a+5b+7c+9d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equating the corresponding elements gives

$$2a = 0, a + 3b = 0, 4a + 8b = 1, 6a + 5b + 7c + 9d = 0$$

This has no solution.

Hence  $A$  is not invertible.