

Step-1

Given system is

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = b$$

We have to give two examples for b in which the system is solvable, and the system is not solvable.

Step-2

Letting $b = (3, 5, 8)$ then the column picture for the given equation is

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the above equation, the second row can be obtained by subtracting the first row from the third row, so the system has infinite solution; hence in this case the system is solvable when $b = (3, 5, 8)$

Step-3

Letting $b = (1, 2, 3)$ then the column picture for the given equation is

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the above equation, the second row can be obtained by subtracting the first row from the third row, so the system has infinite solution; hence in this case the system is solvable when $b = (1, 2, 3)$

Step-4

Letting $b = (3, 5, 7)$, then the column picture is

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the above equation, the left-side of the second row can be obtained by subtracting the first row from the third row, but not on the right-side (since $7 - 3 \neq 5$) so the system has no solution; hence in this case the system is not solvable when $b = (3, 5, 7)$

Step-5

Letting $b = (1, 2, 2)$, then the column picture is

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the above equation, the left-side of the second row can be obtained by subtracting the first row from the third row, but not on the right-side (since $2 - 1 \neq 2$) so the system has

no solution; hence in this case the system is not solvable when $b = (1, 2, 2)$