

↳ Let the system of linear equations

$$4x + \lambda y + 2z = 0$$

$$2x - y + 2z = 0$$

$$\mu x + 2y + 3z = 0, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}.$$

has a non-trivial solution. Then which of the following is true?

(a) $\mu = -6, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ (b) $\lambda = 3, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

(c) $\mu = 6, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ (d) $\lambda = 2, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

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Solution: (c) For non-trivial solution

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ \mu & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu\lambda + 2\mu - 6\lambda - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 2)(\mu - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -2 \text{ or } \mu = 6.$$