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In order to solve this system simultaneously, let us consider

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} c_1 & c_2 & b_1 & b_2 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 3 & -9 & -5 \\ -4 & -5 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -3 \end{array} \right].$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} &\sim \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{1,1}a_{2,1} & a_{1,1}a_{2,2} & a_{1,1}a_{2,3} \\ a_{1,1}a_{3,1} & a_{1,1}a_{3,2} & a_{1,1}a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} \sim \\ &\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ 0 & a_{1,1}a_{2,2} - a_{2,1}a_{1,2} & a_{1,1}a_{2,3} - a_{2,1}a_{1,3} \\ 0 & a_{1,1}a_{3,2} - a_{3,1}a_{1,2} & a_{1,1}a_{3,3} - a_{3,1}a_{1,3} \end{bmatrix} \sim \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ 0 & a_{1,1}a_{2,2} - a_{2,1}a_{1,2} & a_{1,1}a_{2,3} - a_{2,1}a_{1,3} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{1,1}\Delta \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta = a_{1,1}a_{2,2}a_{3,3} + a_{1,2}a_{2,3}a_{3,1} + a_{1,3}a_{2,1}a_{3,2} -$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \Delta &= a_{1,1} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \\ a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} - a_{1,2} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{2,1} & a_{2,3} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} + \\ & a_{1,3} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} \end{bmatrix} = a_{1,1} \det A_{1,1} - a_{1,2} \det A_{1,2} + a_{1,3} \det A_{1,3} \end{aligned}$$