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True (by definition). Free variables are those that do not correspond to a pivot column.

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False. The row corresponds to the variable x_4 being equal to zero. The system still may or may not be consistent, depending on what the other rows look like.