

Solutions to Homework Section 5.1  
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5.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 2 = 7$ . INVERTIBLE.

6.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -11 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = -6$ . INVERTIBLE.

7.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ . NOT INVERTIBLE

9.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4$ . INVERTIBLE.

13.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 7 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = 2(-26) - 5(-2) + 42 = 0$ . NOT INVERTIBLE.

14.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -2(-4) - 1(8) = 0$ . NOT INVERTIBLE.

17 Expand along the second row to get:

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} &= -3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -3(2(2-5) - 1(-10)) = -3(4) = -12 \end{aligned}$$

INVERTIBLE.

20 Find the determinant of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Expanding along the first column, we get:

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = (-1)^{1+3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding this determinant along the first column, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right| &= (-1)^2 \cdot \left| \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right| \\ &= (-1)^2 \cdot \left| \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right| \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

25.  $\det \mathbf{A} = 3x + 3 - 2x = x + 3$ . The matrix is singular when  $x = -3$ .
26.  $\det \mathbf{A} = 4x^2 - 4x - 5x = (4x - 9)x$ . The matrix is singular when  $x = 0$  or  $x = 9/4$ .
32. *Find  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  with  $\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \neq \det \mathbf{A} + \det \mathbf{B}$*

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{I}_2$ . Then  $\det(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \det \vec{0} = 0$  but  $\det \mathbf{A} + \det \mathbf{B} = 1 + 1 = 1$ .