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The Secret of Finding Determinant of Any Size of a Square Matrix Pre Calculus Honors 9.7

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Practice focus: Determinants and inverse matrices

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Show your reasoning and check units.

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02 Find the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

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04 Find the determinant of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Worked answers | Lesson 247

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$$ad - bc = 6 - 5 = 1.$$

02 Find the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Since determinant = 1, interchange diagonal entries and negate off-diagonals: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

03 Does $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ have an inverse?

No. Determinant = $4 - 4 = 0$, so the matrix is singular.

04 Find the determinant of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

For a triangular matrix the determinant is the diagonal product: $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 30$.