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ASSIGNMENT 6

**MATH 2050**

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1. For each of the following matrices find:
  1. the matrix of cofactors;
  2. the determinant using the cofactor (Laplace) expansion;
  3. the inverse matrix using the cofactors;

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -5 & 7 & -11 \\ -2 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

2. Find the determinant by rewriting the matrix in a triangular form

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & 11 & -11 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 & 7 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 & 8 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 6 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. For which values of  $a$  the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & a+1 & 0 \\ a & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is not invertable?

4. Let  $\det A = 5$  and  $\det B = 10$ .

A) Find  $\det(B^3 A^2 B^{-1} A^T B^T)$ .

B) Given  $\det(5A^{-1}B) = 6250$  find the size of the matrices.

5. True or False? Explain.

a) If a matrix is skew symmetrix ( $A^T = -A$ ) then it is not invertable.

b) Every matrix such that  $A^k = I$  for some  $k \geq 1$  has determinant equal to one.

c) Elementary row operations do not change the determinant of the matrix. (in other words, if  $A$  is obtained from  $B$  by an ERO then  $\det A = \det B$ .)

d) There exist such matrices  $A, B, C$  for which  $(ABC)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}C^{-1}$