

Question 1 (2 marks : 1 for each value)Find the values of a

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a-1 & 4 \\ 1 & a+2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$|A| = (a-1)(a+2) - 4 = 0$$

$$= a^2 + a - 2 - 4 = 0$$

$$= a^2 + a - 6 = 0$$

$$= (a+3)(a-2) = 0$$

$$a = -3 \text{ 1mark}, \quad a = 2 \text{ 1mark}$$

Question 2 (3 marks)

Choose the correct values

1) you're given :

$$\bullet \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the value of $\det(A^{-2})$.

a) 16

b) $\frac{1}{16}$

c) 256

d) $\frac{1}{256}$ 1mark2) Choose the correct value of $\det(B)$ in each of the following cases :

You're given :

- $\det(A) = 4$
- B is a matrix that resulted from A by multiplying its 1st row by 3 and adding it to the 2nd row.

What is $\det(B)$?

a) 12

b) $\frac{4}{3}$

c) 4 1mark

d) 7

3) If :

- B and A are of the same size.
- $\det(AB) = 5$
- $\det(A^T) = 1$

What is $\det(B)$?

a) 1

b) 6

c) 5 1mark

d) can't be determined
by the given information