

Step-1

Consider the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

By using $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ we get,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

By using $R_3 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$ we get,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-2

By using $R_4 \rightarrow 2R_2 + R_4$, we get,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3

By using $R_4 \rightarrow \frac{5}{2}R_3 + R_4$, we get,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

We know that if M is triangular, then $\det M$ is the product of the diagonal entries.

Thus, we have

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{vmatrix} \\ = (1)(-1)(-2)(10) \\ = \boxed{20}$$

Step-4

Consider the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + \frac{R_1}{2} \\ \\ \end{matrix} \\ \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ R_3 \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}R_2 + R_3 \\ \\ \end{matrix} \\ \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ R_4 \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}R_3 + R_4 \\ \\ \end{matrix} \\ \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -11/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We know that if M is triangular, then $\det M$ is the product of the diagonal entries.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4/3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -11/4 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (2) \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \left(\frac{-11}{4} \right) \\
 &= \boxed{-11}
 \end{aligned}$$