

Step-1

Given that

4×4 Tridiagonal matrix with entries $-1, 2, -1$, is given by

$$B_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-2

Here also the five terms that are non zero in big formula for $\det B_4$ are given by $a_{11}a_{22}a_{33}a_{44} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33}a_{44} - a_{11}a_{22}a_{34}a_{43} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32}a_{44} + a_{12}a_{21}a_{34}a_{43}$
 $= (2)(2)(2)(2) - (-1)(-1)(2)(2) - (2)(2)(-1)(-1) - 2(-1)(-1)(2) + (-1)(-1)(-1)(-1)$

$$= 16 - 4 - 4 - 4 + 1$$

$$\boxed{= 5}$$