

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & M_{k,k} \end{pmatrix} = \det(I_k) \det(M_{k,k}) = \det(M_{k,k})$$

$$\det M = \pm \det M_{k,k}$$

b. $M_{m-k,k} = 0$, $M_{k,k} = a$; $k=1$

Case: $m=2$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_{m-k} \\ M_{k,k} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det M = -a = \det(-M_{k,k})$$

Case: $m=3$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_{m-k} \\ M_{k,k} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = a \neq \det(-M_{k,k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(M) \neq \det(-M_{k,k})$$

Case: $k=m/2 \Rightarrow$ all submatrices are square and of the same dimension

$$\Rightarrow \det M = \det(-M_{k,k})$$

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