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Proof. We prove this by induction on the dimensions of B . Let $B \in \mathcal{M}_{1 \times 1}$. Then we calculate $\det M$ by cofactor expansion on row n , the bottommost row of M .

$$\det M = \sum_{j=1}^n M_{nj} \det(\tilde{M}_{nj})$$

Since every element on row n is zero except for the last element of row n which is B_{11} , $\det M$ simplifies to

$$M_{nn} \det(\tilde{M}_{nn}) = B_{11} \det(\tilde{M}_{nn})$$

We observe that $\tilde{M}_{nn} = A$, so the theorem holds for the case $B \in \mathcal{M}_{1 \times 1}$.

We now assume the theorem holds for $B \in \mathcal{M}_{1 \times 1}$, and prove it holds for $n + 1$.

We calculate $\det M$ as:

$$\det M = \sum_{j=1}^n M_{nj} \det(\tilde{M}_{nj})$$

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