

- 4×4 matrix
- $\det(A) = -4$

① $\det(A_1)$ where A_1 obtained by $12R_4 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$:

- Adding a multiple of one row to another does NOT change the determinant

• So

$$\det(A_1) = \det(A) = -4$$

$$\boxed{\det(A_1) = -4}$$

② $\det(A_2)$ where A_2 is obtained by $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4$:

- Swapping two rows multiplies the determinant by -1

• So

$$\det(A_2) = -\det(A) = -(-4) = 4$$

$$\boxed{\det(A_2) = 4}$$

③ $\det(A_3)$ where A_3 is obtained by $8R_2 \rightarrow R_2$:

- Multiply a single row by a scalar "k" multiplies the determinant by "k".

• So

$$\det(A_3) = 8 \times \det(A) = 8 \times (-4) = -32$$

$$\boxed{\det(A_3) = -32}$$