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Worksheet 7 More about Inverses & Intro to Determinants

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1. Is the matrix

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{rrr} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & -7 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

invertible? Use as few calculations as possible.

2. Find the determinant of

$$B = \left[\begin{array}{rrr} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 \\ 9 & 7 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

by hand using a cofactor expansion. Verify your calculation with your calculator.

3. Calculate the determinant of B in the previous problem by multiplying by diagonals.