

Step-1

We have

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det P = (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$= -1$ (expanding by first row with help of cofactors)

to obtain identity from P.

Step-2

We have

$$P \xrightarrow[\text{interchange row3, row4 interchange}]{\text{Row1, Row2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{interchange}]{\text{Row2, Row4}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3

We needed 3 exchanges of rows to get identity from P so that

$$\det P = (-1)^2 \det I = (-1) \cdot 1 \\ = -1$$

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{interchange Row2, Row4 interchange}]{\text{Row3, Row1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Step-4

So P^2 needed by only two interchanges to reach identity hence

$$\det P^2 = \det I = 1$$