

Step-1

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have

To find the cofactor matrix and the transpose, we follow

(1) We replace each entry of A by its cofactor:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ -6 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-2

(2) Multiplying each entry with the sign of its position

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^{1+1} 6 & (-1)^{1+2} 3 & (-1)^{1+3} 0 \\ (-1)^{2+1} (-3) & (-1)^{2+2} 1 & (-1)^{2+3} 1 \\ (-1)^{3+1} (-6) & (-1)^{3+2} (-2) & (-1)^{3+3} 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3

$$C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & -6 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) We transpose this matrix to get

$$\text{So, } AC^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & -6 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 3I$$

$$= \det A \cdot I$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A = \boxed{3}$$