

Step-1

Consider the following formula for the determinant of A .

$$\det A = \pm \det L \det D \det U$$

Since $\det L = 1$ and $\det U = 1$, we have $\det A = \text{Product of the Pivots of } A$.

Step-2

For obtaining the pivots of A , we will be performing the row operations on the matrix A ,

Consider i^{th} row and j^{th} row. Suppose both of them have 1 in their k^{th} column. Let us perform the operation, row i minus row j .

This will create a 0 in the k^{th} column of i^{th} row. Suppose i^{th} row has ± 1 in the m^{th} column. Now m^{th} column of j^{th} row will contain either a 0 or a ± 1 . Thus, m^{th} column of i^{th} row either remains as ± 1 or becomes zero.

Thus, this row operation does not create more 1 's or ± 1 's in the i^{th} row.

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Consider again i^{th} row and j^{th} row. Suppose i^{th} row has 1 and j^{th} row has ± 1 in their k^{th} column. Let us perform the operation, row i plus row j .

This will create a 0 in the k^{th} column of i^{th} row. Suppose i^{th} row has ± 1 in the m^{th} column. Now m^{th} column of j^{th} row will contain either a 0 or a 1. Thus, m^{th} column of i^{th} row either remains as ± 1 or becomes zero.

Thus, this row operation also does not create more 1 's or ± 1 's in the i^{th} row.

Step-4

Thus, the pivot elements of the determinant are from $\{-1, 0, 1\}$. Therefore, the determinant of A is either 1 or ± 1 or 0.