

Step-1

We need to find all the odd permutations of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

The odd permutations on four symbols are $\frac{1}{2}(4!) = 12$ in number

They are

One inter change $(1, 2, 4, 3), (1, 3, 4, 2), (1, 4, 3, 2), (2, 1, 3, 4), (3, 2, 1, 4), (4, 2, 3, 1)$

Three interchanges $(2, 3, 4, 1), (2, 4, 1, 3), (3, 1, 4, 2), (3, 4, 2, 1), (4, 1, 2, 3), (4, 3, 1, 2)$

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The permutations that lead to $\det P = -1$ are odd permutations.

The row interchanges are shown by $\hat{1}\hat{a}\epsilon^{\text{TM}}$ s in the respective places of the 4×4 matrix.

If only one interchange has taken place, then $\det P = (-1)^1 = -1$ and so, P is an odd permutation.

$$\begin{matrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ 1^{\text{st}} \text{ and } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ rows interchange} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ and } 4^{\text{th}} \text{ rows interchange} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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$$\begin{matrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ and } 4^{\text{th}} \text{ rows interchange} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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

1st and 4th rows interchange

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

2nd and 3rd rows interchange

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

1st and 3rd rows interchange

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Three row interchange:

$$1234 \rightarrow 1243 \rightarrow 1423 \rightarrow 4123 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1234 \rightarrow 2134 \rightarrow 2143 \rightarrow 2413 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$1234 \rightarrow 1324 \rightarrow 3142 \rightarrow 3412 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1234 \rightarrow 2134 \rightarrow 2314 \rightarrow 2134 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$1234 \rightarrow 1243 \rightarrow 1423 \rightarrow 1432 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1234 \rightarrow 1324 \rightarrow 1342 \rightarrow 3142 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We easily see that $\det P = (-1)^{\text{number of row interchanges}}$

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$$= (-1)^3$$

$$= -1$$