

## Step-1

We have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

We find  $\det(A)$  by cofactor expansion along the first column.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (4)(5) - 0 \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

## Step-2

Second method: since A is a triangular matrix, we find  $\det(A)$  by taking the product of the diagonal entries.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= |A| = (1)(4)(5) \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

## Step-3

The cofactor of A are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{12} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{13} &= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Step-4

And

$$\begin{aligned}C_{21} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -10\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{22} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{23} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

## Step-5

Then

$$\begin{aligned}C_{31} &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -12\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{32} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{33} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4\end{aligned}$$

## Step-6

So, all the nine cofactors  $c_{ij}$  of  $A$  are

$$C_{11} = 20, \quad C_{12} = 0, \quad C_{13} = 0,$$

$$C_{21} = -10, \quad C_{22} = 5, \quad C_{23} = 0,$$

$$C_{31} = -12, \quad C_{32} = 0, \quad C_{33} = 4$$

The matrix of cofactor is

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 0 & 0 \\ -10 & 5 & 0 \\ -12 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Step-7

Now

$$C^T = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -10 & -12 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We need to verify that  $AC^T = (\det A)I$

So, consider

$$AC^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -10 & -12 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Step-8

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 20+0+0 & -10+10+0 & -12+0+12 \\ 0+0+0 & 0+20+0 & -0+0+0 \\ 0+0+0 & -0+0+0 & -0+0+20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 20 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (\det A)I$$

## Step-9

$$\text{Thus, } AC^T = \frac{C^T}{\det(A)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & -10 & -12 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

## Step-10

Thus

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: The inverse of an upper triangular matrix is also an upper triangular matrix.