



10-4 Reteach to Build Understanding

Inverses and Determinants

1. Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

If you multiply a 2×2 matrix by its inverse, the result is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Suppose the inverse for matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$ is a matrix $\begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix}$.

The equation is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} aw + cy & ax + cz \\ bw + dy & bx + dz \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a. Use the equations to solve for the value of w , x , y , and z .

Equations (see above)	Write out with known numbers.	Simplify the equations.	Solution
$bw + dy$	$3w + _y = 0$	$3w = 0$ Divide each side by 3.	$w = 0$
$aw + cy$	$_w + 4y = 1$	$2w + _y = 1$ Substitute 0 for w . $2(0) + 4y = 1$ $_y = 1$ Divide each side by 4.	$y = \frac{1}{4}$
$bx + dz$	$3x + 0z = 1$	$_x = 1$ Divide each side by 3.	$x = \frac{1}{3}$
$ax + cz$	$_x + 4z = 0$	$2x + _z = 0$ Substitute $\frac{1}{3}$ for x . $2(\frac{1}{3}) + 4z = 0$ $\frac{2}{3} + 4z = 0$ Subtract $\frac{2}{3}$ from each side. $4z = -\frac{2}{3}$ Divide each side by 4.	$z = -\frac{2}{12} = -\frac{1}{6}$

- b. Complete the matrix for the inverse: $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} _ & _ \\ _ & _ \end{bmatrix}$

2. Enrique solved for the determinant of $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ as shown.

What error did he make? What is the correct answer?

$$\begin{aligned} 3(5) + 2(4) &= ? \\ 15 + 8 &= 23 \end{aligned}$$