

**Exercise-set 9.**  
**Solutions**

1. -3.
2. Evaluate the following determinant for all values of the parameter  $p$ .
  - a)  $p - 4$ .
  - b)  $10p^2 + 25p - 320$ .
  - c)  $-4p + 12$ ,
  - d)  $-42p$ .
3. a) 10,  
b) 0.
4. a) 8,  
b) -12.
5.  $(c^2 - d^2)^k$  (by induction).
6.  $n \cdot \det(A)$ .
7. No (if the cofactor belonging to this entry is 0).
8. a) No,  
b) Yes.
9. Use the expansion theorem (for columns and rows).
10.  $2x - 5y + z - 4 = 0$ .
11.  $7x + 2y - z - 4 = 0$
12.  $9x + 8y - 7z - 5 = 0$ .
13. Parallel,  $22x + 25y - 47z + 1/3 = 0$ .
14. Coplanar.
15.  $p = 1$  (the equation of the plane through  $A, B, C$  is  $5x - 3y + z = 4$ ).
16. a) -  
b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
c) -  
d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 & 13 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
e)  $\begin{pmatrix} 14 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .
17. a) all the entries of  $AB$  are 7,  
b) 0.
18. a) yes,  
b) no,  
c) yes.
19. a) 0 matrix,  
b)  $I$ ,  
c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2014 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
20. a)  $A^2 = I, B^2 = B$  so  $A^{2008} = I, B^{2008} = B$ ,  
b)  $\det(A) = 1$  or  $-1, \det(B) = 1$  or  $0$ .
21. a)  $A^2 = -I$  so  $A^{2015} = -A$ ,  
b)  $\det(B^{2015}) = \det(B)^{2015}$ , so  $\det(B^{2015}) = 7^{2015}$ .
22. a) True: if  $\det(A^k) = 1$  then  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ .  
b) False, e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

23. There are no such matrices, because for those  $\det(X) = \sqrt[2018]{2}$  would hold.

24. 2015 (the matrix  $A \cdot A^T$  is symmetric).

25.  $A_{ij}^2 = a_{i1}^2 + a_{i2}^2 + \dots, a_{in}^2$ , if it is 0, then  $a_{i1} = a_{i2} = \dots, a_{in} = 0$ .

26. 2012(=sum of the squares of all the entries).

27. If  $\det(A - I) = 0$  then  $\det(A^2 - I) = \det((A - I)(A + I)) = 0$ .

28. Yes, e.g.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = I$ .