

Proposition: Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  invertible. Then  $A^{-1} \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  if and only if  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ .

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$ ) We have  $A, A^{-1} \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$ , so  $\det(A), \det(A^{-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Also:

$$\frac{1}{\det(A)} = \det(A^{-1}) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ so } \det(A) \text{ is an invertible integer, namely } \det(A) = \pm 1.$$

$\Leftarrow$ ) We have  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ , so  $\det(A_{ij}) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$

and  $\frac{1}{\det(A)} = \pm 1$ . Also for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  we have:

$$(A^{-1})_{ij} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot (\text{adj}(A))_{ij} = \pm (\text{adj}(A))_{ij} = \pm (-1)^{i+j} \cdot \det(A_{ji}) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

whence  $A^{-1} \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$ .

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