Reading Strategies

4-4 Analyze Information

Every square matrix has a determinant. The determinant can be positive, negative, or 0. The determinant of a 2 \times 2 matrix is the difference of the product of the diagonals. Always subtract from the diagonal that starts in the upper left of the matrix.

Matrix	Determinant
$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - cb$
$J = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 4(6) - (-3)(-1) = 24 - 3 = 21$
$\mathcal{K} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 7 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 7 \\ 4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -2(9) - 4(7) = -18 - 28 = -46$
$L = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 16 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 16 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 8(8) - 16(4) = 64 - 64 = 0$

Answer each question.

- 1. Complete so that each matrix has
- **a.** 5 ___ **b.** $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$ a positive determinant. 2. Complete so that each matrix has **a.** $\begin{vmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ & 7 \end{vmatrix}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $-\frac{1}{2}$ **b**. a negative determinant. 3. Complete so that each matrix has **a.** | -5 7 | b. _____ a determinant of 0. 4. Complete so that each matrix has a. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ b. $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ a determinant of -1.
- 5. Matrix W has a determinant of 0. What do you know about the dimensions and the entries of matrix W?

