

Advanced Higher Maths  
SQA 2022 Paper 2  
Question 5



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Matrix  $A$  is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & k & 3 \\ k & 18 & -7 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Find the values of  $k$  so that the matrix  $A$  is singular.

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Answer:

$$k = 6, k = -4$$