

We are given:

- $A, B$  are invertible  $3 \times 3$  matrices
  - $\det(ABA') = 8$
  - $\det(AB^{-1}) = 8$
  - Find:  $\det(BA^{-1}B')$
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### Step 1: Use determinant properties

**Key Properties:**

1.  $\det(XY) = \det(X) \det(Y)$
  2.  $\det(X^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(X)}$
  3.  $\det(X') = \det(X)$  (since transpose doesn't change determinant)
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### Step 2: Use first condition

$$\det(ABA') = \det(A) \det(B) \det(A') = \det(A) \det(B) \det(A) = \det(B)(\det(A))^2 = 8 \quad (1)$$

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### Step 3: Use second condition

$$\det(AB^{-1}) = \det(A) \det(B^{-1}) = \det(A) \cdot \frac{1}{\det(B)} = 8 \quad (2)$$

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### Step 4: Multiply Equations (1) and (2)

Multiply (1) and (2):

$$[\det(B)(\det(A))^2] \cdot \left[ \frac{\det(A)}{\det(B)} \right] = 8 \cdot 8$$

Simplify:

$$\det(A)^3 = 64 \Rightarrow \det(A) = 4$$

Plug back into (2):

$$4 \cdot \frac{1}{\det(B)} = 8 \Rightarrow \det(B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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### Step 5: Compute $\det(BA^{-1}B')$

$$\det(BA^{-1}B') = \det(B) \cdot \det(A^{-1}) \cdot \det(B') = \det(B) \cdot \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot \det(B) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{16}$$

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**Final Answer:**

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{16}} \quad (\text{Option d})$$

Is this conversation helpful so far?