1, Using cofactor expansions, combined with elementary row and column operations when this is useful, to evaluate the determinat of the matrix (P326 Problem 5)
$\left(\begin{array}{cccc}-5 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 7 \\ 4 & 4 & -5 & -8 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 & 2\end{array}\right)$

2, Produce a matrix that diagonalizes the given matrix or show that this matrix is not diagonalizable (P353 Problem 5 \& Problem 7)
(a) $\left(\begin{array}{ccc}5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2\end{array}\right)$
(b) $\left(\begin{array}{ccc}-2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2\end{array}\right)$

