

- (1) (8 marks) Find all values of x in which $\det(A) = 0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x & -6-x & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 1-x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x & -6-x & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 1-x \end{pmatrix} = 0 + (-1)^{2+1} \cdot x \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1-x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 0 + (-1)^3(x)((0)(1-x) - (0)(5))$$

$$\det(A) = 0 - x(0)$$

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no matter what the value of x is,
 $x \cdot 0$ is always 0

$$\therefore x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } \det(A) = 0$$

- (2) (9 marks) For the following, recall that $A \cdot A^{-1} = I$.

- (a) (3 marks) Given $3B^2 - 4B = -I$, what is the inverse of B ?

$$\begin{aligned} -3B^2 + 4B &= I \\ (-3B^2 + 4B)B^{-1} &= IB^{-1} \\ -3BB^{-1} + 4BB^{-1} &= B^{-1} \\ -3B + 4I &= B^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (3 marks) Show that $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)^{-1}(AB) &= B^{-1}A^{-1}(AB) \\ \cancel{(AB)^{-1}}(AB) &= \cancel{B^{-1}A^{-1}}AB \\ I &= \cancel{B^{-1}B} \\ I &= I \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (3 marks) Show that $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$.

$$\begin{aligned} AA^{-1} &= I \\ \det(AA^{-1}) &= \det(I) \\ \det(A)\det(A^{-1}) &= \det(I) \\ \det(A^{-1}) &= \frac{\det(I)}{\det(A)} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \end{aligned}$$

- (3) (6 marks) Let P and Q be ~~5x5~~^{4x4} matrices such that $\det(P) = 2$ and $\det(Q) = -3$.

Find $\det(-2(P^{-2})(3Q)^{-1})$. Show your steps when using determinant properties for part marks.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \det(-2(P^{-2})) \det((3Q)^{-1}) \\
 &= xy \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad \begin{aligned} x &= \det(-2(P^{-2})) \\ &= (-2)^4 \det(P^{-2}) \\ &= 16 \frac{1}{\det(P^2)} \\ &= 16 \frac{1}{2^2} \\ &= \frac{16}{4} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} y &= \det((3Q)^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\det(3Q)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(3)^4 \det(Q)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(81)(-3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{-243} \end{aligned} \\
 &= (4) \left(-\frac{1}{243} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{4}{243}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (4) (7 marks) The different parts of this question are somewhat related, and may help you solve other parts of the question.

- (a) (2 marks) What is the relationship between A^{-1} and $\det(A) = 0$?

$$A^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \det(A) = 0$$

- (b) (2 marks) Give an example of a matrix whose determinant is 0 and has infinitely many solutions.

$$\det(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) (3 marks) Given $Ax = 0$. A is a non-zero 2x2 matrix. $X = x_1, x_2$ have non-zero values. Show that A is not invertible.

$$Ax = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \begin{aligned} ① & a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = 0 \\ ② & a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = 0 \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

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① & ② are the same equation

$$\therefore a_{11} = a_{21} \text{ \& } a_{12} = a_{22}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\det(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{11} & a_{12} \end{pmatrix} = a_{11}a_{12} - a_{12}a_{11} = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{b/c } \det(A) = 0 \Rightarrow A^{-1} \text{ DNE}$$