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1b

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & x & 2 \\ 2 & y & 3 \\ -5 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } \det(A) = d$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & x+1 & 0 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & y-2 & 0 & 3 \\ -5 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $\det(B)$  as a function of  $d$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+1 & 0 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & y-2 & 0 & 3 \\ -5 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & y-2 & 0 & 3 \\ -5 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & y-2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \\ & = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & y-2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & y-2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & y+1 & 3 & 4 \\ -5 & 6 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & y & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ -5 & 6 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & y & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ -5 & 6 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = d + 26 - 69 = \\ & = \boxed{d - 43} \end{aligned}$$

2a

$$\text{Let } A \in \mathbb{C}^{5 \times 5} : \forall i, j : A_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Let } A^4 = -A^2$$

$$\text{Prove: } \det(A) = \text{tr}(A)$$

Proof:

$$A^4 = -A^2 \implies (A^2 + I)A^2 = 0$$

$$\implies (A - iI)(A + iI)A^2 = 0$$

$$\implies m_A(\lambda) \mid (\lambda - i)(\lambda + i)\lambda^2$$

$$\implies \text{Eigenvalues of } A \text{ can only be } \{0, i, -i\}$$

$$\forall i, j A_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \implies k_i = k_{-i}$$

$$\implies P_A(\lambda) = \lambda^{k_0}(\lambda^2 + 1)^{k_i} = (\lambda - i)^{k_i}(\lambda + i)^{k_i}\lambda^{k_0}$$

$$0 \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A \implies \det(A) = 0$$

$$A \sim U \implies \text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(U) = k_i \cdot i + k_i \cdot (-i) + k_0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\implies \boxed{\det(A) = \text{tr}(A)}$$

2b

In addition to 2a,  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$   
Find all possible Jordan forms of  $A$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{rank}(A) = 2 &\implies g_0 = \dim N(A) = 5 - \text{rank}(A) = 3 \implies k_0 \geq 3 \\
 &\implies P_A(\lambda) = \lambda^{k_0}(\lambda^2 + 1)^{k_i} = \lambda^{k_0}(\lambda - i)^{k_i}(\lambda + i)^{k_i} \\
 k_i > 1 &\implies \sum k_{\lambda_i} > 5 \implies k_i \leq 1 \\
 k_i = 1 &\implies \forall \lambda : g_\lambda = k_\lambda, \sum g_\lambda = 5 = n \implies A \text{ is diagonalizable over } \mathbb{C} \\
 &\implies A_J = D = \begin{pmatrix} i & & & & \\ & -i & & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = J_1(i) \oplus J_1(-i) \oplus J_1(0) \oplus J_1(0) \oplus J_1(0) \\
 k_i = 0 &\implies P_A(\lambda) = \lambda^5 \\
 m_A(x) \mid x^2(x^2 + 1) &\implies m_A(x) = x \text{ or } m_A(x) = x^2 \\
 m_A(x) = x &\implies \text{There are three Jordan blocks of size 1 and that's not enough} \\
 &\implies m_A(x) = x^2 \implies A_J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & 0 & & & \\ & & 0 & 1 & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = J_2(0) \oplus J_2(0) \oplus J_1(0)
 \end{aligned}$$

**3a**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n}$  be triangularizable  
Let  $B \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times n} : P_A(B) = 0$   
Prove or disprove:  $B$  is triangularizable

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_A(\lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda - \lambda_i) \\
 P_A(B) &= 0 \\
 &\implies m_B(x) \mid P_A(x) \\
 &\implies P_B(x) \mid m_B^n(x) \mid P_A^n(x) \\
 &\implies P_B(x) \text{ is factorizable into linear factors} \implies \boxed{B \text{ is triangularizable}}
 \end{aligned}$$

**3b**

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