

SEMINAR 4

1) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 2$ and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$. Show that:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & \dots & a_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_1^{n-1} & a_2^{n-1} & \dots & a_n^{n-1} \end{vmatrix} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (a_j - a_i).$$

2) Are these matrices invertible? If yes, find their inverses:

$$\text{a) } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}; \text{ b) } \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 8 & 5 \\ 9 & 12 & 10 \end{pmatrix}; \text{ c) } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3) Determine the rank of the following matrices:

$$\text{a) } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}; \text{ b) } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}; \text{ c) } \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix};$$
$$\text{d) } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \alpha & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 2\alpha & 5 \\ 2 & 10 & -12 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{C}).$$