

B1,B2,B3,B4,B5

**B1**

- a) Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $j \in J_n$ . Find a one-to-one and onto function  $f : S_{n-1} \rightarrow \{p \in S_n; p(1) = 1\}$
- b) Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $i, j \in J_n$ . Find a one-to-one and onto function  $f : \{p(x) \neq j \text{ for } x \neq i\} \rightarrow S_{n-1}$ .

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**B2**

- a) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix. Prove that if the entries  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  are integer numbers then  $\det(A) \in \{1, -1\}$ .
- b) Let  $L : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation that rotates  $\pi/2$  radians the plane  $\{(x, y, z); z = 0\}$  and satisfies  $L(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0, 5)$ . Let  $A$  be the matrix of  $L$  with respect to the canonical basis. Prove that  $\det(A) > 0$ . What if  $\pi/2$  is replaced by an angle  $\theta \geq [0, \pi/2]$  and 5 by a nonzero real number  $\alpha$ ?

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**B3** Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix.

a) Use Cramer's rule to prove that  $B = (b_{ij}) = A^{-1}$  then

$$b_{i1} = \frac{C_{i1}}{\det(A)}$$

where  $C_{i1}$  is the matrix resulting from replacing the  $i$ -th column of  $A$  by the vector  $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

b) State the generalization of part a for  $b_{ij}$ .

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**B4**

- a) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Suppose there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a triangular matrix  $(t_{ij})$ . Prove that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (\det(A))^k = 0$  if  $|t_{11} \cdot t_{22} \cdots t_{nn}| < 1$ .
- b) State a sufficient condition for  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\det(A))^k = +\infty$

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**B5**

a) Construct a function  $f : [0, \pi] \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}$  (the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices) such that  $f(0) = I$ ,  $f(\pi) = -I$  and  $\det(f(t)) > 0$  for all  $t \in [0, \pi]$ . Hint: Consider rotations.

b) Let

$$A_k = \begin{bmatrix} f_k & g_k \\ u_k & v_k \end{bmatrix}$$

define a sequence of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. Prove that if  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} v_k = 0$  then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \det(A_k) = 0$

c) State the generalization of part b to  $n \times n$  matrices.

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