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1. Section 1: Linear Algebra

Assume that B is a 3x3 matrix with the property that $B^2 = B$. Which of the following statements about the matrix B MUST be true:

Pick **ONE** option

☐ B is invertible

☐ $\det(B) = 0$
☐ $\det(B^5) = \det(B)$
☐ None of the above must be true

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2. Section 1: Linear Algebra

A be the set of rational values of a for which the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & -a & -1 & 0 \\ a & -a & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & a & -a \\ 0 & 1 & a & -a \end{pmatrix}$$

Is the square of matrix with rational entries. Number of elements in A are:

Pick **ONE** option

☐ 0

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

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3. Section 1: Linear Algebra

For an odd number p, let S_p denote the set of 2 X 2 matrices as follows:

$$S_p = \left\{ A = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & x \end{bmatrix} : x, y, z \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\} \right\}$$

Find the number of A in S_p such that the trace of A is not divisible by p but $\det(A)$ is divisible by p.

Pick **ONE** option

☐ $(p-1)(p^2-p+1)$
☐ $p^3-(p-1)^2$
☐ $(p-1)^2$
☐ $(p-1)(p^2-2)$

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4. Section 1: Linear Algebra

Which of the following is true?

Pick **ONE** option

- ☐ 2×2 matrix A is diagonalizable if $A + A^T$ is diagonalizable.
- ☐ If A is a reflection at the line $3x = 4y$ and B is a projection onto $x = y$ line then $A + B$ is diagonalizable
- ☐ The sum of two eigenvectors v_1, v_2 of a matrix A is an eigenvector of A
- ☐ If S is the matrix which contains an eigen basis of a $n \times n$ matrix A as columns, then $AS = DS$, where D is a diagonal matrix.

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