

# EE5609 Assignment 17

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**Abstract**—This document solves problem based on Matrix Theory.

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## 1 PROBLEM

Use the result of Exercise 8 to prove that, If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices over the field  $F$ , then  $AB$  and  $BA$  have precisely the same characteristic values.

## 2 SOLUTION

Given	$A$ and $B$ are $n \times n$ matrices over the field $F$ .
To prove	$AB$ and $BA$ have precisely the same characteristic values. $\implies \det(cI - AB) = \det(cI - BA)$
Proof	$\begin{aligned} \det(cI - AB) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ A & cI - AB \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det \left( \begin{pmatrix} I & B \\ A & cI \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -B \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} I & B \\ A & cI \end{pmatrix} \det \begin{pmatrix} I & -B \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$ <p>In the above equation <math>\det \begin{pmatrix} I &amp; -B \\ 0 &amp; I \end{pmatrix} = 1</math></p> $\begin{aligned} \implies \det \begin{pmatrix} I & B \\ A & cI \end{pmatrix} &= \det \begin{pmatrix} cI - BA & 0 \\ A & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det(cI - BA) \end{aligned}$ <p>Thus, <math>\det(cI - AB) = \det(cI - BA)</math>  Hence, <math>AB</math> and <math>BA</math> have precisely the same characteristic values.</p>