

**(Q2)**

(a)

*Proof.* For  $n = 1$ , there is nothing to prove.

For  $n = 2$ , we have the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $\det A = ab - ab = 0$ .

For the induction step, we assume this holds for  $n$ , and prove for  $n + 1$ .

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n+1 \times n+1}$ , and  $A$  has two identical rows. Using Part 2 of Theorem 2, we define  $\det A$  as

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i+j} A_{ij} \det(\tilde{A}_{ij})$$

Where  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . We choose  $i$  such that we are not choosing one of the two identical rows. Then  $\tilde{A}_{ij} \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}$  and has two identical rows, so  $\det(\tilde{A}_{ij}) = 0$ .

Expanding the summation for  $\det A$ , we then get:

$$A_{i1} \det(\tilde{A}_{i1}) - A_{i2} \det(\tilde{A}_{i2}) + \dots A_{i(n+1)} \det(\tilde{A}_{i(n+1)})$$

Since  $\det(\tilde{A}_{ij}) = 0$ , each term in this sum is 0, and thus the entire sum is 0. ■

(b)

*Proof.* Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix},$$

By Theorem 57, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \det C &= \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i + a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_j + a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_j + a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_j + a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \det A + 0 + \det B + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C$  has two identical rows,  $a_i + a_j$  and  $a_j + a_i$ , By Theorem 58 part 1,  $\det C = \det A + \det B = 0$ . Thus, we can conclude

$$\det A + \det B = 0 \implies \det A = -\det B$$

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