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## Question 2

$$A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}), \det(2A^2 + 6I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \det A = ?$$

$$\det(2A^2 + 6I_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \det(A^2 + 3I_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A^2 - \text{Tr}(A)A + \det(A)I_2 + 3I_2 + \text{Tr}(A)A - \det(A)I_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(3I_2 + \text{Tr}(A)A - \det(A)I_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(\text{Tr}(A)A + (3 - \det(A))I_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\det(xA + yI_2) = \begin{vmatrix} xa_{11} + y & xa_{12} \\ xa_{21} & xa_{22} + y \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (xa_{11} + y)(xa_{22} + y) - x^2 a_{12} a_{21} = \\ &= x^2 a_{11} a_{22} + xy a_{22} + xy a_{11} + y^2 - x^2 a_{12} a_{21} = \\ &= x^2 (a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21}) + xy (a_{11} + a_{22}) + y^2 = \\ &= x^2 \det A + xy \text{Tr}(A) + y^2 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Using (2) in (1), we obtain:

$$\det(\text{Tr}(A)A + (3 - \det(A))I_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}^2(A) \det A + \text{Tr}(A)(3 - \det A) + (3 - \det A)^2 = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\text{Tr}^2(A) + 9 + \det^2(A) - 6 \det(A) = 0 \quad (**)$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) The equation should have just one

solution  $\Rightarrow \Delta = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow 36 - 4(3\text{Tr}^2(A) + 9) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow 36 - 12\text{Tr}^2(A) - 36 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(A) = 0.$$

The equation becomes:

$$\det^2(A) - 6 \det(A) + 9 = 0 \quad (***)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\det(A) - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A) = 3$$

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