Assignment 14

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***Abstract*—This document shows some properties of matrices, their inverse and determinant.**

1 Problem

The matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 \\ 9 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ satisfies:

1) $\mathbf{A}$ is invertible and the inverse has all integer entries.
2) $\det(\mathbf{A})$ is odd.
3) $\det(\mathbf{A})$ is divisible by 13
4) $\det(\mathbf{A})$ has atleast two prime divisors.

2 Solution

Performing some elementary row operations on the given matrix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 \\ 9 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow[R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{1}{9}R_1]{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{5}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 0 & \frac{31}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{-76}{5} & \frac{-72}{5} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + \frac{76}{31}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 9 & 8 \\ 0 & \frac{31}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-416}{31} \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.2}$$

After obtaining a triangular form of the matrix, we can say

$$\left|\mathbf{A}\right| = \text{product of diagonal entries of the triangular matrix} \tag{2.0.3}$$

$$= 5 \times \frac{31}{5} \times \frac{-416}{31} = -416 \tag{2.0.4}$$

1. $\mathbf{A}$ is invertible and the inverse has all integer entries	$det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$, hence $\mathbf{A}$ is invertible. $\mathbf{A}$ is an integer matrix and has all integer entries. $\therefore det(\mathbf{A})$ is an integer If $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ is an integer matrix and has all integer entries, then $det(\mathbf{A}^{-1})$ will be an integer. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_{3\times3}$ $det(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = det(\mathbf{I}) = 1$ $det(\mathbf{A})det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = 1$ This is possible only when $det(\mathbf{A}) = \pm1$

	But we have seen that $det(\mathbf{A}) = -416$, hence $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ does not have all integer entries. Given option is false.
2. det($\mathbf{A}$) is odd	False, as seen from (2.0.4)
3. det($\mathbf{A}$) is divisible by 13	True. Since $det(\mathbf{A}) = -416$, which is divisible by 13.
4. det($\mathbf{A}$) has atleast two prime divisors	True. As seen from (2.0.4), $det(\mathbf{A}) = -416 = -1 \times 2^5 \times 13$ so $det(\mathbf{A})$ has atleast 2 prime divisors.

TABLE 1: Verifying with given options