

# Week3\_\_discussion

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C11. Find the characteristic Polynomial of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A(x)) &= \det(A - xI) \\ &= \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - x \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3-x & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1-x & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -x \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= (3-x)(-x+x^2-2) + 2 + (x-1) \\ &= -x^3 + 4x^2 - 5 \\ &= (x+1)(-x^2 + 5x - 5) \\ &= -(x+1)(x^2 - 5x + 5) \end{aligned}$$