

Quiz 5, Linear Algebra

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Key

4.5 min \Rightarrow 20 min
in class

1. (4 points) Calculate $\det A$ for $A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -7 & 3 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & -6 & 4 & 4 & -8 \\ 5 & 5 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = -0 + 3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 & -5 \\ 7 & -6 & 4 & -8 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 0 + 0 - 0$$

$$= 3 \left[0 - 4 \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & -5 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0 - 0 \right]$$

$$= 3 \left(-4 \left(4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 + 0 + (-5)(5)(-1) - 0 - 0 - (3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2) \right) \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 4 & 3 & -5 & 4 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \end{array}$$

$$= -12 (16 + 25 - 30)$$

$$= -12 (11) = \boxed{-132}$$

2. (3 points) Let A and P be square matrices, with P invertible. Show that $\det(PAP^{-1}) = \det A$.

$$\det(PAP^{-1}) = \det(P) \cdot \det(A) \cdot \det(P^{-1})$$

$$= \det P \cdot \det(P^{-1}) \cdot \det A$$

$$= \cancel{\det P} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{\det P}} \cdot \det A$$

$$= \det A$$

3. (3 points) Can a square matrix with two identical columns be invertible? Why or why not? Make sure you explain your reasoning.

No. Two identical columns \Rightarrow columns of the matrix are linearly dependent

\Rightarrow Matrix is not invertible
(by I.M.T.)