

No books, watches, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1.¹ (5 marks) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} k & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, show that $\det(AA^T) \neq \det(A^T A)$ for every $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

Question 2. (5 marks) Use elementary operations to show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (b-a)(c-a)(c-b)$$

Question 3. (5 marks) Find the determinant of the matrix A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \det(A) & 1 & a \\ -2 & 3 & 1 & b \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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