

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. (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 $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} k & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k^2+10 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad |AA^T| = k^2+1$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k^2 & 3k & k \\ 3k & 10 & 3 \\ k & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad |A^T A| = k^2 \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 3k \begin{vmatrix} 3k & 3 \\ k & 1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 3k & 10 \\ k & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= k^2 - k^2 = 0$$

So $|AA^T| = |A^T A|$
 $k^2+1 = 0$ no $k \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the equation.

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{-aR_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2, -a^2R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & b-a & c-a \\ 0 & b^2-a^2 & c^2-a^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & b-a & c-a \\ 0 & (b-a)(b+a) & (c-a)(c+a) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & b-a & c-a \\ 0 & 0 & (c-a)(c+a) - (c-a)(b+a) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(b-a) \left[(c-a)(c+a) - (c-a)(b+a) \right] \\ &= (b-a)(c-a) [c+a - (b+a)] \\ &= (b-a)(c-a)(c-b) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\det(A) = a_{41}C_{41} + a_{42}C_{42} + a_{43}C_{43} + a_{44}C_{44}$$

$$\det(A) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 1(-1)^{4+4} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \det(A) & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = a_{13}C_{13} + a_{23}C_{23} + a_{33}C_{33}$$

$$\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \det(A) \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = -10 - 6 - [5 - 2 \det(A)]$$

$$-\det(A) = -21$$

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