

## Math 2B: Applied Linear Algebra

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**True/False** For the problems below, circle T if the answer is true and circle F is the answer is false.

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1.    ☒ T    F    If  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ .
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2.    T    ☒ F     $\det[(A+B)(A-B)] = \det(A^2 - B^2)$ .
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3.    ☒ T    F    If  $A$  is a square  $n \times n$  matrix and  $A^3 = 0$ , then  $\det(A) = 0$ .
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4.    T    ☒ F    If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(A^{-1}) = \det(A)$ .
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5.    ☒ T    F    If  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then there will always be a solution to linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
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6.    T    ☒ F    If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ , then  $\det(5A) = 5\det(A)$
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7.    T    ☒ F    For square matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we have  $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$ .
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8.    ☒ T    F    If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det(A)\det(A^{-1}) = 1$ .
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9.    ☒ T    F    If two rows of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  are the same, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .
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10.    T    ☒ F    For square  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we have  $\det(A^T) = -\det(A)$ .
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11.    ☒ T    F    If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular, then  $\det(I) = \det(A)\det(A^{-1})$ .
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12.    T    ☒ F    Any matrix  $A^{m \times n}$  where  $m > n$  with a zero row will have a zero determinant.
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13.    ☒ T    F    If  $A = LU$  is the LU-Factorization of matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then  $\det(A) = \det(U) = u_{11}u_{22} \cdots u_{nn}$ .
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14. T **(F)** Suppose  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . If  $B$  is produced by interchanging two rows of  $A$ , then  $\det(B) = \det(A)$ .
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15. **(T)** F If  $A$  nonsingular, then  $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A^T)}$ .
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16. T **(F)**  $\det(2A) = 2 \det(A)$ .
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17. **(T)** F If  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is produced by multiplying row 3 of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  by 5, then  $\det(B) = 5 \det(A)$ .
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18. **(T)** F  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$ .
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19. T **(F)** If  $\det(A) = 0$  for square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then the corresponding system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  will be inconsistent for all  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
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20. **(T)** F If  $A$  nonsingular, then  $\det(A^{-T}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)}$ .
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21. **(T)** F If  $B$  is formed by adding to one row of  $A$  to a scalar multiple times another row of  $A$ , then  $\det(B) = \det(A)$ .
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22. T **(F)** For square  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we have  $\det(-A) = -\det(A)$ .
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23. T **(F)** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $\det(A) = 2$ , then  $\det(A^3) = 6$ .
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24. T **(F)** Any square matrix with all nonzero rows will have a nonzero determinant.
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25. T **(F)** Any system of  $n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns is consistent if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .
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26. T **(F)** If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices with  $\det(A) = 2$  and  $\det(B) = 3$ , then  $\det(A + B) = 5$ .
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27.    **(T)**    F    For square  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then  $A^{-1}$  exists.
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28.    **(T)**    F    If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with zero determinant, then one column of  $A$  is a scalar multiple of the other column.
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29.    T    **(F)**     $\det(I_n + A) = 1 + \det(A)$  for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .
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30.    **(T)**    F    Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$ . Then, the determinant of product  $AB$  must be zero.
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31.    T    **(F)**    For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if  $\det(A) = 0$ , then two rows or two columns of  $A$  are identical.
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32.    T    **(F)**    For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if  $\det(A) = 0$ , then a row or column of  $A$  is zero.
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33.    **(T)**    F    If  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with zero determinant, then one column of  $A$  is a scalar multiple of the other column.
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34.    **(T)**    F     $\det(AB) = \det(B) \cdot \det(A)$ .
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35.    **(T)**    F    If two rows of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  are the same, then  $\det(A) = 0$ .
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36.    **(T)**    F    If  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then there will always be a solution to linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .
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37.    T    **(F)**    If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ , then  $\det(5A) = 15 \det(A)$
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38.    T    **(F)**    Suppose  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ . If  $\det(A) = 2$  and  $\det(B) = 3$ , then  $\det(A + B) = 5$ .
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## Multiple Choice

For the problems below, circle the correct response for each question.

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1. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 5}$  with  $\det(A) = -12$ . Suppose

$$B = S_{14}(5) \cdot P_{14} \cdot D_3(8) \cdot P_{23} \cdot D_3(1/4) \cdot A$$

where we use standard notation for elementary matrices as discussed in class. Then  $\det(B)$  is

- A. 0                      B. 120                      C. 24                      **D. -24**                      E. -120
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2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then, using matrix-matrix multiplication, we see

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -13/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the information above and your knowledge of the properties of determinants, which of the following gives  $\det(A)$ :

- A.  $\det(A) = -39$   
B.  $\det(A) = -13$   
C.  $\det(A) = 13$   
**D.  $\det(A) = 26$**   
E.  $\det(A) = -26$
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3. Suppose that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has nonzero determinant. Which of the following is NOT true:

- A.  $\dim(\text{Nul}(A)) > 0$**   
B.  $\text{Nul}(A) = \text{Nul}(A^T)$   
C.  $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(A^T)$   
D.  $\text{rank}(A) \leq n$   
E. None of these
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4. Recall that any determinant function  $\det : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a map from the set of  $n \times n$  matrices to the real numbers such that

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 0 \text{ if } A \text{ singular,} \\ \det(A) &\neq 0 \text{ if } A \text{ nonsingular.} \end{aligned}$$

Which of the following is not one of the five properties that such a determinant function must satisfy

- A.  $\det(I_n) = 1$ .  
B.  $\det(A) = 0$  if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has a row of all zero entries.  
C.  $\det(P_{ik} \cdot A) = -\det(A)$  for any transposition matrix  $P_{ik} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .  
**D.  $\det(S_{ik}(c) \cdot A) = c \cdot \det(A)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq n, i \neq k$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .**  
E.  $\det(D_j(c) \cdot A) = c \cdot \det(A)$  for each  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then, which of the following gives  $\det(A)$ :

- A. 0                      B. 10                      C. 6                      **D. -6**                      E. None of these.
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6. Suppose that  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  with the property that  $\det(B^2) = \det(B)$ . Which of the following statements about  $B$  must be true:

- A.  $B$  is invertible  
B.  $\det(B) = 0$   
C.  $B = B^2$   
**D.  $\det(B^5) = \det(B^3)$**   
E. None of these
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7. Suppose that  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is the upper triangular matrix from the LU factorization of matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

in problem 6 above. What do you know about the product of the diagonal elements of  $U$  given by  $u_{11}u_{22}u_{33}$ ?

- A.  $\det(A) = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33}$                       B.  $u_{11}u_{22}u_{33} = 0$                       C.  $u_{11}u_{22}u_{33} = 1$   
**D.  $u_{11}u_{22}u_{33} = -30$**                       E.  $u_{11}u_{22}u_{33} = 30$
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8. Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 5}$  with  $\det(A) = -4$ . Suppose

$$S_{14}(4) \cdot P_{14} \cdot D_3(1/8) \cdot P_{23} \cdot D_3(4) \cdot P_{12} \cdot B = A$$

where we use standard notation for elementary matrices as discussed in class. Then  $\det(B)$  is

- A. 0                      B. 2                      C. -2                      **D. 8**                      E. -8
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9. Suppose that  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  with inverse given by

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, find  $\det(A)$  :

- A.  $\frac{1}{6}$                       B.  $-\frac{1}{6}$                       **C. -6**                      D. 6                      E.  $\frac{2}{3}$
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## Free Response

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1. For what values of  $a, b, c$  is the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & -b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ b & -c & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  invertible?
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2. Use the formula for the determinant of an  $3 \times 3$  to prove that the determinant of a lower triangular matrix is the product of the diagonal elements.
  3. Prove the  $2 \times 2$  determinant function that satisfies the five properties we discussed in class must be unique?
    - A.  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$
    - B. If  $i \neq k$ , then  $\det(P_{ik} \cdot A) = -\det(A)$
    - C. If  $i \neq k$ , then  $\det(S_{ik}(c) \cdot A) = \det(A)$
    - D. For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\det(D_i(c) \cdot A) = c \cdot \det(A)$
    - E.  $\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$
  4. Prove the  $3 \times 3$  determinant function that satisfies the five properties we discussed in class must be unique?
    - A.  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$
    - B. If  $i \neq k$ , then  $\det(P_{ik} \cdot A) = -\det(A)$
    - C. If  $i \neq k$ , then  $\det(S_{ik}(c) \cdot A) = \det(A)$
    - D. For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\det(D_i(c) \cdot A) = c \cdot \det(A)$
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5. Use the general formula for determinants to prove  $\det(A) = \det(A^T)$

6. Recall that for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ , the determinant of  $A$  was given by

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\pi \in S_3} \text{sgn}(\pi) a_{\pi(1),1} a_{\pi(2),2} a_{\pi(3),3}$$

- (a) List all permutations  $\pi \in S_3$ . In other words, list all maps  $\pi : \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  that are one-to-one and onto.

**Solution:** Consider  $S_3$ , the permutation group on a set with three elements. We know that for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$ , we have permutations

$$\pi_i : \{1, 2, 3\} \longrightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$$

that are both one-to-one and onto. From our theorem above, we know that  $S_3$  contains exactly  $3! = 6$  different permutations. We will label these permutations here. Consider:

$$\pi_1 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pi_2 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pi_3 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\pi_4 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pi_5 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pi_6 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To investigate inversions with respect to each  $\pi_i$ , we need to consider three different pairs:

$$(1, 2)$$

$$(1, 3)$$

$$(2, 3)$$

We see that  $\text{Inv}(\pi_i) = \{(1, 3), (2, 3)\}$  are given by

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Inv}(\pi_1) = \emptyset & \implies & n(\pi_1) = 0 \\ \text{Inv}(\pi_2) = \{(1, 3), (2, 3)\} & \implies & n(\pi_2) = 2 \\ \text{Inv}(\pi_3) = \{(1, 2), (1, 3)\} & \implies & n(\pi_3) = 2 \\ \text{Inv}(\pi_4) = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\} & \implies & n(\pi_4) = 3 \\ \text{Inv}(\pi_5) = \{(2, 3)\} & \implies & n(\pi_5) = 1 \\ \text{Inv}(\pi_6) = \{(1, 2)\} & \implies & n(\pi_6) = 1 \end{array}$$

We can use this data to confirm that

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{sgn}(\pi_1) = (-1)^{n(\pi_1)} = (-1)^0 = +1 \\ \text{sgn}(\pi_2) = (-1)^{n(\pi_2)} = (-1)^2 = +1 \\ \text{sgn}(\pi_3) = (-1)^{n(\pi_3)} = (-1)^2 = +1 \\ \text{sgn}(\pi_4) = (-1)^{n(\pi_4)} = (-1)^3 = -1 \\ \text{sgn}(\pi_5) = (-1)^{n(\pi_5)} = (-1)^1 = -1 \\ \text{sgn}(\pi_6) = (-1)^{n(\pi_6)} = (-1)^1 = -1 \end{array}$$

With this, we are ready to build the determinant function for  $3 \times 3$  matrices.

- (b) Use your work in part (a) and the determinant formula given above to prove that the determinant of an upper triangular matrix  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is the product of the main diagonal elements.

**Solution:** Using the information above, for matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \sum_{\pi \in S_3} \text{sgn}(\pi) \cdot a_{1\pi(1)} \cdot a_{2\pi(2)} \cdot a_{3\pi(3)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \text{sgn}(\pi_i) \cdot a_{1\pi_i(1)} \cdot a_{2\pi_i(2)} \cdot a_{3\pi_i(3)} \\ &= a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot a_{33} + a_{12} \cdot a_{23} \cdot a_{31} + a_{13} \cdot a_{21} \cdot a_{32} \\ &\quad - a_{13} \cdot a_{22} \cdot a_{31} - a_{11} \cdot a_{23} \cdot a_{32} - a_{12} \cdot a_{21} \cdot a_{33} \end{aligned}$$

If we assume that  $A$  is upper-triangular, we know

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \iff a_{ik} \begin{cases} \in \mathbb{R} & \text{if } i \leq k \\ = 0 & \text{if } i > k \end{cases}$$

Thus, since all permutations  $\pi_2, \pi_3, \dots, \pi_6$  contain at least one inversion, we see that the determinant function greatly simplifies to

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot a_{33}$$

which is just the product of the diagonal elements. This is exactly what we wanted to show.