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1. For each statement below, determine whether the given statement is TRUE (*i.e.* always true) or FALSE (*i.e.* not always true). Provide a short justification for your response.

[2 marks]

- (a) Let A be a square matrix. Then $\det(2A) = 2\det(A)$.

F let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $\det(2A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
 $= 4$
 but $2\det A = 2$

[2 marks]

- (b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ be a matrix. Then $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of A .

F $A\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is not a scalar multiple of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore \vec{v}$ is not an e-vector

- [3 marks] 2. Let $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$ be the transition matrix for a Markov chain with two states.

Find all steady state vectors of the Markov chain.

Need $P\vec{x} = \vec{x}$, so solve $\vec{0} = (I - P)\vec{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{solve } \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0.4 & -0.1 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0.1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- [3 marks] 3. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ be a 3×3 matrix. Compute the determinant of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 5 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - 0 + (-1) \det \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2(-12) - (-1)(-15) \\ &= -24 - 15 \\ &= -39 \end{aligned}$$