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(1) Let A be a 3×4 matrix given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is the rank of A ? Is $\text{Nul } A = \mathbb{R}^4$? Is $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & \textcircled{-2} & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

There are 3 pivots \Rightarrow the rank of $A = 3$.

Since every row has a pivot, $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$.

By the rank theorem, $\dim \text{Nul } A = 4 - 3 = 1$.

So, $\text{Nul } A \neq \mathbb{R}^4$ since $\dim \mathbb{R}^4 = 4 \neq 1$.

(2) Compute the determinant of the following matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 51 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 10 & -1 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 127 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using cofactor expansion with ^{the} first row we only need to compute $\det A_{11}$.

Let's change 5th row by subtracting 7X 4th row and then use cofactor expansion using fifth column.

So, the determinant would be (-1) times

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 7 & -20 & -4 & -12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 7 & -20 & -4 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 7 & -20 & -4 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -27 & -4 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -7.5 & -38 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -7.5 & -38 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence the result is

$$(-1) \cdot 2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-2) \cdot (-21.5) = 86$$