Math 2Z03 - Tutorial # 8

Nov. 9th, 10th, 11th, 2015

Tutorial Info:

- **Review Session:** Monday Nov. 16th, 7-9pm, JHE264
- **Tutorial Website:** http://ms.mcmaster.ca/∼dedieula/2Z03.html
- **Office Hours:** Mondays 3pm - 5pm (in the Math Help Centre)

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- **Recall:** A is invertible if and only if $\lambda = 0$ is NOT an eigenvalue of A.

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- **3.** Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ a & b \end{pmatrix}$. Suppose $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of A. What must the eigenvalue corresponding to x be?

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- **Theorem 8.10.1:** If A is a symmetric matrix with real entries, then the eigenvalues of A are real.

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- **6.** Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -27 & 9 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -18 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Find A^k.