

59) (This came up in my research last month...)

For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $m > 1$  reduction modulo  $m$  gives a homomorphism  $\varphi: \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$ . ( $\mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z}) = \{M \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times n} \mid \det(M) = 1\}$ .) However for a matrix  $A \in \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$  the obvious preimage  $\in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times n}$  does not necessarily have determinant 1. (An example is given in part b))

- a) Let  $B \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times n}$  such that  $B \bmod m = A$ . Let  $B = PDQ$  be the Smith normal form of  $B$ . What can you tell about  $\det(B)$  and about  $Q$ ? Show how to find a matrix  $C \in \mathrm{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$  such that  $C \bmod m = A$ .  
 b) Find such a matrix  $C$  for  $m = 7$  and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 2 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

60) Show that two  $3 \times 3$  matrices are similar if and only if they have the same characteristic polynomial and the same minimal polynomial. Give a counterexample to this assertion for  $4 \times 4$  matrices.

61) Determine the characteristic and the minimal polynomial of the following matrix over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

62) Let

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -5 & 6 \\ -16 & -19 & 24 \\ -16 & -20 & 25 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a) Determine the rational normal form of  $A$  and find an invertible matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{Q}^{3 \times 3}$  such that  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is in rational normal form.  
 b) Determine the characteristic polynomial and the minimal polynomial of  $A$ .  
 c) Show that  $A$  and  $B$  are similar.  
 d) Find an invertible matrix  $P \in \mathbb{Q}^{3 \times 3}$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = B$ .

63) a) Let  $F$  be a field and let  $A \in F^{n \times n}$ . Show that  $A \sim A^T$ .

b) Show that there cannot be a single matrix  $B \in \mathrm{GL}_n(F)$  such that  $A^B = A^T$ . (That is, the statement in a) is  $\forall A \exists B : A^B = A^T$  and not  $\exists B \forall A$ .)