

## §1 Silver

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers such that  $a + b = 2025$ . Find  $(\det(A) - 2) \pmod{23}$  where the matrix  $A$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^3 & b^3 & 3ab & -1 \\ -1 & a^2 & b^2 & 2ab \\ 2b & -1 & a^2 & -b^2 \\ 0 & b & -1 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

## §2 Bronze

Given that  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same order with rank 3 and 2, and  $B^T A = 0$ , then what is  $\text{rank}(A - B)$ ?

## §3 Silver

How many real  $5 \times 5$  matrices  $A = (a_{ij})$  exist such that

$$|a_{ii}| > \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $\det(A) = 0$ ? Report the answer mod 5.

## §4 Bronze

What is the determinant of the following matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 9 & 4 & 25 & 49 \\ 27 & 8 & 125 & 343 \end{bmatrix}$$

## §5 Silver

$A_n$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $a_{ij} = \gcd(i, j)$ . Find  $\det(A_{10})$

Hint: Find  $\frac{\det(A_n)}{\det(A_{n-1})}$

## §6 Gold

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a square matrix of order 16. Suppose  $a_{ij} = \binom{16i}{j}$ . Evaluate its determinant.