

**LINEAR ALGEBRA**  
**EXERCISE 2**

3.15:

a.  $f_A(x) = x^3 - 15x^2 + 30x - 48.$

$f_{2A}(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 120x - 384.$

b. Prove that  $f_{\alpha A}(x) = \alpha^n f_A(\frac{x}{\alpha}).$

Solution: We divide each row of  $A$  by  $\alpha.$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{x}{\alpha} - a_{11} & -a_{12} & -a_{13} & -a_{1n} \\ -a_{21} & \frac{x}{\alpha} - a_{22} & -a_{23} & -a_{2n} \\ & -a_{n1} & -a_{n2} & \frac{x}{\alpha} - a_{nn} \end{array}$$

So we have to multiply the determinant by  $\alpha^n.$

$f_{2A}(x) = 2^3[(\frac{x}{2})^3 - 5(\frac{x}{2})^2 + 30(\frac{x}{2}) - 48].$

3.17:  $A$  is the matrix:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 10 & -4 \\ 16 & 32 & -12 \end{array}$$

$f_A(x) = x(x^2 + 2x - 120 + 128) + (-5x - 60 + 64) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x + 4.$  So By Cayly Hamilton's Theorem  $A^3 + 2A^2 + 3A + 4I = 0.$  So  $\frac{1}{-4}A(A^2 + 2A + 3I) = I.$  So  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-4}(A^2 + 2A + 3I).$  But  $A^2$  is equal to:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 10 & -4 \\ -14 & -23 & 8 \\ -32 & -48 & 16 \end{array}$$

So  $-4A^{-1}$  is equal to:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 8 & 12 & -4 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & -5 \end{array}$$