

AMS 505, qual (Spring, 2007)

1. Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $n \times n$  positive definite matrices. Prove  $\det(A + B) > 2\sqrt{\det(AB)}$ .

2. Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  real matrix and  $B$  be a  $n \times m$  real matrix, with  $m \geq n$ . Prove that  $\det(\lambda I_m - AB) = \lambda^{m-n} \det(\lambda I_n - BA)$ .