DETERMINANTS AND RANKS OF RANDOM MATRICES OVER Z_m

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Abstract

Let $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{m}}$ be the ring of integers modulo m. The *m*-rank of an integer matrix is the largest order of a square submatrix whose determinant is not divisible by m. We determine the probability that a random rectangular matrix over $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{m}}$ has a specified *m*-rank and, if it is square, a specified determinant. These results were previously known only for prime m.

Comments

Only the Abstract is given here. The full paper appeared as [1]. For related work on random symmetric matrices, see [2].

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