

# LINEAR ALGEBRA -II

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- ▶ Now by mathematical induction the determinant of a block upper triangular matrices (with square blocks on the diagonal) is the product of the determinants of diagonal blocks. That is,

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if  $P_{11}, P_{22}, \dots, P_{nn}$  are square blocks.

## Inverses of $2 \times 2$ upper triangular matrices.

- **Theorem 4.5:** Consider a block upper triangular matrix

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