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76013. *A Notion of Rank for Noncommutative Quadratic Forms.*

To every (commutative) quadratic form is associated a symmetric matrix, and one has the standard notions of rank and determinant function defined on the matrix, and, thus, on the quadratic form. In a recent paper by T. Cassidy & M. Vancliff, the notion of quadratic form is extended to the noncommutative setting. In this talk, we will see that a notion of rank (or determinant function) may be defined on such noncommutative quadratic forms. (Received September 17, 2010)