

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise A, Question 1

#### Question:

Write down the transposes of the following matrices. In each case give the dimensions of the transposed matrix.

**a**  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

**b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

**c**  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

**d**  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

#### Solution:

**a**  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  dimension  $3 \times 2$

**b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  dimension  $2 \times 2$

**c**  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  dimension  $3 \times 3$

**d**  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^T = (1 \ 2 \ 4)$  dimension  $1 \times 3$

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Exercise A, Question 2

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Write down  $A^T$ .
- b Find  $AA^T$ .
- c Find  $A^T A$ .

Solution:

a  $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

b  $AA^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 4+16 & -6+24 \\ -6+24 & 9+36 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 18 \\ 18 & 45 \end{pmatrix}$

c  $A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 4+9 & 8-18 \\ 8-18 & 16+36 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 13 & -10 \\ -10 & 52 \end{pmatrix}$

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#### Exercise A, Question 3

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Find  $BA$ .  
 b Verify that  $A^T B^T = (BA)^T$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } BA &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3-12 & 2+6 \\ 0+8 & 0-4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 8 \\ 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

b From a

$$(BA)^T = \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 8 \\ 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{BA is symmetric})$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^T B^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3-12 & 0+8 \\ 2+6 & 0-4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 8 \\ 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = (BA)^T, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

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#### Exercise A, Question 4

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 8 \\ 4 & -7 & -4 \\ 8 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Write down  $A^T$ .  
 b Show that  $AA^T = 81I$ .

Solution:

a  $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 \\ -4 & -7 & 4 \\ 8 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b  $AA^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 8 \\ 4 & -7 & -4 \\ 8 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 \\ -4 & -7 & 4 \\ 8 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1+16+64 & 4+28-32 & 8-16+8 \\ 4+28-32 & 16+49+16 & 32-28-4 \\ 8-16+8 & 32-28-4 & 64+16+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 81 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 81 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 81 \end{pmatrix} = 81 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 81I, \text{ as required.}$$

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Further matrix algebra  
Exercise A, Question 5

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Given that  $C = AB$ ,

- find  $C$ ,
- verify that the matrix  $C$  is symmetric.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } C &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 5 \\ -3 & 0 & -1 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0+3-15 & 0+15+0 & 0+6+15 \\ 12+0+3 & -3+0+0 & 3+0+-3 \\ 20+1+0 & -5+5+0 & 5+2+0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -12 & 15 & 21 \\ 15 & -3 & 0 \\ 21 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b } C^T = \begin{pmatrix} -12 & 15 & 21 \\ 15 & -3 & 0 \\ 21 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = C$$

Hence the matrix  $C$  is symmetric.

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Further matrix algebra  
Exercise A, Question 6

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Find  $\mathbf{AB}$ .  
b Verify that  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \mathbf{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0+0-5 & 0+3+0 & 0+0+15 \\ 2+0+1 & 2+0+0 & -2+0-3 \\ 1+0+0 & 1+1+0 & -1+0+0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 & 15 \\ 3 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

b From a

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{AB})^T &= \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 15 & -5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0+0-5 & 2+0+1 & 1+0+0 \\ 0+3+0 & 2+0+0 & 1+1+0 \\ 0+0+15 & -2+0-3 & -1+0+0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 15 & -5 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{AB})^T, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

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### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise B, Question 1

#### Question:

Find the values of the determinants.

$$\mathbf{a} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(6 - 0) - 0 + 0 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 - 4(20 - 6) + 0 = -56 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(8 - 5) - 0 + 1(10 - 12) \\ &= 3 - 2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix} &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(10 - 10) + 3(10 - 10) + 4(10 - 10) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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#### Exercise B, Question 2

#### Question:

Find the values of the determinants.

$$\mathbf{a} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -3 \\ 7 & 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 & -3 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} &= 4 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4(4 - 0) - 3(-4 - 0) - 1(8 - 0) \\ &= 16 + 12 - 8 = 20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -3 \\ 7 & 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} &= 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 7 & -4 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 3(-4 + 6) + 2(-16 + 21) + 1(8 - 7) \\ &= 6 + 10 + 1 = 17 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -2 & -3 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} &= 5 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 5(-12 + 8) + 2(-18 + 4) - 3(-24 + 8) \\ &= 5 \times (-4) + 2 \times (-14) - 3 \times (-16) \\ &= -20 - 28 + 48 = 0 \end{aligned}$$



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### Further matrix algebra Exercise B, Question 3

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 2k+1 & 3 & k \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Given that  $A$  is singular, find the value of the constant  $k$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 2k+1 & 3 & k \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2k+1 & k \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 2k+1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(3-0) - 1(2k+1-k) - 4(0-3) \\ &= 6 - k - 1 + 12 = 17 - k \end{aligned}$$

As  $A$  is singular,

$$\det(A) = 0$$

$$17 - k = 0$$

$$k = 17$$

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### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise B, Question 4

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ k & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & k+3 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

Given that the determinant of  $A$  is 8, find the possible values of  $k$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ k & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & k+3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & k+3 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} k & 4 \\ -2 & k+3 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} k & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(2k+6-4) + 1(k^2+3k+8) + 3(k+4) \\ &= 4k+4+k^2+3k+8+3k+12 \\ &= k^2+10k+24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } \det(A) = 8$$

$$k^2+10k+24 = 8$$

$$k^2+10k+16 = 0$$

$$(k+8)(k+2) = 0$$

$$k = -8, -2$$

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#### Exercise B, Question 5

#### Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 10 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Show that  $A$  is singular.
- Find  $AB$ .
- Show that  $AB$  is also singular.

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 10 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 10 & 8 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 10 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(0 - 40) - 5(-16 - 12) + 3(-20 - 0) \\ &= -80 + 140 - 60 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A$  is singular.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } AB &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 10 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2+5+0 & 2+10-6 & 0+10-3 \\ -2+0+0 & -2+0-8 & 0+0-4 \\ 3+10+0 & 3+20-16 & 0+20-8 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 6 & 7 \\ -2 & -10 & -4 \\ 13 & 7 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c } \det(AB) &= \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 6 & 7 \\ -2 & -10 & -4 \\ 13 & 7 & 12 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 7 \begin{vmatrix} -10 & -4 \\ 7 & 12 \end{vmatrix} - 6 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ 13 & 12 \end{vmatrix} + 7 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -10 \\ 13 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 7(-120 + 28) - 6(-24 + 52) + 7(-14 + 130) \\ &= 7 \times (-92) - 6 \times 28 + 7 \times 116 \\ &= -644 - 168 + 812 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $AB$  is also singular.

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#### Exercise B, Question 6

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Find  $\det(A)$ .
- Write down  $A^T$ .
- Verify that  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \det(A) &= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4(-9+8) - 5(6-4) - 2(-8+6) \\ &= -4 - 10 + 4 = -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b } A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & -3 & -4 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c } \det(A^T) &= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & -3 & -4 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4(-9+8) - 2(15-8) + 2(10-6) \\ &= -4 - 14 + 8 = -10 \\ &= \det(A), \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

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#### Exercise B, Question 7

Question:

a Show that, for all values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & -b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ b & -c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is singular.

b Show that, for all real values of  $x$ , the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & x & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & x \end{pmatrix}$  is non-singular.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & -b \\ -a & 0 & c \\ b & -c & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c \\ -c & 0 \end{vmatrix} - a \begin{vmatrix} -a & c \\ b & 0 \end{vmatrix} + (-b) \begin{vmatrix} -a & 0 \\ b & -c \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 - a(0 - cb) - b(ac - 0) \\ &= abc - abc = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the matrix is singular for all  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & x & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & x \end{vmatrix} &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} x & -2 \\ 3 & x \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & x \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & x \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(x^2 + 6) + 2(3x - 2) + 4(9 + x) \\ &= 2x^2 + 12 + 6x - 4 + 36 + 4x \\ &= 2x^2 + 10x + 44 \\ &= 2(x^2 + 5x) + 44 \\ &= 2 \left( x^2 + 5x + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 \right) + 44 - 2 \times \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= 2 \left( x + \frac{5}{2} \right)^2 + 31\frac{1}{2} \geq 31\frac{1}{2}, \text{ for all real } x. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the determinant cannot be zero and the matrix is non-singular for all real  $x$ .

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Further matrix algebra  
Exercise B, Question 8

**Question:**

Find all the values of  $x$  for which the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} x-3 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & x & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & x+1 \end{pmatrix}$  is singular.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} x-3 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & x & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} &= (x-3) \begin{vmatrix} x & -2 \\ -1 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & x+1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (x-3)(x^2 + x - 2) + 2(x+1-4) + 0 \\ &= x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 3x^2 - 3x + 6 + 2x - 6 \\ &= x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x \end{aligned}$$

For the matrix to be singular, the determinant must be zero.

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x = x(x^2 - 2x - 3) = x(x-3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = -1, 0, 3$$

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Further matrix algebra  
Exercise C, Question 1

**Question:**

Find the inverses of these matrices.

**a** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**b** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**c** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{a Let } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A}) &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(4-1) - 0 + 0 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

**b** By inspection

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c Let } \mathbf{A} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \det(\mathbf{A}) &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -\frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{5} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 1 \left( \frac{9}{25} + \frac{6}{25} \right) - 0 + 0 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -\frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{5} \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{4}{5} \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{5} \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise C, Question 2

**Question:**

Find the inverses of these matrices.

**a**  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

**b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**c**  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -7 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution:**

$$\text{a Let } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A}) &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(-4-0) + 3(0-3) + 2(0+6) \\ &= -4 - 9 + 12 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 & 6 \\ -6 & -4 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 & 6 \\ 6 & -4 & -9 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & -1 \\ 6 & -9 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & -1 \\ 6 & -9 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -6 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 \\ -6 & 9 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \text{ Let } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A}) &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(-2-1) - 3(3-2) + 2(3+4) \\ &= -6 - 3 + 14 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 7 & 4 & -13 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 \\ 7 & 4 & -13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 \\ 7 & 4 & -13 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 \\ 7 & 4 & -13 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{7}{5} & \frac{4}{5} & -\frac{13}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{c Let } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -7 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A}) &= 3 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + (-7) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 3(6-2) - 2(-2-0) - 7(2-0) \\ &= 12+4-14 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 10 & -6 & 6 \\ -19 & 10 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -10 & -6 & -6 \\ -19 & -10 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -10 & -19 \\ 2 & -6 & -10 \\ 2 & -6 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -10 & -19 \\ 2 & -6 & -10 \\ 2 & -6 & -11 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 & -\frac{19}{2} \\ 1 & -3 & -5 \\ 1 & -3 & -\frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise C, Question 3

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .  
b Find  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$ .

Given that  $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ ,

- c verify that  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\mathbf{AB})^{-1}$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \quad \det(\mathbf{A}) &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 - 0 - 2 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{C}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad \det(\mathbf{B}) &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -4 - 0 - 2 = -6 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 3 & -3 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{B})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{-6} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c } \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3}+0-\frac{1}{3} & 0+\frac{1}{2}+0 & \frac{1}{3}+0+\frac{1}{6} \\ 0+0+1 & 0-\frac{1}{2}+0 & 0+0-\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3}+0+\frac{1}{3} & 0+\frac{1}{2}+0 & -\frac{1}{3}+0-\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{AB})^{-1}, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise C, Question 4

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Show that  $\det(A) = 3(k+1)$
- Given that  $k \neq -1$ , find  $A^{-1}$ .

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise C, Question 5

Question:

$$\text{The matrix } A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & a & 4 \\ b & -7 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

Given that  $A = A^{-1}$ , find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

Solution:

$$A = A^{-1}$$

Multiplying throughout by  $A$

$$AA = AA^{-1}$$

$$A^2 = I$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & a & 4 \\ b & -7 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & a & 4 \\ b & -7 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ab+33 & -2a-8 & 8a+4c+20 \\ 16-2b & ab+33 & 4b+8c-56 \\ -2b+2c+10 & 2a-2c+14 & c^2-8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the second elements in the first row

$$-2a - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow a = -4$$

Equating the first elements in the second row

$$16 - 2b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 8$$

Equating the first elements in the third row and using  $b = 8$

$$-2b + 2c + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow -16 + 2c + 10 = 0$$

$$2c = 6 \Rightarrow c = 3$$

$$a = -4, b = 8, c = 3$$

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise C, Question 6

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Show that  $A^3 = I$ .  
b Hence find  $A^{-1}$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } A^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4-4-3 & -2+3+3 & 2+0+1 \\ 8-12+0 & -4+9+0 & 4+0+0 \\ -6+12-3 & 3-9+3 & -3+0+1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^3 &= A^2A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -6+16-9 & 3-12+9 & -3+0+3 \\ -8+20-12 & 4-15+12 & -4+0+4 \\ 6-12+6 & -3+9-6 & 3+0-2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

b  $A^3 = AA^2 = I$

Comparing with the definition of an inverse

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

$$A^{-1} = A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise C, Question 7

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Show that  $A^3 = 13A - 15I$ .
- Deduce that  $15A^{-1} = 13I - A^2$ .
- Hence find  $A^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \mathbf{A}^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1+3+0 & 1-3+0 & 0+1+0 \\ 3-9+0 & 3+9+3 & 0-3+2 \\ 0+9+0 & 0-9+6 & 0+3+4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -6 & 15 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^3 &= \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -6 & 15 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4-6+0 & 4+6+3 & 0-2+2 \\ -6+45+0 & -6-45-3 & 0+15-2 \\ 9-9+0 & 9+9+21 & 0-3+14 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 13 & 0 \\ 39 & -54 & 13 \\ 0 & 39 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 13\mathbf{A} - 15\mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 13 & 0 \\ 39 & -39 & 13 \\ 0 & 39 & 26 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 13 & 0 \\ 39 & -54 & 13 \\ 0 & 39 & 11 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = 13\mathbf{A} - 15\mathbf{I}, \text{ as required.}$$

**b** Multiply the result of part **a** throughout by  $A^{-1}$

$$A^3A^{-1} = 13AA^{-1} - 15IA^{-1}$$

$$A^2 = 13I - 15A^{-1}$$

Rearranging

$$15A^{-1} = 13I - A^2, \text{ as required.}$$

**c** Using the result of part **b**

$$\begin{aligned} 15A^{-1} = 13I - A^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 13 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -6 & 15 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & 1 \\ -9 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{15} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 & 1 \\ -9 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise C, Question 8

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Show that  $A$  is singular.  
The matrix  $C$  is the matrix of the cofactors of  $A$ .
- Find  $C$ .
- Show that  $AC^T = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Solution:**



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a } \det(\mathbf{A}) &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2(-12+6) - 0 + 1(12-0) \\
 &= -12+12=0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular.

**b** The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -6 & -16 & 12 \\ -3 & -8 & 6 \\ -3 & -8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 16 & 12 \\ 3 & -8 & -6 \\ -3 & 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c } \mathbf{AC}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 3 & -3 \\ 16 & -8 & 8 \\ 12 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -12+0+12 & 6+0-6 & -6+0+6 \\ -24+48-24 & 12-24+12 & -12+24-12 \\ 0+48-48 & 0-24+24 & 0+24-24 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \text{ as required.}
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise D, Question 1

Question:

Given that  $T : \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x-y \\ y+z \\ 2x-3z \end{pmatrix}$  and  $U : \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 2x-3y-z \\ 2y+3z \\ 5z \end{pmatrix}$ , find matrices

representing

**a**  $T$

**b**  $U$

**c**  $TU$ .

Solution:

$$\mathbf{a} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1-0 \\ 0+0 \\ 2-0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0-1 \\ 1+0 \\ 0-0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0-0 \\ 0+1 \\ 0-3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix representing  $T$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 2-0-0 \\ 0+0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0-3-0 \\ 2+0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0-0-1 \\ 0+3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix representing  $U$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$\mathbf{c}$  The matrix representing  $TU$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+0+0 & -3-2+0 & -1-3+0 \\ 0+0+0 & 0+2+0 & 0+3+5 \\ 4+0+0 & -6+0+0 & -2+0-15 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \\ 4 & -6 & -17 \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise D, Question 2

**Question:**

The point with position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by the linear transformation represented by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to the point with position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} b \\ -5 \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ -5 \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4+3a \\ -1+a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ -5 \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$b = 1$$

Equating the middle elements

$$4 + 3a = -5 \Rightarrow a = -3$$

Equating the lowest elements and using  $a = -3$

$$-1 + a = -1 - 3 = c \Rightarrow c = -4$$

$$a = -3, b = 1, c = -4$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise D, Question 3

#### Question:

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ .

The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $T$  to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $T$  to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $T$  to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find  $\mathbf{T}$ .

#### Solution:

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2a \\ 2d \\ 2g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the elements

$$2a = 6 \Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$2d = 2 \Rightarrow d = 1$$

$$2g = 4 \Rightarrow g = 2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & b & c \\ 1 & e & f \\ 2 & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9-c \\ 3-f \\ 6-i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the elements

$$9 - c = -2 \Rightarrow c = 11$$

$$3 - f = 3 \Rightarrow f = 0$$

$$6 - i = 5 \Rightarrow i = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & b & 11 \\ 1 & e & 0 \\ 2 & h & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b-11 \\ e \\ h-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the elements

$$b - 11 = 2 \Rightarrow b = 13$$

$$e = -1$$

$$h - 1 = -2 \Rightarrow h = -1$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 13 & 11 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

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### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise D, Question 4

#### Question:

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The line  $l_1$  is transformed by  $T$  to the line  $l_2$ . The line  $l_1$  has vector equation

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } t \text{ is a real parameter.}$$

Find a vector equation of  $l_2$ .

#### Solution:

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 4-2t \\ 1+3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 4-2t \\ 1+3t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0(2-t) - 1(4-2t) + 2(1+3t) \\ 2(2-t) + 5(4-2t) - 4(1+3t) \\ 3(2-t) + 2(4-2t) + 1(1+3t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2+8t \\ 20-24t \\ 15-4t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 20 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -24 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

An equation of  $l_2$  is  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 20 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -24 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise D, Question 5

#### Question:

The points  $A$  and  $B$  have position vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively. The points  $A$  and  $B$  are transformed by the linear transformation  $T$  to the points  $A'$  and  $B'$  respectively.

The transformation  $T$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ , where  $\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Find the position vectors of  $A'$  and  $B'$ .
- Hence find a vector equation of the line  $A'B'$ .

#### Solution:

$$\mathbf{a} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-3+0 \\ 4+3+0 \\ 0+2+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2-9+16 \\ -4+9-8 \\ 0+6+20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 26 \end{pmatrix}$$

The position vector of  $A'$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and the position vector of  $B'$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ 26 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a}' + t(\mathbf{b}' - \mathbf{a}')$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 5 - (-1) \\ -3 - 7 \\ 26 - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -10 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{A vector equation of } A'B' \text{ is } \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -10 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix}.$$



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### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise D, Question 6

#### Question:

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & -8 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The plane  $\Pi_1$  is transformed by  $T$  to the plane  $\Pi_2$ . The plane  $\Pi_1$  has Cartesian equation  $x - 2y + z = 0$ .

Find a Cartesian equation of  $\Pi_2$ .

#### Solution:

Let  $y = s$  and  $z = t$ , then  $x = 2y - z = 2s - t$

A parametric form of the general point on  $\Pi_1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2s - t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & -8 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2s - t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6s - 3t - 2s - 2t \\ -4s + 2t - 8s + 4t \\ -4s + 2t + 4s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4s - 5t \\ -12s + 6t \\ 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

Parametric equations of  $\Pi_2$  are

$$x = 4s - 5t \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$y = -12s + 6t \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$z = 2t \quad \textcircled{3}$$

From  $\textcircled{3}$   $t = \frac{z}{2}$

Substituting for  $t$  in  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{2}$

$$x = 4s - \frac{5z}{2} \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$y = -12s + 3z \quad \textcircled{5}$$

$$3 \times \textcircled{4} + \textcircled{5} \quad 3x + y = -\frac{9z}{2} \Rightarrow 6x + 2y + 9z = 0$$

A Cartesian equation of  $\Pi_2$  is  $6x + 2y + 9z = 0$ .

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Further matrix algebra  
Exercise D, Question 7

**Question:**

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The plane  $H_1$  is transformed by  $T$  to the plane  $H_2$ . The plane  $H_1$  has vector equation

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } s \text{ and } t \text{ are real parameters.}$$

Find an equation of  $H_2$  in the form  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = p$ .

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s+3t \\ 1-s \\ 1+2s+4t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & -3 \\ -12 & 1 & \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s+3t \\ 1-s \\ 1+2s+4t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4s+12t+5-5s-3-6s-12t \\ -s-3t+2-2s+1+2s+4t \\ s+3t+1+2s+4t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2-7s \\ 3-s+t \\ 1+3s+7t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

A vector equation of  $l_2$  is  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$  \*

To find a vector perpendicular to both  $\begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -7 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \begin{vmatrix} -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -10\mathbf{i} + 49\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 49 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Taking the scalar product of equation \* throughout with  $\begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 49 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$  and using the property that the scalar product of perpendicular vectors is 0

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 49 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 49 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} = -20 + 147 - 7 = 120$$

A vector equation of  $l_2$  is  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 49 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} = 120$ .

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise D, Question 8

#### Question:

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

There is a line through the origin for which every point on the line is mapped onto itself under  $T$ .

Find a vector equation of this line.

#### Solution:

Let a point which is unchanged by  $T$  have coordinates  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4a + b - 2c \\ -2a + 3b + 4c \\ -a + 2c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$-a + 2c = c \Rightarrow c = a$$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $c = a$

$$4a + b - 2a = a \Rightarrow b = -a$$

(Equating the middle elements also gives  $b = -a$ )

The general form of a point which is unchanged is  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ -a \\ a \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

A vector equation of the line is  $\mathbf{r} = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise E, Question 1

#### Question:

A transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The point with position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $T$  to the point with position

vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ -7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}.$

**a** Find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

A line  $l_1$  which passes through the origin is transformed by  $T$  to the line  $l_2$ .

A vector equation of  $l_2$  is  $\mathbf{r} = t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

**b** Find a vector equation of  $l_1$ .

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{T}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ -7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ -7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -24 - 21 + 24 \\ 12 - 28 + 40 \\ -24 - 7 + 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -21 \\ 24 \\ -23 \end{pmatrix} \\ a &= -21, b = 24, c = -23 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 6 + 3 \\ -2 - 8 + 5 \\ 4 - 2 + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{A vector equation of } l_1 &\text{ is } \mathbf{r} = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise E, Question 2

**Question:**

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a Find  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ .

The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $T$  to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b Find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a } \det(\mathbf{T}) &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2(8-4) - 0 - 3(0+3) \\
 &= 8 - 9 = -1
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 3 \\ 6 & 7 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -6 & 3 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

As  $\mathbf{C}$  is symmetric  $\mathbf{C}^T = \mathbf{C}$

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{T})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -6 & 3 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 6 & -3 \\ 6 & -7 & 4 \\ -3 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b } \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{T}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 6 & -3 \\ 6 & -7 & 4 \\ -3 & 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 20+30-48 \\ -30-35+64 \\ 15+20-32 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\
 a &= 2, b = -1, c = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra Exercise E, Question 3

**Question:**

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a Find  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ .

The line  $l_1$  is transformed by  $T$  to the line  $l_2$ . The line  $l_2$  has vector equation

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } t \text{ is a real parameter.}$$

b Find a vector equation of  $l_1$ .

**Solution:**



$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \det(\mathbf{T}) &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(-8-0) - 1(0+6) + 2(0+6) \\ &= -8-6+12 = -2 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 6 & 6 \\ -4 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 & -6 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{C}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 4 & -2 \\ -6 & 2 & -2 \\ 6 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{T})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 4 & -2 \\ -6 & 2 & -2 \\ 6 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -3 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b } \text{A general point on } l_2 \text{ has coordinates } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 4 \\ 1+t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 4 \\ 1+t \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -3 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 4 \\ 1+t \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 8-4t-8+1+t \\ 6-3t-4+1+t \\ -6+3t+6-1-t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-3t \\ 3-2t \\ -1+2t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{A vector equation of } l_1 \text{ is } \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Further matrix algebra  
Exercise E, Question 4

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $a$  is a constant.

a Find  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ , in terms of  $a$ .

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ . The point with position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $T$  to the point with position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b Find  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \det(\mathbf{T}) &= a \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 + 4 + 0 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a & 2 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -4 & 0 \\ -1 & -a & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & -a & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{C}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -a & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{T})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -a & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 1 & -\frac{a}{4} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{T}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 1 & -\frac{a}{4} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 + \frac{3}{4} + 0 \\ 2 - \frac{3a}{4} - 2 \\ 0 + 0 + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} \\ -\frac{3a}{4} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ p &= \frac{3}{4}, q = -\frac{3a}{4}, r = 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise E, Question 5

**Question:**

The matrix  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 1 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a Show that  $SS^T = kI$ , stating the value of  $k$ .

The transformation  $S: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $S$ .

The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $S$  to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \\ -2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

b Find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } SS^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 1 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+2+1 & \sqrt{2}+0-\sqrt{2} & 1-2+1 \\ \sqrt{2}+0-\sqrt{2} & 2+0+2 & \sqrt{2}+0-\sqrt{2} \\ 1-2+1 & \sqrt{2}+0-\sqrt{2} & 1+2+1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 4I \\ k &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } SS^T = 4I &\Rightarrow S^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}S^T \\ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{4}S^T \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \\ -2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} & 1 \\ -\sqrt{2} & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \\ -2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{2}+2-2\sqrt{2} \\ -4+0-4 \\ 2\sqrt{2}-2-2\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -8 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ a &= \frac{1}{2}, b = -2, c = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra Exercise E, Question 6

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & a & -3 \\ b & -1 & -2 \\ -18 & 11 & c \end{pmatrix}$ . Given that  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I}$ ,

a find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

The transformation  $A: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The plane  $\Pi_1$  is transformed by  $A$  to the plane  $\Pi_2$ . The plane  $\Pi_2$  has vector equation

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } s \text{ and } t \text{ are real parameters.}$$

b Find a vector equation of the plane  $\Pi_1$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & a & -3 \\ b & -1 & -2 \\ -18 & 11 & c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 9+5b-18 & 3a-5+11 & -9-10+c \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the elements in the first row

$$9+5b-18=1 \Rightarrow 5b=10 \Rightarrow b=2$$

$$3a-5+11=0 \Rightarrow 3a=-6 \Rightarrow a=-2$$

$$-9-10+c=0 \Rightarrow c=19$$

$$a=-2, b=2, c=19$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -18 & 11 & 19 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general point on  $\Pi_2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-s \\ 1+t \\ 2s+t \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1-s \\ 1+t \\ 2s+t \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -18 & 11 & 19 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1-s \\ 1+t \\ 2s+t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-3s-2-2t-6s-3t \\ 2-2s-1-t-4s-2t \\ -18+18s+11+11t+38s+19t \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1-9s-5t \\ 1-6s-3t \\ -7+56s+30t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ -6 \\ 56 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

A vector equation of  $\Pi_2$  is  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ -6 \\ 56 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise E, Question 7

#### Question:

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $T$  to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

#### Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -a+3b+6c \\ a+4b+2c \\ 2a-5b+c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the elements

$$-a+3b+6c = -8 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$a+4b+2c = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$2a-5b+c = 3 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$$

$$7b+8c = -8 \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$2 \times \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{3}$$

$$b+13c = -13 \quad \textcircled{5}$$

$$7 \times \textcircled{5}$$

$$7b+91c = -91 \quad \textcircled{6}$$

$$\textcircled{6} - \textcircled{4}$$

$$83c = -83 \Rightarrow c = -1$$

Substituting  $c = -1$  into  $\textcircled{5}$

$$b-13 = -13 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

Substituting  $b = 0$  and  $c = -1$  into  $\textcircled{2}$

$$a+0-2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 2$$

$$a = 2, b = 0, c = -1$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise E, Question 8

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & -7 & -6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a Find  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ .

b Show that  $\mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{I}$ .

The transformation  $S: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  and the transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ .

The transformation  $U$  is the transformation  $T$  followed by the transformation  $S$ .

The point  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is transformed by  $U$  to the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

c Find the values of the constants  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

Solution:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{a} \quad \det(\mathbf{S}) &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2(2-0) + 1(0-1) + 2(0-2) \\
 &= 4 - 1 - 4 = -1
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -5 & -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{S})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{T}^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & -7 & -6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & -7 & -6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9-24+16 & 12-28+16 & 12-24+12 \\ -18+42-24 & -24+49-24 & -24+42-18 \\ 12-24+12 & 16-28+12 & 16-24+9 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}, \text{ as required.}
 \end{aligned}$$

c From part b,  $\mathbf{T}^2 = \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{T}$

$$\mathbf{ST} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{ST})^{-1} \mathbf{ST} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{ST})^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{T}^{-1} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{TS}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & -7 & -6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & -7 & -6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -12 + 3 + 10 \\ -6 + 0 + 4 \\ 12 - 3 - 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 4 \\ -6 & -7 & -6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -8 & 4 \\ -6 & 14 & -6 \\ 4 & -8 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = -1, b = 2, c = -1$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 1

**Question:**

Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the matrices

**a**  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

**b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

**c**  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 1 & 5-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 1 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (2-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 4 \\ &= 10 - 7\lambda + \lambda^2 - 4 = \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 6 = (\lambda-1)(\lambda-6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda-1)(\lambda-6) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 6$$

The eigenvalues are 1 and 6.

For  $\lambda = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x+4y \\ x+5y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$2x+4y = x \Rightarrow x = -4y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = -4$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 is  $\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x+4y \\ x+5y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$2x+4y = 6x \Rightarrow y = 2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = 2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 6 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{b } A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 4-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (4-\lambda)^2 - 1 \\ &= 16 - 8\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 = \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 15 = (\lambda-3)(\lambda-5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda-3)(\lambda-5) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, 5$$

The eigenvalues are 3 and 5.

For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4x-y \\ -x+4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$4x-y = 3x \Rightarrow y = x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = 1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4x - y \\ -x + 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$4x - y = 5x \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$c \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -2 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -2 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (3 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, 4$$

The eigenvalues are 3 and 4.

For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x - 2y \\ 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lower elements

$$4y = 3y \Rightarrow y = 0$$

As  $x$  can take any non-zero value, let  $x = 1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x - 2y \\ 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$3x - 2y = 4x \Rightarrow x = -2y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = -2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise F, Question 2

#### Question:

A transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is represented by the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

- Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find Cartesian equations of the two lines passing through the origin which are invariant under  $T$ .

#### Solution:

$$\text{a } A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 9 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 4 \\ -2 & 9-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 4 \\ -2 & 9-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3-\lambda)(9-\lambda) + 8$$

$$= 27 - 12\lambda + \lambda^2 + 8 = \lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 35 = (\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 7)$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 7) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 5, 7$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are 5 and 7.

- For  $\lambda = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x + 4y \\ -2x + 9y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$3x + 4y = 5x \Rightarrow 4y = 2x \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

For  $\lambda = 7$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 7 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x + 4y \\ -2x + 9y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7x \\ 7y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$3x + 4y = 7x \Rightarrow 4y = 4x \Rightarrow y = x$$

Cartesian equations of the invariant lines are  $y = \frac{1}{2}x$  and  $y = x$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 3

**Question:**

Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the matrices

**a**  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4-\lambda \\ -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(1-\lambda) \\ \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 &\Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(1-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, 4, 1 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are 1, 3 and 4

For  $\lambda = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 2x+4y+2z \\ -2x+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$3x = x \Rightarrow x = 0$$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x = 0$

$$0 + 4y + 2z = y \Rightarrow 3y = -2z$$

Let  $z = 3$ , then  $y = -2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 2x+4y+2z \\ -2x+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$-2x + z = 3z \Rightarrow z = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $z = -1$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x = 1$  and  $z = -1$

$$2 + 4y - 2 = 3y \Rightarrow y = 0$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 4$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 2x+4y+2z \\ -2x+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$-2x+z=3z \Rightarrow z=-x$$

Let  $x=1$ , then  $z=-1$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x=1$  and  $z=-1$

$$2+4y-2=3y \Rightarrow y=0$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda=4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 2x+4y+2z \\ -2x+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \\ 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$3x=4x \Rightarrow x=0$$

Equating the lowest elements and substituting  $x=0$

$$0+z=4z \Rightarrow z=0$$

As  $y$  can take any non-zero value, let  $y=1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -4-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 \\ -5 & -4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3-\lambda \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-\lambda)(3-\lambda)(-4-\lambda) + 2(-8-2\lambda) - 4(-10-6+2\lambda)$$

$$= (\lambda^2 - 16)(3-\lambda) - 16 - 4\lambda + 64 - 8\lambda$$

$$= 3\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 - 48 + 16\lambda - 12\lambda + 48$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + 4\lambda = -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4) = -\lambda(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, 4, -1$$

The eigenvalues are  $-1, 0$  and  $4$

For  $\lambda = -1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4x - 2y - 4z \\ 2x + 3y \\ 2x - 5y - 4z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ -y \\ -z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 3y = -y \Rightarrow x = -2y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = -2$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $y = 1$  and  $x = -2$

$$-8 - 2 - 4z = 2 \Rightarrow z = -3$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4x - 2y - 4z \\ 2x + 3y \\ 2x - 5y - 4z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 3y = 0 \Rightarrow 3y = -2x$$

Let  $x = 3$ , then  $y = -2$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $x = 3$  and  $y = -2$

$$12 + 4 - 4z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 4$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $0$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 4x - 2y - 4z \\ 2x + 3y \\ 2x - 5y - 4z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \\ 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 3y = 4y \Rightarrow y = 2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = 2$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$

$$4 - 4 - 4z = 4 \Rightarrow z = -1$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 4

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Show that  $-1$  is the only real eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- b Find an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$ .

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# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise F, Question 5

#### Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Show that 4 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and find the other two eigenvalues of  $A$ .  
 b Find an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4.

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } A - \lambda I &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2-\lambda \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda)(-2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 8) + 0 + 0 \\ &= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8) = (2-\lambda)(\lambda-4)(\lambda+2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)(\lambda-4)(\lambda+2) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 4, -2$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are 4, as required, 2 and  $-2$ .

- b For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x - y + 3z \\ 2y + 4z \\ 2y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \\ 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$2y = 4z \Rightarrow y = 2z$$

Let  $z = 1$ , then  $y = 2$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $y = 2$  and  $z = 1$

$$2x - 2 + 3 = 4x \Rightarrow 2x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 6

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Given that 3 is an eigenvalue of A,

- find the other two eigenvalues of A,
- find eigenvectors corresponding to each of the eigenvalues of A.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & -1 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4-\lambda \\ 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1-\lambda)((4-\lambda)(3-\lambda)+4) - (6-2\lambda+4) + 3(8-16+4\lambda) \\ &= (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 16) + 14\lambda - 34 \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 8\lambda^2 - 23\lambda + 16 + 14\lambda - 34 \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 8\lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda^3 - 8\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 18 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda - 6)$$

Equating the coefficients of  $\lambda^2$

$$-8 = -3 + k \Rightarrow k = -5$$

$$\text{Hence } \lambda^3 - 8\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 18 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 6) = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 6)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 6)(\lambda + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, 6, -1$$

The other eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $-1$  and  $6$ .

**b** For  $\lambda = -1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + y + 3z \\ 2x + 4y - z \\ 4x + 4y + 3z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ -y \\ -z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$x + y + 3z = -x$$

$$2x + y + 3z = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 4y - z = -y$$

$$2x + 5y - z = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1}$$

$$4y - 4z = 0 \Rightarrow y = z$$

$$\text{Let } z = 1, \text{ then } y = 1$$

Substituting  $y = 1$  and  $z = 1$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$2x + 1 + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + y + 3z \\ 2x + 4y - z \\ 4x + 4y + 3z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$4x + 4y + 3z = 3z \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -1$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$

$$1 - 1 + 3z = 3 \Rightarrow z = 1$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + y + 3z \\ 2x + 4y - z \\ 4x + 4y + 3z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$x + y + 3z = 6x$$

$$-5x + y + 3z = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$4x + 4y + 3z = 6z$$

$$4x + 4y - 3z = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$$

$$-x + 5y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 5y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = 5$

Substituting  $x = 5$  and  $y = 1$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$-25 + 1 + 3z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 8$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 6 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ .



# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 7

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Show that 2 is an eigenvalue of A.
- Find the other two eigenvalues of A.
- Find a normalised eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue 2.

**Solution:**

$$\text{a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

When  $\lambda = 2$

$$\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 - 2 \times (-6) + 1(-4 - 8) = 12 - 12 = 0$$

Hence 2 is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\text{b } \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 4-\lambda \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(5-\lambda) + 20 - 4\lambda + (-4 - 16 + 4\lambda)$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(5-\lambda)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = (2-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(5-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 4, 5$$

The other eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 4 and 5.

c For  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x+2y+z \\ -2x+4y \\ 4x+2y+5z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$-2x+4y=2y \Rightarrow y=x$$

Let  $x=1$ , then  $y=1$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $x=1$  and  $y=1$

$$2+2+z=2 \Rightarrow z=-2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{6}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 8

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Show that  $-2$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and that there is only one other distinct eigenvalue.
- Find an eigenvector corresponding to each of the eigenvalues.

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# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 9

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Given that 2 is an eigenvalue of A,

- find the other two eigenvalues of A,
- find eigenvectors corresponding to each of the eigenvalues of A.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -\lambda \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1-\lambda)(-\lambda + \lambda^2 - 2) + 1(-1 + \lambda - 1) + 0 \\ &= (1-\lambda)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1) + 1(\lambda - 2) \\ &= (\lambda - 2)((1-\lambda)(\lambda + 1) + 1) = (\lambda - 2)(2 - \lambda^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (2 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2, \pm\sqrt{2}$$

The other eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\pm\sqrt{2}$ .

**b** For  $\lambda = \sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x - y \\ -x + z \\ x + 2y + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}x \\ \sqrt{2}y \\ \sqrt{2}z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$x - y = \sqrt{2}x \Rightarrow y = (1 - \sqrt{2})x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = 1 - \sqrt{2}$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1 - \sqrt{2}$

$$-1 + z = \sqrt{2}(1 - \sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} - 2 \Rightarrow z = \sqrt{2} - 1$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\sqrt{2}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 - \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} - 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = -\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = -\sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x - y \\ -x + z \\ x + 2y + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2}x \\ -\sqrt{2}y \\ -\sqrt{2}z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$x - y = -\sqrt{2}x \Rightarrow y = (\sqrt{2} + 1)x$$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1 + \sqrt{2}$   
 $-1 + z = -\sqrt{2}(1 + \sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2} - 2 \Rightarrow z = -1 - \sqrt{2}$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-\sqrt{2}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 + \sqrt{2} \\ -1 - \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x - y \\ -x + z \\ x + 2y + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$x - y = 2x \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -1$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$

$$-1 + z = -2 \Rightarrow z = -1$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise F, Question 10

Question:

Given that  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of the matrix A where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & a & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & b \end{pmatrix}$ ,

- a find the eigenvalue of A corresponding to  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,
- b find the value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$ ,
- c show that A has only one real eigenvalue.

Solution:



$$\mathbf{a} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & a & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8+2-2 \\ 2+2a \\ -2+2-b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda \\ 2\lambda \\ -1\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$8 = 2\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 4$$

The eigenvalue is 4.

**b** Equating the middle elements and substituting  $\lambda = 4$

$$2 + 2a = 8 \Rightarrow a = 3$$

Equating the lowest elements and substituting  $\lambda = 4$

$$-b = -\lambda = -4 \Rightarrow b = 4$$

$a = 3$  and  $b = 4$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 4-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3-\lambda \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-\lambda)^2 (3-\lambda) - 1(4-\lambda) + 2(1+3-\lambda)$$

$$= (4-\lambda)^2 (3-\lambda) + 1(4-\lambda) = (4-\lambda)((4-\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 1)$$

$$= (4-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 13)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (4-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 13) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 4 \text{ or } \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 13 = 0$$

The discriminant of  $\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 13 = 0$  is given by

$$b^2 - 4ac = 49 - 52 = -3 < 0$$

There are no real solutions of  $\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 13 = 0$

4 is the only real eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 1

**Question:**

Reduce the following matrices to diagonal matrices.

**a**  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

**b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

**Solution:**

a Using  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (1-\lambda)^2 - 9 = 1 - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 9 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8 = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2) = 0 \\ \lambda &= -2, 4 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\lambda = -2$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= -2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} x + 3y \\ 3x + y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -2x \\ -2y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 3y = -2x \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} x + 3y \\ 3x + y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 3y = 4x \Rightarrow y = x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = 1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $4$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $4$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{P}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

b Using  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - 4 = 4 - 5\lambda + \lambda^2 - 4 \\
 &= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda = \lambda(\lambda - 5) = 0 \\
 \lambda &= 0, 5
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\lambda = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ -2x + 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x - 2y = 5x \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x - 2y \\ -2x + 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = 2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{P}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \\ -\frac{10}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1+4 & 0 \\ 2-2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 2

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find normalised eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to each of the two eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Write down a matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^T A P = D$ .

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# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 3

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a Show that  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b Show that  $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$  is a diagonal matrix.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{6} - \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{6} + \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathbf{P}$  is an orthogonal matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } \mathbf{P}^T\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{6} & +\frac{2}{6} & +\frac{8}{6} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} & +\frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{12}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{12}} \\ -\frac{2}{18} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & +\frac{4}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} & +\frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} & & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & & \frac{3}{2} & +\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ a diagonal matrix.} \end{aligned}$$



# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 4

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Reduce A to a diagonal matrix.

**Solution:**

$$\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2-\lambda \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2-\lambda)^3 - 4(2-\lambda) = (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)^2 - 4) = (2-\lambda)(-\lambda)(4-\lambda)$$

$$= -\lambda(2-\lambda)(4-\lambda)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda(\lambda-2)(\lambda-4) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, 2, 4$$

For  $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x+2z \\ 2y \\ 2x+2z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x + 2z = 0 \Rightarrow z = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $z = -1$

Equating the middle elements

$$2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x+2z \\ 2y \\ 2x+2z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x+2z=2x \Rightarrow z=0$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$2x+2z=2z \Rightarrow x=0$$

$y$  can take any value

Let  $y=1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of this vector is 1, so it is already normalised.

For  $\lambda=4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x+2z \\ 2y \\ 2x+2z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \\ 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x+2z=4x \Rightarrow z=x$$

Let  $x=1$ , then  $z=1$

Equating the middle elements

$$2y=4y \Rightarrow 2y=0 \Rightarrow y=0$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2+0^2+1^2)}=\sqrt{2}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2-2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2+2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 5

**Question:**

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are 0,  $-1$  and 8.

**a** Find a normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0.

Given that  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  and that

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue 8,

**b** find a matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

**Solution:**

a For  $\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5x + 3y + 3z \\ 3x + y + z \\ 3x + y + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$5x + 3y + 3z = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$3x + y + z = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$3 \times \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1}$$

$$x = 0$$

Substituting  $x = 0$  into  $\textcircled{2}$

$$y + z = 0 \Rightarrow z = -y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $z = -1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(0^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2)} = \sqrt{2}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

b The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{((-1)^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{3}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{6}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 8 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 6

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Given that 9 is an eigenvalue of A, find the other two eigenvalues of A.
- Find eigenvectors of A corresponding to each of the three eigenvalues of A.
- Find a matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Solution:



$$\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 7-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 7-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (7-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5-\lambda \\ -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (7-\lambda)((5-\lambda)(6-\lambda) - 4) - 2(10 - 2\lambda) \\ &= (7-\lambda)(26 - 11\lambda + \lambda^2) - 20 + 4\lambda \\ &= 182 - 103\lambda + 18\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 - 20 + 4\lambda = -(\lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 99\lambda - 162) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 99\lambda - 162 = (\lambda - 9)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda + 18)$$

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$

$$-18 = -9 + k \Rightarrow k = -9$$

Hence

$$\lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 99\lambda - 162 = (\lambda - 9)(\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 18) = (\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 3)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 9) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, 6, 9$$

The other two eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are 3 and 6.

**b** For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7x - 2z \\ 5y - 2z \\ -2x - 2y + 6z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$7x - 2z = 3x \Rightarrow z = 2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $z = 2$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $z = 2$

$$5y - 4 = 3y \Rightarrow y = 2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7x - 2z \\ 5y - 2z \\ -2x - 2y + 6z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$7x - 2z = 6x \Rightarrow x = 2z$$

Let  $z = 1$ , then  $x = 2$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $z = 1$

$$5y - 2 = 6y \Rightarrow y = -2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 6 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 9$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 9 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7x - 2z \\ 5y - 2z \\ -2x - 2y + 6z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9x \\ 9y \\ 9z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$7x - 2z = 9x \Rightarrow z = -x$$

Let  $x = 2$ , then  $z = -2$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $z = -2$

$$5y + 4 = 9y \Rightarrow y = 1$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 9 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

c The magnitudes of the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  are all

$$\sqrt{(1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2)} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 7

Question:

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Show that 4 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and find the other two eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find a normalised eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue 4.

Given that  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5} \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ ,

- find a matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Solution:

$$\text{a } \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

Substituting  $\lambda = 4$ ,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1-4 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1-4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & -3 \end{vmatrix} = (-3) \begin{vmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{5} & -3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix} \\ = (-3)(9-5) - 2(-6-0) = -12 + 12 = 0$$

Hence, by the factor theorem, 4 is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{5} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1-\lambda \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} \end{vmatrix} \\ = (1-\lambda)((1-\lambda)^2 - 5) - 4 + 4\lambda \\ = (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 4) - 4 + 4\lambda = -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 8 \\ = -\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 - \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2\lambda - 8 = -\lambda^2(\lambda - 4) - \lambda(\lambda - 4) + 2(\lambda - 4) \\ = -(\lambda - 4)(\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2) = -(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 1)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = -(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 4, -2, 1$$

The other two eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $-2$  and  $1$ .

**b** For  $\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + 2y \\ 2x + y + \sqrt{5}z \\ \sqrt{5}y + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \\ 4z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$x + 2y = 4x \Rightarrow 2y = 3x$$

Let  $x = 2$ , then  $y = 3$

Equating the lowest elements and substituting  $y = 3$

$$3\sqrt{5} + z = 4z \Rightarrow z = \sqrt{5}$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + 3^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2)} = \sqrt{18}$

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{18}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$c \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2+6 \\ -4+3-5 \\ 3\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \\ 2\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = (-2) \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{((-2)^2 + 3^2 + (-\sqrt{5})^2)} = \sqrt{18}$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{18}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5} \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{5} \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{((\sqrt{5})^2 + 0^2 + 2^2)} = \sqrt{9} = 3$ .

A normalised eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{18}} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{18}} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise G, Question 8

Question:

The eigenvalue of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ , where  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3$ .

- Show that  $\lambda_1 = 6$  and find the other two eigenvalues  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ .
- Verify that  $\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3$ .
- Find an eigenvector corresponding to the value  $\lambda_1 = 6$ .

Given that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ ,

- write down a matrix  $P$  such that  $P^T A P$  is a diagonal matrix. **[E]**

Solution:

$$\text{a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2-\lambda \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 9) - 2(6 - 2\lambda + 9) - 3(6 + 6 - 3\lambda)$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 3) - 30 + 4\lambda - 36 + 9\lambda$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 - 7\lambda - 6 - 66 + 13\lambda = -\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 72$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 12\lambda - 72$$

$$= -\lambda^2(\lambda - 6) + \lambda(\lambda - 6) + 12(\lambda - 6) = -(\lambda - 6)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 12)$$

$$= -(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 3)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow -(\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 3) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 6, 4, -3$$

As  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 6$ , as required,  $\lambda_2 = 4$  and  $\lambda_3 = -3$ .

$$\text{b } \det(\mathbf{A}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(6 - 9) - 2(6 + 9) - 3(6 + 6) = -6 - 30 - 36$$

$$= -72 = 6 \times 4 \times (-3) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3, \text{ as required.}$$

c For  $\lambda_1 = 6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x + 2y - 3z \\ 2x + 2y + 3z \\ -3x + 3y + 3z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x + 2y - 3z = 6x \Rightarrow -4x + 2y - 3z = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 2y + 3z = 6y \Rightarrow 2x - 4y + 3z = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$

$$-2x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = -x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -1$

Substitute  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$-4 - 2 - 3z = 0 \Rightarrow z = -2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 6 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

d The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{6}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{2}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 1

Question:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ t & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Given that A is singular, find the value of  $t$ .

[E]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ t & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} t & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} t & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(3+1) + 2(-t+6) = 16 - 2t \end{aligned}$$

As A is singular

$$\det(A) = 16 - 2t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 8$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise H, Question 2

Question:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  in terms of  $x$ .

[E]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{M}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2 - 0 + 0 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of minors is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & 2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & x & x-6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix of cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -x & x-6 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -x & 1 & 0 \\ x-6 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{M})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -x & 1 & 0 \\ x-6 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise H, Question 3

#### Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 5$  and  $\lambda_2 = -15$  and  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 8 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a For each eigenvalue, find a corresponding eigenvector.

b Find a matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such that  $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -15 \end{pmatrix}$ . [E]

#### Solution:

a For  $\lambda_1 = 5$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 8 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + 8y \\ 8x - 11y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 8y = 5x \Rightarrow x = 2y$$

Let  $y = 1$ , then  $x = 2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda_2 = -15$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 8 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -15 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + 8y \\ 8x - 11y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -15x \\ -15y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 8y = -15x \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -2$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-15$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise H, Question 4

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Find  $\mathbf{AB}$ .
- Verify that  $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{AB})^T$ .

Solution:

$$\text{a } \mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10-8 & -5+4 \\ 4-4 & -2+2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b } (\mathbf{AB})^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10-8 & 4-4 \\ -5+4 & -2+2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\mathbf{AB})^T, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise H, Question 5

#### Question:

A transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is represented by the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 8 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find Cartesian equations of the two lines passing through the origin which are invariant under  $T$ .

#### Solution:

$$\text{a } A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} -5 - \lambda & 8 \\ 3 & -7 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -5 - \lambda & 8 \\ 3 & -7 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (5 + \lambda)(7 + \lambda) - 24 = \lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 11 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 11)$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 11) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1, -11$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $-1$  and  $-11$ .

- For  $\lambda = -1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 8 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5x + 8y \\ 3x - 7y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ -y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$-5x + 8y = -x \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

For  $\lambda = -11$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 8 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -11 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5x + 8y \\ 3x - 7y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -11x \\ -11y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$-5x + 8y = -11x \Rightarrow y = -\frac{3}{4}x$$

Cartesian equations of the lines through the origin which are invariant under  $T$  are

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x \text{ and } y = -\frac{3}{4}x.$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 6

Question:

Given that 1 is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

- a find a corresponding eigenvector,
- b find the other eigenvalues of the matrix.

[E]

Solution:

a For  $\lambda = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x+y \\ 2x+4y \\ x+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$3x + y = x \Rightarrow 2x + y = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 4y = y \Rightarrow 2x + 3y = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1}$

$$2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

Substituting  $y = 0$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$z$  can take any non-zero value

Let  $z = 1$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

b Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4-\lambda \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 2(1-\lambda) \\ &= (1-\lambda)((3-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - 2) = (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10) \\ &= (1-\lambda)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 2, 5$$

The other eigenvalues are 2 and 5.

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise H, Question 7

#### Question:

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The line  $l_1$  is transformed by  $T$  to the line  $l_2$ . The line  $l_1$  has vector equation

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } t \text{ is a real parameter.}$$

Find Cartesian equations of  $l_2$ .

#### Solution:

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+2t \\ -3t \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Tr} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1+2t \\ -3t \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4+8t-9t \\ 6t+2 \\ 3+6t-3t-4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-t \\ 2+6t \\ -1+3t \end{pmatrix}$$

Equations of  $l_2$  are given by

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-t \\ 2+6t \\ -1+3t \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating elements

$$x = 4 - t, y = 2 + 6t, z = -1 + 3t$$

$$\frac{x-4}{-1} = \frac{y-2}{6} = \frac{z+1}{3} = t$$

Cartesian equations of  $l_2$  are

$$\frac{x-4}{-1} = \frac{y-2}{6} = \frac{z+1}{3}$$



# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 8

Question:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a Show that 3 is an eigenvalue of A and find the other two eigenvalues.  
b Find an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3.

Given that the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  are eigenvectors corresponding to the other two

eigenvalues,

- c find a matrix **P** such that  $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$  is a diagonal matrix.

[E]

Solution:

$$\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 5-\lambda & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 5-\lambda & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -4 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5-\lambda \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3-\lambda)(5-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 16 + 16\lambda - 80 + 16\lambda \\ &= (3-\lambda)(5-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 96 + 32\lambda \\ &= (3-\lambda)(5-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 32(3-\lambda) \\ &= (3-\lambda)((5-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 32) = (3-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 6\lambda - 27) \\ &= (3-\lambda)(\lambda+3)(\lambda-9) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(\lambda+3)(\lambda-9) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, -3, 9$$

3 is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the other eigenvalues are  $-3$  and  $9$ .

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x+4y-4z \\ 4x+5y \\ -4x+z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$4x + 5y = 3y \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -2$

Equating the lowest elements and substituting  $x = 1$

$$-4 + z = 3z \Rightarrow z = -2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \text{The magnitudes of } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ are all}$$

$$\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

### Further matrix algebra

#### Exercise H, Question 9

Question:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

a Show that  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ , giving their corresponding eigenvalues.

b Given that 6 is the third eigenvalue of  $A$ , find a corresponding eigenvector.

c Hence write down a matrix such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix. [E]

Solution:

$$\mathbf{a} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-6+0 \\ -4+3-2 \\ 0+6-5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4+2+0 \\ -4-1+2 \\ 0-2+5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $3$ .

**b** For  $\lambda = 6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x-2y \\ -2x+y+2z \\ 2y+5z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x - 2y = 6x \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = -2$

Equating the lowest elements and substituting  $y = -2$

$$-4 + 5z = 6z \Rightarrow z = -4$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvalue of } \mathbf{A} \text{ corresponding to the eigenvalue } 6.$$

**c** The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + 3^2 + (-1)^2)} = \sqrt{14}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{6}$

The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + (-2)^2 + (-4)^2)} = \sqrt{21}$

Hence

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{21}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{4}{\sqrt{21}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 10

Question:

- a Calculate the inverse of the matrix  $A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $x \neq \frac{5}{2}$ .

The image of the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  when it is transformed by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is

the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- b Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

[E]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \det(\mathbf{A}(x)) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x-1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - x \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -2 + 2x - 3 = 2x - 5 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} x & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} x & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-x \\ 2x & 5 & -3x \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix of the cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & x-1 \\ 2x & -5 & -3x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 2x \\ 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 3 & x-1 & -3x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}(x))^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A}(x))} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{2x-5} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 2x \\ 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 3 & x-1 & -3x \end{pmatrix}$$

**b** Substituting  $x=3$

$$(\mathbf{A}(3))^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8-3+30 \\ 8+3-25 \\ 12+6-45 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ -14 \\ -27 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating elements

$$a = 19, b = -14, c = -27$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 11

Question:

a Show that for all values of the constant  $\alpha$ , an eigenvalue of the matrix A is 1,

$$\text{where } A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

An eigenvector of the matrix A is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and the corresponding eigenvalue is

$\beta (\beta \neq 1)$ .

b Find the value of  $\alpha$  and the value of  $\beta$ .

c For your value of  $\alpha$ , find the third eigenvalue of A.

[E]

Solution:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 - \lambda & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} \alpha - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 - \lambda & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= (\alpha - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 0 \\ -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 - \lambda \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\alpha - \lambda)(3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) + 2(-4 + 6 - 2\lambda) \\ &= (\alpha - \lambda)(3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) + 4(1 - \lambda) \\ &= (1 - \lambda)((\alpha - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) + 4) \quad * \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for all  $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  is a solution of  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$ , and, for all  $\alpha$ , an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b } \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha + 2 \\ 8 - 6 \\ -4 + 2 + 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta \\ -2\beta \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha + 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$\beta = -1$$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $\beta = -1$

$$2\alpha + 2 = -2 \Rightarrow \alpha = -2$$

$$\alpha = -2, \beta = -1$$

c Substituting  $\alpha = -2$  into  $*$  in part a and equating to 0

$$(1 - \lambda)((-2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) + 4) = 0$$

$$(1 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2) = (1 - \lambda)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\lambda = 1, 2, -1$$

The third eigenvalue is 2.

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 12

Question:

The matrix  $A$  is defined by  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & u \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- a Find  $A^{-1}$  in terms of  $u$ , stating the condition for which  $A$  is non-singular.

The image vector of  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  when transformed by the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2.8 \\ 5.3 \\ 2.3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- b Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

[E]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \quad \det(\mathbf{A}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & u \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & u \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1 - u + 2 + 6 = 9 - u \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{A}$  is singular if  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0 \Rightarrow 9 - u = 0 \Rightarrow u = 9$

The condition for which  $\mathbf{A}$  is non-singular is  $u \neq 9$ .

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & u \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & u \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & u \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-u & 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \\ -u-3 & u-6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix of the cofactors is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1-u & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \\ -u-3 & 6-u & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{C}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} 1-u & 4 & -3-u \\ -2 & 1 & 6-u \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{A}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{9-u} \begin{pmatrix} 1-u & 4 & -3-u \\ -2 & 1 & 6-u \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**b** Substituting  $u = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 & -7 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -2.8 \\ 5.3 \\ 2.3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 4 & -7 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2.8 \\ 5.3 \\ 2.3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 8.4 + 21.2 - 16.1 \\ 5.6 + 5.3 + 4.6 \\ -5.6 - 5.3 + 6.9 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 13.5 \\ 15.5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.7 \\ 3.1 \\ -0.8 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating elements

$$a = 2.7, b = 3.1, c = -0.8$$

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 13

Question:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a Show that the matrix  $M$  has only two distinct eigenvalues.  
b Find an eigenvector corresponding to each of these eigenvalues.

[E]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a } \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1-\lambda \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (3-\lambda)((1-\lambda)(3-\lambda)+1) = (3-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4) \\
 &= (3-\lambda)(\lambda-2)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(\lambda-2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, 2 \text{ repeated.}$$

There are only two distinct eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , 2 and 3.

**b** For  $\lambda = 2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ x+y+z \\ 4x-y+3z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \\ 2z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$3x = 2x \Rightarrow x = 0$$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x = 0$

$$0 + y + z = 2y \Rightarrow y = z$$

Let  $z = 1$ , then  $y = 1$

An eigenvalue corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $\lambda = 3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ x+y+z \\ 4x-y+3z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lower elements

$$4x - y + 3z = 3z \Rightarrow y = 4x$$

Let  $x = 1$ , then  $y = 4$

Equating the middle elements and substituting  $x = 1$  and  $y = 4$

$$1 + 4 + z = 12 \Rightarrow z = 7$$

An eigenvalue corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 14

Question:

The matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a Show that the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is orthogonal.

The transformation  $P: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ .

The plane  $\Pi_1$  is transformed by  $A$  to the plane  $\Pi_2$ . The plane  $\Pi_2$  has Cartesian equation  $x + y - \sqrt{2}z = 0$ .

b Find a Cartesian equation of the plane  $\Pi_1$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^T &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + 0 \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + 0 & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + 0 & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathbf{P}$  is orthogonal.

**b** As  $\mathbf{P}$  is orthogonal,  $\mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$

$$x + y - \sqrt{2}z = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x = s \text{ and } y = t, \text{ then } z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s+t)$$

A parametric form of the general point on  $\Pi_2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s+t) \end{pmatrix}$

A parametric form for the general point of  $\Pi_1$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s+t) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P}^T \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s+t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s+t) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}(s+t) \\ -\frac{1}{2}s - \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}(s+t) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}t + 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s+t \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s-t) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating elements

$$x = s+t, y = 0, z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(s-t)$$

$x$  and  $z$  can take any values

A Cartesian equation of  $\Pi_1$  is  $y = 0$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 15

Question:

a Determine the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

b Show that  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ .

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

c Show that  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $B$  and write down the corresponding eigenvalue.

d Hence, or otherwise, write down an eigenvector of the matrix  $AB$ , and state the corresponding eigenvalue. **[E]**

Solution:



$$\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -2-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -8 \\ 0 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ 0 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2-\lambda \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (3-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(-2-\lambda)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2, 2, 3$$

The eigenvalues are  $-2, 2$  and  $3$ .

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9-3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $2$ .

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 21-6 \\ 3+2 \\ 3-3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{B}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $5$ .

$$\mathbf{d} \quad \mathbf{AB} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \left[ \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \mathbf{A} \cdot 5 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \times 2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 10 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{AB}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $10$ .

# Solutionbank FP3

## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Further matrix algebra  
Exercise H, Question 16

Question:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

a Showing your working, find  $A^{-1}$ .

The transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the matrix  $A$ .

b Find Cartesian equations of the line which is mapped by  $T$  onto the line  $x = \frac{y}{4} = \frac{z}{3}$ .  
[E]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a } \det(\mathbf{A}) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 7 - 2 + 6 - 4 = 7 \end{aligned}$$

The matrix of the minors is given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 17 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix of the cofactors is given by

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -17 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -1 \\ -17 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -1 \\ -17 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b } \text{Let } x = \frac{y}{4} = \frac{z}{3} = t, \text{ then } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 4t \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

Equations of the original line are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 4t \\ 3t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -1 \\ -17 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 4t \\ 3t \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 5t + 8t - 3t \\ -17t + 12t + 6t \\ 2t - 8t + 3t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 10t \\ t \\ -3t \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating elements

$$x = \frac{10t}{7}, y = \frac{t}{7}, z = -\frac{3t}{7}$$

Hence

$$\frac{x}{10} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{-3} = \frac{t}{7}$$

Cartesian equations of the line are

$$\frac{x}{10} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{-3}$$