

FP1 – Matrix Algebra Questions

4. The transformation U , represented by the 2×2 matrix \mathbf{P} , is a rotation through 90° anticlockwise about the origin.

(a) Write down the matrix \mathbf{P} . (1)

The transformation V , represented by the 2×2 matrix \mathbf{Q} , is a reflection in the line $y = -x$.

(b) Write down the matrix \mathbf{Q} . (1)

Given that U followed by V is transformation T , which is represented by the matrix \mathbf{R} ,

(c) express \mathbf{R} in terms of \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} , (1)

(d) find the matrix \mathbf{R} , (2)

(e) give a full geometrical description of T as a single transformation. (2)

6. $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, where a is a constant.

(a) Find the value of a for which the matrix \mathbf{X} is singular.

(2)

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

(b) Find \mathbf{Y}^{-1} .

(2)

The transformation represented by \mathbf{Y} maps the point A onto the point B .

Given that B has coordinates $(1 - \lambda, 7\lambda - 2)$, where λ is a constant,

(c) find, in terms of λ , the coordinates of point A .

(4)

2. (a) Given that

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

find \mathbf{AB} .

(2)

(b) Given that

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2k \\ 4 & k \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } k \text{ is a constant}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{D}$$

find the value of k for which \mathbf{E} has no inverse.

(4)

9.
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Find $\det \mathbf{M}$. (1)

The transformation represented by \mathbf{M} maps the point $S(2a - 7, a - 1)$, where a is a constant, onto the point $S'(25, -14)$.

- (b) Find the value of a . (3)

The point R has coordinates $(6, 0)$.

Given that O is the origin,

- (c) find the area of triangle ORS . (2)

Triangle ORS is mapped onto triangle $OR'S'$ by the transformation represented by \mathbf{M} .

- (d) Find the area of triangle $OR'S'$. (2)

Given that

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (e) describe fully the single geometrical transformation represented by \mathbf{A} . (2)

The transformation represented by \mathbf{A} followed by the transformation represented by \mathbf{B} is equivalent to the transformation represented by \mathbf{M} .

- (f) Find \mathbf{B} . (4)

4. A right angled triangle T has vertices $A(1, 1)$, $B(2, 1)$ and $C(2, 4)$. When T is transformed by the matrix $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, the image is T' .

(a) Find the coordinates of the vertices of T' . (2)

(b) Describe fully the transformation represented by \mathbf{P} . (2)

The matrices $\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ represent two transformations. When T is transformed by the matrix \mathbf{QR} , the image is T'' .

(c) Find \mathbf{QR} . (2)

(d) Find the determinant of \mathbf{QR} . (2)

(e) Using your answer to part (d), find the area of T'' . (3)

3. (a) Given that

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) find \mathbf{A}^2 ,

(ii) describe fully the geometrical transformation represented by \mathbf{A}^2 .

(4)

(b) Given that

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

describe fully the geometrical transformation represented by \mathbf{B} .

(2)

(c) Given that

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} k+1 & 12 \\ k & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

where k is a constant, find the value of k for which the matrix \mathbf{C} is singular.

(3)

5.
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & a \\ b & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$
 where a and b are constants.

Given that the matrix \mathbf{A} maps the point with coordinates $(4, 6)$ onto the point with coordinates $(2, -8)$,

(a) find the value of a and the value of b .

(4)

A quadrilateral R has area 30 square units.

It is transformed into another quadrilateral S by the matrix \mathbf{A} .

Using your values of a and b ,

(b) find the area of quadrilateral S .

(4)

