

Department of Mathematics  
Math 126: Algebra and Geometry  
Exercise 4

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1. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ p & q & r \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{I}$ , the unit matrix of order 3, show that  $\mathbf{A}^3 = p\mathbf{I} + q\mathbf{A} + r\mathbf{A}^2$ .
2. A matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $x$  rows and  $x + 5$  columns.  $\mathbf{B}$  has  $y$  rows and  $11 - y$  columns. Both  $\mathbf{AB}$  and  $\mathbf{BA}$  exist. Find  $x$  and  $y$ .
3. If  $\mathbf{A}_{mn}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_{pq}$  are two matrices, state the conditions when they are conformable for (i) addition, (ii) multiplication (iii) addition and multiplication.
4. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a square matrix and  $\mathbf{A}^T$  denote the transpose of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T$  is a symmetric matrix and  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^T$  is a skew symmetric matrix. Hence express the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  as the sum of a symmetric and a skew symmetric matrix.
5.  $\mathbf{P}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{I}$ .
  - (a) Find  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{I}$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\mathbf{P}^3 + \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ .
  - (c) If  $\mathbf{PQ} = 2\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}$ , find  $\mathbf{Q}$  in the form  $\lambda\mathbf{I} + \mu\mathbf{P}$ , where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are constants to be determined.
6. Use the method of row reduction to solve the simultaneous equations:  $2x - y + z = 1$ ,  $2x - 2y + 3z = -1$ ,  $x + y - 2z = 3$ .
7. Apply Cramer's rule to solve the equations:  $3x + y + 2z = 3$ ,  $2x - 3y - z = -3$ ,  $x + 2y + z = 4$ .
8. For what value of  $k$  will the system  $4x + y + 4z = 0$ ,  $2x + ky + z = 0$ ,  $(k-1)x - y + 2z = 0$ .
9. Find the values of  $\lambda$  for which the equations  $(\lambda - 1)x + (3\lambda + 1)y + 2\lambda z = 0$ ,  $(\lambda - 1)x + (4\lambda - 2)y + (\lambda + 1)z = 0$ ,  $2x + (3\lambda + 1)y + 3(\lambda - 1)z = 0$  are consistent and find the ratios of  $x : y : z$  when  $\lambda$  has the smallest of these values. What happens when  $\lambda$  has the greatest of these values?

10. Find the adjoint of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$  and verify that  $\mathbf{A}(\text{adj } \mathbf{A}) = (\text{adj } \mathbf{A})\mathbf{A} = |\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{I}$ .
11. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  by elementary row operations. Hence solve the simultaneous equations  $x + y - z = 1$ ,  $3x + 4y - 2z = 3$ ,  $-x + y + 4z = 2$ , and find the matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  such that  $\mathbf{XA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
12. Determine the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the following systems of equations have  
(i) Unique solution (ii) No solution (iii) Infinite number of solutions
- (a)  $x - 2y + 3z = 6$ ,  $3x + 4y - 10z = 1$ ,  $3x + 4y + \lambda z = \mu$ ,  
(b)  $x + y + z = 1$ ,  $x + 2y + 3z = 2$ ,  $2x + 3y + \lambda y = \mu$ ,  
(c)  $2x + 3y + 5z = 9$ ,  $7x + 3y - 2z = 8$ ,  $2x + 3y + \lambda z = \mu$ .
13. Show that the following sets of equations are consistent and solve them.
- (a)  $4x - 2y + 6z = 8$ ,  $x + y - 3z = -1$ ,  $15x - 3y + 9z = 21$ ,  
(b)  $x + y + 2z = 4$ ,  $2x - y + 3z = 9$ ,  $3x - y - z = 2$ ,  
(c)  $5x + 3y + 7z = 4$ ,  $3x + 26y + 2z = 9$ ,  $7x + 2y + 10z = 5$ .
14. Find the values of  $\alpha$  for which the equations  $x + 2y + 3z = 1$ ,  $5x + y + 3z = \alpha$ ,  $3x + 9y + 13z = \alpha^2$  have solutions. Find all the solutions for each value of  $\alpha$ .
15. For the matrix equation  $\mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 4 + k \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & k \end{pmatrix}$ , find the value of  $k$  for which the equation does not have unique solution. For this value of  $k$ , solve the equations and interpret the solution geometrically in relation to the linear transformation with matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ .
16. Show that the linear transformation with matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  maps every point of the three-dimensional space onto a single plane and give the Cartesian equation of this plane. Describe the set of points mapped onto the origin under this transformation.
17. Write down the  $2 \times 2$  matrices representing the following transformations of the plane.  
(i) Reflection in the  $y$ -axis, (ii) Reflection in the line  $y = x$  (iii) Rotation through  $180^\circ$  about the origin (iv) Enlargement from the origin with scale factor  $\lambda$ .

18. (a) A matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of a linear transformation  $T(x, y) = (px + qy, rx + sy)$  is given by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- Determine the values of the constant coefficients  $p, q, r$  and  $s$ .
  - Find the matrix of the inverse of the transformation  $T$  and use it to find the point whose image is  $(2, 1)$  under  $T$ .
- (b) Write down the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  of the linear transformation  $S(x, y) = (x + 3y, 2x + y)$ . Find the image of the point  $(2, 1)$  under the transformation given by  $\mathbf{AB}$ .

19. The linear transformation  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is  $3 \times 3$  matrix, maps the points with position vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to the points with position vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively. Write down the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  and find the inverse matrix  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$ . Show that the transformation with the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  maps points of the plane  $x + y + z = 0$  to points of the plane  $x = y$  and verify that the inverse transformation with matrix  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  maps points of the plane  $x = y$  to points of the plane  $x + y + z = 0$ .

20. (a) Show that for all values of  $\theta$ , the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  lies between 2 and 4 inclusive. State the value of  $\theta$  for which the determinant has the value 2, and one for which it has the value 4.

- (b) Expand the determinant  $y = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 \\ a & b & c \\ p & q & r \end{vmatrix}$  by the first row, and from the expansion, find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . Express  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in the form of a determinant, and hence or otherwise, find the two values of  $x$  for which the determinant  $y = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$  has stationary values.