

Department of Mathematics  
Math 126: Algebra and Geometry  
Exercise 9

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1. If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  find
  - (a)  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ , (b)  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$  (c)  $2\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{B}$ .
2. If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,
  - (a) calculate where possible the products  $\mathbf{A}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{AB}$ ,  $\mathbf{AC}$ ,  $\mathbf{AD}$ ,  $\mathbf{BA}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{BC}$ ,  $\mathbf{BD}$ ,  $\mathbf{CA}$ ,  $\mathbf{CB}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{CD}$ ,  $\mathbf{DA}$ ,  $\mathbf{DB}$ ,  $\mathbf{DC}$  and  $\mathbf{D}^2$ .
  - (b) Verify that  $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$  and that  $(\mathbf{BC})\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{CD})$ .
3. If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , find  $\mathbf{A}^2$  and  $\mathbf{A}^4$ .
4. Find the product  $\begin{pmatrix} 3-i & 4 \\ -4 & 3+i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5-2i \\ -5-2i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .
5. If  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 \\ b & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $\mathbf{XY} = \mathbf{YX}$ .
6. Given that  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , show that  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^2 = 10\mathbf{I}$ .
7. Given that  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and that  $\mathbf{M}^2 - 6\mathbf{M} + k\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ , find  $k$ .
8. Given that  $\mathbf{M}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $\mathbf{M}^2 = \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{I}$ , show that  $\mathbf{M}^4 - 3\mathbf{M} = 2\mathbf{I}$ .
9. Given that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix such that  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}$ , show that  $\mathbf{A}^4 + 3\mathbf{A}^2 + 4\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ .
10. By letting  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{pmatrix}$ , prove that for all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ ,
  - (a)  $(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$ , (b)  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$ , (c)  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{BC}$ ,
  - (d)  $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$ .

11. Given that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are square matrices of the same order, simplify

(a)  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) - (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})$       (b)  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^3 + (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^3 - 2\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2)$

12. If  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & g \\ 0 & 1 & f \\ g & f & c \end{pmatrix}$  show that  $\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{r} = 0$  is the equation of the circle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with centre  $(-g, -f)$  and radius  $\sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$ .

13.  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  are the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{pmatrix}$  respectively, where  $b$  is not equal to zero. Prove that if  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}$  then  $u = cy/b$  and  $v = x + (d - a)y/b$ . Hence prove that if  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}$  then there are numbers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $\mathbf{X} = p\mathbf{A} + q\mathbf{I}$ , and find  $p$  and  $q$  in terms of  $a, b, x, y$ .