

(A)

Solution

$$1. (a) \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -18 & -4 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/9 & 1/8 & -1/18 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/9 & -2/9 & 2/9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2/9 & 17/18 & 1/18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2/9 & 1/18 & -1/18 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So } M^{-1} = \frac{1}{18} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 17 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad M \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = M^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{18} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 17 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{18} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 10 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/9 \\ 5/9 \\ 4/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } r = 2/9, \quad s = 5/9, \quad t = 4/9.$$

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1 (c) (i)  $\underline{v} = \underline{i} - 4\underline{k}$ ,  $\underline{w} = \underline{j} + \underline{k}$

$$\underline{v} \times \underline{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4\underline{i} - \underline{j} + \underline{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (2-r)\underline{i} + (s-1)\underline{j} + (-1+s+4r)\underline{k}$$

so  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = t(\underline{v} \times \underline{w})$  means

$$\begin{cases} 2-r=4t \\ s-1=-t \\ -1+s+4r=t \end{cases} \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{cases} r+4t=2 \\ s+t=1 \\ 4r+s-t=1 \end{cases}$$

which is (b).

(ii) When  $r = 2/9$ ,  $P = (11/9, 1, 10/9)$

and when  $s = 5/9$ ,  $Q = (3, 5/9, 14/9)$

and these are the closest points on the respective lines.

The distance between the lines is

$$\begin{aligned} |\overrightarrow{PQ}| &= |\underline{k}| |\underline{v} \times \underline{w}| = \frac{4}{9} \sqrt{16+1+1} \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \sqrt{18} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$2(a) \text{ (i)} \quad \underline{i} \cdot \underline{j} = \underline{i} \cdot \underline{k} = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \underline{j} \neq \underline{k},$$

$$\text{so take } \underline{u} = \underline{i}, \quad \underline{v} = \underline{j}, \quad \underline{w} = \underline{k}.$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{If } \underline{u} \times \underline{v} = \underline{u} \times \underline{w} \text{ then } \underline{u} \times \underline{v} - \underline{u} \times \underline{w} = \underline{0},$$

$$\text{so } \underline{u} \times (\underline{v} - \underline{w}) = \underline{0}, \quad \text{so } \underline{u} \text{ and } \underline{v} - \underline{w} \text{ are parallel.}$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{Suppose } \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = \underline{u} \cdot \underline{w} \text{ and } \underline{u} \times \underline{v} = \underline{u} \times \underline{w}.$$

$$\text{From (ii), } \underline{u} = \lambda(\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \text{ for some scalar } \lambda \neq 0$$

$$(\text{since } \underline{u} \neq \underline{0}), \text{ so } \lambda(\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \cdot \underline{v} = \lambda(\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \cdot \underline{w},$$

$$\text{cancelling gives } (\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \cdot \underline{v} = (\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \cdot \underline{w}, \text{ so}$$

$$(\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \cdot (\underline{v} - \underline{w}) = (\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \cdot \underline{v} - (\underline{v} - \underline{w}) \cdot \underline{w} = 0,$$

$$\text{i.e. } |\underline{v} - \underline{w}|^2 = 0, \text{ so } |\underline{v} - \underline{w}| = 0, \text{ so } \underline{v} - \underline{w} = \underline{0}.$$

$$\text{Hence } \underline{v} = \underline{w}.$$

$$(b) \quad \det(M - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 7/10 - \lambda & 3/10 \\ 2/5 & 3/5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (7/10 - \lambda)(3/5 - \lambda) - 6/50 = \lambda^2 - \frac{13}{10}\lambda + \frac{21}{50} - \frac{6}{50}$$

$$= \lambda^2 - \frac{13}{10}\lambda - \frac{3}{10} = (\lambda - 3/10)(\lambda + 1)$$

with roots  $\lambda = -1, 3/10$ , which are the eigenvalues.

(D)

$$2(b) \quad M - I = \begin{bmatrix} -3/10 & 3/10 \\ 2/5 & -2/5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 1$

$$M - 3/10 I = \begin{bmatrix} 4/10 & 3/10 \\ 2/5 & 3/10 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 3/10$ .

Hence  $M = P D P^{-1}$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (P D^n P^{-1})$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (3/10)^n \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4/7 & 3/7 \\ 4/7 & 3/7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(E)

$$3(a) (i) \quad \vec{PQ} + \vec{RS} = \vec{PS} + \vec{SQ} + \vec{RS} = \vec{PS} + \vec{RS} + \vec{SQ} \\ = \vec{PS} + \vec{RQ} = \vec{RQ} + \vec{PS}.$$

$$(ii) \quad \vec{SR} = \lambda \vec{PQ} \text{ and } \vec{PS} = \mu \vec{QR} \text{ for some } \lambda, \mu,$$

$$\text{so (i) becomes } \vec{PQ} - \lambda \vec{PQ} = \mu \vec{QR} + \vec{RQ}, \text{ so}$$

$$(1-\lambda) \vec{PQ} = (1-\mu) \vec{QR}. \text{ But } \vec{PQ} \text{ and } \vec{QR} \text{ are not}$$

parallel since  $P, Q, R$  do not lie on the same line,

$$\text{forcing } 1-\lambda = 1-\mu = 0, \text{ i.e. } \lambda = \mu = 1.$$

$$\text{In particular } \vec{SR} = \vec{PQ}.$$

$$(b) (i) \quad \text{By symmetry, } \vec{AB} \parallel \vec{EC} \parallel \vec{EF} \text{ and } \vec{AE} \parallel \vec{BD} \parallel \vec{BF},$$

so  $ABFE$  is a parallelogram (by (a)(ii)), and so

is a rhombus since  $|\vec{AB}| = |\vec{AE}|$ .

$$(ii) \quad \lambda \underline{u} = \lambda \vec{DC} = \lambda (\vec{DA} + \vec{AC}) = \lambda \vec{DA} + \lambda \vec{AC} = \vec{CB} + \vec{ED} \\ \text{by symmetry}$$

$$(iii) \quad \lambda \underline{u} = \vec{CB} + \vec{ED} = \vec{EB} + \vec{CD} \text{ by (i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \underline{u} - \underline{u} = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - 1\right) \underline{u}, \text{ so } \lambda^2 \underline{u} = (1-\lambda) \underline{u},$$

$$\text{so } \lambda^2 = 1-\lambda, \text{ since } \underline{u} \neq \underline{0}.$$

(f)

$$3 \text{ (b) (iv)} \quad \lambda^2 + \lambda - 1 = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad \lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad (\lambda > 0)$$

$$\text{so} \quad \frac{|\vec{BF}|}{|\vec{BD}|} = \frac{|\vec{AE}|}{|\vec{BE}|} = \frac{|\vec{AF}|}{|\vec{EB}|} = \lambda = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

so  $F$  divides  $BD$  in the ratio  $r:s$  where

$$r = -1 + \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{5} - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad s = 2 - r = 3 - \sqrt{5}.$$

$$4. \text{ (a) (i)} \quad 10M^2 - 11M + I = 0, \quad \text{so} \quad 11M - 10M^2 = I,$$

$$\text{so} \quad M(11I - 10M) = I, \quad \text{so} \quad M^{-1} \text{ exists and equals} \\ 11I - 10M.$$

(ii) Let the characteristic polynomial of  $M$  be

$$\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b, \quad \text{so, by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,}$$

$$M^2 + aM + bI = 0 = M^2 - \frac{11}{10}M + \frac{1}{10}I,$$

$$\text{so} \quad \left(a + \frac{11}{10}\right)M = \left(b - \frac{1}{10}\right)I.$$

Since  $M$  is not a scalar multiple of  $I$ ,

$$a + \frac{11}{10} = b - \frac{1}{10} = 0, \quad \text{so} \quad a = -\frac{11}{10}, \quad b = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{so} \quad \lambda^2 - \frac{11}{10}\lambda + \frac{1}{10} = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - \frac{1}{10}) = 0$$

$$\text{so} \quad \lambda = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{10}.$$

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4 (b) (i)  $\det(\lambda I - M_1) = \det[\lambda + a_0] = \lambda + a_0.$

$$\det(\lambda I - M_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ a_0 & \lambda + a_1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda(\lambda + a_1) + a_0 = \lambda^2 + a_1\lambda + a_0.$$

(ii)  $\det(\lambda I - M_n) = \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_1\lambda + a_0.$

Proof: By (i), this holds for  $n \geq 1$ , starting an induction.

Suppose  $n \geq 2$ . Then

$$\det(\lambda I - M_n) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 & & & \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda & -1 \\ a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{n-1} & \lambda + a_n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 & & & \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda & -1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_{n-1} & \lambda + a_n \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^n a_0 \begin{vmatrix} & & & & -1 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ -1 & & & & \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda(\lambda^{n-1} + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + a_2\lambda + a_1) + (-1)^{n-1} a_0 (-1)^{n-1} \quad (\text{by an ind. hyp.})$$

$$= \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_2\lambda^2 + a_1\lambda + a_0,$$

and the result follows by induction.

(iii) Let  $p(\lambda) = c_0 + c_1\lambda + \dots + c_n\lambda^n$  ( $c_n \neq 0$ ) and put

$a_0 = \frac{c_0}{c_n}, a_1 = \frac{c_1}{c_n}, \dots, a_{n-1} = \frac{c_{n-1}}{c_n}$ . Then  $M_n$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , so  $a_0 + a_1\lambda + \dots + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \lambda^n = \det(\lambda I - M_n) = 0$ , i.e.  $\frac{p(\lambda)}{c_n} = 0$ , i.e.  $p(\lambda) = 0$ , so  $p(\lambda)$  has a root, proving the FTA.