

**Topic:** Matrix dimensions and entries

**Question:** Give the dimensions of the matrix.

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Answer choices:**

- A      The dimensions are  $4 \times 2$
- B      The dimensions are  $1 \times 8$
- C      The dimensions are  $2 \times 4$
- D      The dimensions are  $3 \times 3$



**Solution: C**

We always give the dimensions of a matrix as rows  $\times$  columns. Matrix  $K$  has 2 rows and 4 columns, so  $K$  is a  $2 \times 4$  matrix.



**Topic:** Matrix dimensions and entries**Question:** Given matrix  $B$ , find  $B_{2,1}$ .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Answer choices:**

A      1

B      0

C       $-1$ 

D      3



**Solution: B**

The value of  $B_{2,1}$  is the entry in the second row, first column of matrix  $B$ , which is 0, so  $B_{2,1} = 0$ .



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**Question:** Give the dimensions of matrix  $M$  and find  $M_{3,2}$ .

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 9 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Answer choices:**

- A The dimensions are  $3 \times 3$  and  $M_{3,2} = 4$
- B The dimensions are  $2 \times 3$  and  $M_{3,2} = 2$
- C The dimensions are  $3 \times 3$  and  $M_{3,2} = 2$
- D The dimensions are  $3 \times 1$  and  $M_{3,2} = 4$



**Solution: A**

We always give the dimensions of a matrix as rows  $\times$  columns. Matrix  $M$  has 3 rows and 3 columns, so  $M$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

The value of  $M_{3,2}$  is the entry in the third row, second column of matrix  $M$ , which is 4, so  $M_{3,2} = 4$ .

