

Past Paper Questions: Matrices I

1 Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) The transformation in the x - y plane represented by A^{-1} transforms a triangle of area 30 cm^2 into a triangle of area $d \text{ cm}^2$.

Find the value of d .

[3]

$$\det A = 2(1) - 0(1) = 2.$$

If A^{-1} transforms a triangle of area 30 cm^2 into a triangle of area $d \text{ cm}^2$,
 $\Rightarrow$ then A transforms a triangle of area $d \text{ cm}^2$ into a triangle of area 30 cm^2 .

Area of image = $|\det A| \times \text{Area of object}$

$$30 = 2 \times d$$

$$d = 15$$

- (b) Prove by mathematical induction that, for all positive integers n ,

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[5]

Let, $P(n)$ be the statement that $A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Basic case: $n=1$.

$$\text{L.H.S.} = A^n = A^1 = A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^1 & 0 \\ 2^1 - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Inductive step: Let, $P(n)$ is true for $n=k$. $\Rightarrow A^k = \begin{pmatrix} 2^k & 0 \\ 2^k - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{k+1} &= A^k A = \begin{pmatrix} 2^k & 0 \\ 2^k - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^{k+1} + 0 & 0 + 0 \\ 2(2^k - 1) + 1 & 0 + 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2^{k+1} & 0 \\ 2^{k+1} - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow P(n)$ is true for $n=k+1$.

$\Rightarrow P(n)$ is true for all positive integers n by mathematical induction.

- (c) The line $y = 2x$ is invariant under the transformation in the x - y plane represented by $A^n B$, where $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 33 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Find the value of n .

$$A^n B = \begin{bmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n - 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 33 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2^n + 0 & 0 + 0 \\ 2^n - 1 + 33 & 0 + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n + 32 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad [5]$$

Since the line $y = 2x$ is invariant, a point $(t, 2t)$ is mapped to a point $(T, 2T)$.

$$A^n B \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 2t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ 2T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n + 32 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 2t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ 2T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2^n t + 0 \\ (2^n + 32)t + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ 2T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2^n t \\ (2^n + 32)t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ 2T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n t = T \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^n + 32)t = 2T \rightarrow (2)$$

Divide (2) by (1):

$$\frac{(2^n + 32)t}{(2^n)t} = \frac{2T}{T}$$

$$2^n + 32 = 2(2^n)$$

$$32 = 2^n$$

$$2^5 = 2^n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 5.$$

2 The matrix A is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -k \end{pmatrix},$$

where k is a real constant.

(a) Show that A is non-singular.

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$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= k \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -k \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -k \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= k[k+1] - 0 + 2[0+1] \\ &= k^2 + k + 2 \end{aligned}$$

For A to be singular, $\det A = 0 \Rightarrow k^2 + k + 2 = 0$

$$k = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{2}$$

No real roots.

Since k is real, A is non-singular (since $\det A \neq 0$).

The matrices B and C are given by

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is given that $CAB = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 & -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$.

(b) Find the value of k .

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$$CAB = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -k \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 & -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3k+1 & 2 & -5-k \\ k+2 & 1 & 1-2k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 & -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 9k+3 \\ -1 & -3k-3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{By comparison, } 9k+3 = \frac{-3}{2} \Rightarrow k = \frac{-\frac{3}{2}-3}{9} = \frac{-1}{2}.$$

- (c) Find the equations of the invariant lines, through the origin, of the transformation in the x - y plane represented by CAB . [5]

$$CAB = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & \frac{-3}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{-3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let, equation of invariant line: $y = mx$.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & \frac{-3}{2} \\ -1 & \frac{-3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-2t - \frac{3}{2}mt = T \rightarrow (1)$$

$$-t - \frac{3}{2}mt = mT \rightarrow (2)$$

Dividing (2) by (1):

$$\frac{-t - \frac{3}{2}mt}{-2t - \frac{3}{2}mt} = \frac{mT}{T}$$

$$\frac{-1 - \frac{3}{2}m}{-2 - \frac{3}{2}m} = m$$

$$-1 - \frac{3}{2}m = -2m - \frac{3}{2}m^2$$

$$-2 - 3m = -4m - 3m^2$$

$$3m^2 + m - 2 = 0$$

$$3m^2 + 3m - 2m - 2 = 0$$

$$(3m - 2)(m + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{2}{3}, -1$$

$\therefore$ Equations of invariant lines: $y = \frac{2}{3}x$ and $y = -x$.

- 3 The matrix M represents the sequence of two transformations in the x - y plane given by a rotation of 60° anticlockwise about the origin followed by a one-way stretch in the x -direction, scale factor d ($d \neq 0$).

(a) Find M in terms of d .

[4]

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 60^\circ & -\sin 60^\circ \\ \sin 60^\circ & \cos 60^\circ \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ M &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{2} + 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}d + 0 \\ 0 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -0 + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}d \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The unit square in the x - y plane is transformed by M onto a parallelogram of area $\frac{1}{2}d^2$ units².

Show that $d = 2$.

[2]

$$\text{Area of unit square} = 1^2 = 1.$$

$$\det M = \frac{d}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}d \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \frac{d}{4} + \frac{3d}{4} = d.$$

$$\text{Area of parallelogram} = |\det M| \times \text{Area of unit square}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{2} = |d| \times 1$$

$$\frac{d^2}{2} = d$$

$$d = 2.$$

The matrix N is such that $MN = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) Find N.

$$d=2 \Rightarrow M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{2} & \frac{-2\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\sqrt{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det M = 1\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)(-\sqrt{3}) = 2.$$

$$M^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$MN = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow N = M^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1+\sqrt{3} & 1+\sqrt{3} \\ 1-\sqrt{3} & 1-\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Find the equations of the invariant lines, through the origin, of the transformation in the x-y plane represented by MN.

Let, equation of invariant line: $y = mx$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow t + mt = T \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}mt = mT \rightarrow (2)$$

Divide (2) by (1):

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}mt}{t + mt} = \frac{mT}{T}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}m}{1 + m} = m$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}m = m + m^2$$

$$1 + m = 2m + 2m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m^2 + m - 1 = 0$$

$$2m^2 + 2m - m - 1 = 0$$

$$(2m-1)(m+1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{2}, -1.$$

$\therefore$ Invariant lines: $y = \frac{1}{2}x$, $y = -x$.

4 The matrices **A**, **B** and **C** are given by

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

where k is a real constant.

(a) Find $\mathbf{CAB}$.

[3]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{CAB} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & k & k \\ 5 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 & 4 \\ 8 & -k-2 & -k+6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -1 \\ 14-k & -k-2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Given that **A** is singular, find the value of k .

[3]

$$\begin{aligned} \det \mathbf{A} &= 2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - k \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2[-1-0] - k[5-3] + k[0+1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\det \mathbf{A} = -2 - 2k + k = -2 - k$$

Since **A** is singular, $\det \mathbf{A} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -2 - k = 0$$

$$k = -2.$$

- (c) Using the value of k from part (b), find the equations of the invariant lines, through the origin, of the transformation in the x - y plane represented by CAB . [5]

$$k = -2 \Rightarrow CAB = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -1 \\ -(-2)+14 & -(-2)-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -1 \\ 16 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let, equation of invariant line: $y = mx$.

$$\Rightarrow CAB \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -1 \\ 16 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10x - y \\ 16x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(10 - m)x = y \rightarrow (1)$$

$$16x = my \rightarrow (2)$$

Dividing (2) by (1):

$$\frac{16x}{(10 - m)x} = \frac{my}{y}$$

$$\frac{16}{10 - m} = m$$

$$16 = 10m - m^2$$

$$m^2 - 10m + 16 = 0$$

$$m^2 - 2m - 8m + 16 = 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m - 8) = 0$$

$$m = 2, 8.$$

$\Rightarrow$ Equations of invariant lines: $y = 2x$, $y = 8x$.

5 The matrix A is given by $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Find the set of values of k for which A is non-singular.

[3]

$$\det A = 1 \begin{vmatrix} k & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & k \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 9k - 48 - 2(-6) + 3(32 - 7k)$$

$$\det A = 9k - 48 + 12 + 96 - 21k = 60 - 12k.$$

A is non-singular if $\det A \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 60 - 12k \neq 0$$

$$-12k \neq -60$$

$$k \neq 5$$

(b) Given that A is non-singular, find, in terms of k , the entries in the top row of A^{-1} .

[4]

$$a_{11} = \frac{1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} k & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{9k - 48}{60 - 12k} = \frac{3(3k - 16)}{3(20 - 4k)} = \frac{3k - 16}{20 - 4k}.$$

$$a_{12} = \frac{-1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-(36 - 42)}{60 - 12k} = \frac{6}{6(10 - 2k)} = \frac{1}{10 - 2k}.$$

$$a_{13} = \frac{1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & k \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{32 - 7k}{60 - 12k}.$$

$$a_{21} = \frac{-1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{-(18 - 24)}{60 - 12k} = \frac{6}{60 - 12k} = \frac{1}{10 - 2k}.$$

$$a_{31} = \frac{+1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ k & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{60 - 12k} (12 - 3k) = \frac{12 - 3k}{60 - 12k} = \frac{4 - k}{20 - 4k}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3k-16}{20-4k} & \frac{1}{10-2k} & \frac{32-7k}{60-12k} \\ \frac{1}{10-2k} & . & . \\ \frac{4-k}{20-4k} & . & . \end{bmatrix}$$

When transpose of matrix is found a_{12} switches position with a_{21} and a_{13} switches position with a_{31} .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Top row of } A^{-1} : \frac{3k-16}{20-4k}, \frac{1}{10-2k}, \frac{4-k}{20-4k}.$$

(c) Given that $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, give an example of a matrix C such that $BAC = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let, } C = \begin{bmatrix} u & v \\ w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow BAC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u & v \\ w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u+2w+3y & v+2x+3z \\ 4u+kx+6y & 4v+kx+6z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By comparison, } u+2w+3y &= 2 & v+2x+3z &= 1 \\ \text{and } 4u+kx+6y &= k & 4v+kx+6z &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

System is satisfied if $u=0, w=1, y=0$

and $v=1, x=0, z=0$

$$\Rightarrow C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) Find the set of values of k for which the transformation in the x - y plane represented by $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ has two distinct invariant lines through the origin. [6]

Let invariant lines have the equation: $y = mx$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2t + mt = T \rightarrow (1)$$

$$kt + 4mt = mT \rightarrow (2)$$

Dividing (2) by (1) gives:

$$\frac{kt + 4mt}{2t + mt} = \frac{mT}{T}$$

$$\frac{k + 4m}{2 + m} = m$$

$$k + 4m = m^2 + 2m$$

$$0 = m^2 - 2m - k$$

For two distinct invariant lines, we require two distinct values of m

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-k) > 0$$

$$4 + 4k > 0$$

$$k > \frac{-4}{4}$$

$$k > -1.$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 8 - k. \text{ If } \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 8 - k = 0 \Rightarrow k = 8.$$

Then $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. For invariant line(s):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2t + mt = T$$

$$8t + 4mt = mT$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8t + 4mt}{2t + mt} = \frac{mT}{T} \Rightarrow \frac{8 + 4m}{2 + m} = m$$

$$\frac{4(2 + m)}{2 + m} = m \Rightarrow m = 4$$

$\Rightarrow$ Then there is one invariant line if $m = 4$.

$\Rightarrow$ There are two distinct invariant lines if $k > -1$ and $k \neq +8$.

6 The cubic equation $x^3 + 5x^2 + 10x - 2 = 0$ has roots α, β, γ .

(a) Find the value of $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$.

$$\sum \alpha = \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-5}{1} = -5.$$

$$\sum \alpha\beta = \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{10}{1} = 10.$$

$$\sum \alpha^2 = (\sum \alpha)^2 - 2 \sum \alpha\beta$$

$$= (-5)^2 - 2(10)$$

$$= 25 - 20$$

$$= 5.$$

(b) Show that the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \beta \\ \alpha & 1 & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is singular.

[4]

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \beta \\ \alpha & 1 & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \gamma \\ \gamma & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \alpha \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 1 \\ \beta & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \beta \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 1 \\ \beta & \gamma \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1[1 - \gamma^2] - \alpha[\alpha - \beta\gamma] + \beta[\alpha\gamma - \beta]$$

$$= 1 - \gamma^2 - \alpha^2 + \alpha\beta\gamma + \alpha\beta\gamma - \beta^2$$

$$= 1 - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2) + 2\alpha\beta\gamma.$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{-d}{a} = \frac{-(-2)}{1} = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A = 1 - (5) + 2(2)$$

$$= 1 - 5 + 4$$

$$= 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ Matrix A is singular.

7 Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, where a is a positive constant.

(a) State the type of the geometrical transformation in the x - y plane represented by A .

Shear in the x -direction with shear factor a .

(b) Prove by mathematical induction that, for all positive integers n ,

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & na \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let, $P(n)$ be the statement that $A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & na \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Basic case : $n=1$

$$L.H.S. = A^n = A^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R.H.S. = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & na \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore P(1)$ is true.

Inductive step : Let, $P(n)$ is true for $n=k$.

$$\Rightarrow A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & ka \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{k+1} = A^k A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & ka \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 & a+ka \\ 0+0 & 0+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (1+k)a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow P(n)$ is true for $n=k+1$.

Then, by mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all positive integers n .

Let $B = \begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ a^{-1} & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$, where b is a positive constant.

- (c) Find the equations of the invariant lines, through the origin, of the transformation in the x - y plane represented by $A^{-1}B$. [6]

$$A^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & na \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ a^{-1} & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b+n & b+n \\ a^{-1} & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let, equation of invariant line: $y = mx$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b+n & b+n \\ a^{-1} & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b+n)t + (b+n)mt = T \rightarrow (1)$$

$$(a^{-1})t + (a^{-1})mt = mT \rightarrow (2)$$

Dividing (2) by (1):

$$\frac{(a^{-1} + a^{-1}m)t}{[(b+n) + (b+n)m]t} = \frac{mT}{T}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{m}{a}}{(b+n) + (b+n)m} = m$$

$$\frac{m+1}{a} = m[(b+n) + (b+n)m]$$

$$(m+1) = am(b+n)(m+1)$$

$$am(b+n)(m+1) - (m+1) = 0$$

$$(m+1)[am(b+n) - 1] = 0$$

Either, $m+1 = 0$ or $am(b+n) = 1$
 $m = -1$ or $m = \frac{1}{a(b+n)}$

$\Rightarrow$ Equations of invariant lines:

$$y = -x \quad \text{or} \quad y = \frac{1}{a(b+n)}x$$

- 8 The matrix $\mathbf{M}$ is given by $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, where a and b are positive constants.

(a) The matrix $\mathbf{M}$ represents a sequence of two geometrical transformations.

State the type of each transformation, and make clear the order in which they are applied. [2]

Transformation represented by $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$: Stretch in x -direction with stretch factor a

Transformation represented by $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$: Shear in x -direction with shear factor b

Order of transformations: Stretch followed by a shear.

The unit square in the x - y plane is transformed by $\mathbf{M}$ onto parallelogram $OPQR$.

- (b) Find, in terms of a and b , the matrix which transforms parallelogram $OPQR$ onto the unit square. [2]

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \mathbf{M} = a(1) - b(0) = a.$$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{a} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -b \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/a & -b/a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Matrix that transforms parallelogram } OPQR \text{ onto unit square} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 1/a & -b/a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is given that the area of $OPQR$ is 2 cm^2 and that the line $x+3y=0$ is invariant under the transformation represented by M .

(c) Find the values of a and b .

[5]

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \det M = a(1) - b(0) = a.$$

Area of $OPQR = |\det M| \times \text{Area of unit square}$

$$2 = |a| \times 1$$

$$2 = |a| \Rightarrow a = 2.$$

Since $x+3y=0 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{x}{3} \Rightarrow$ point $\left(t, -\frac{t}{3}\right)$ is sent to $\left(T, -\frac{T}{3}\right)$.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -\frac{t}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ -\frac{T}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2t - \frac{bt}{3} = T \rightarrow (1)$$

$$-\frac{t}{3} = -\frac{T}{3} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Divide (2) by (1): } \frac{-\frac{t}{3}}{2t - \frac{bt}{3}} = \frac{-\frac{T}{3}}{T}$$

$$\frac{-\frac{1}{3}}{2 - \frac{b}{3}} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$1 = 2 - \frac{b}{3}$$

$$\frac{b}{3} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 3.$$

9 The cubic equation $x^3 + cx + 1 = 0$, where c is a constant, has roots α, β, γ .

(a) Find a cubic equation whose roots are $\alpha^3, \beta^3, \gamma^3$.

$$\text{Let, } y = z^3 \Rightarrow z = y^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(y^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 + cy^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1 = 0$$

$$y + cy^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1 = 0$$

$$cy^{\frac{1}{3}} = -y - 1$$

$$\left(cy^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3 = (-y - 1)^3$$

$$c^3 y = -(y + 1)^3$$

$$c^3 y = -(y^3 + 3y^2 + 3y + 1)$$

$$y^3 + 3y^2 + (c^3 + 3)y + 1 = 0 \quad \text{has roots } \alpha^3, \beta^3, \gamma^3.$$

(b) Show that $\alpha^6 + \beta^6 + \gamma^6 = 3 - 2c^3$.

$$y^3 + 3y^2 + (c^3 + 3)y + 1 = 0.$$

$$\sum \alpha^3 = \alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-3}{1} = -3.$$

$$\sum \alpha^3 \beta^3 = \alpha^3 \beta^3 + \alpha^3 \gamma^3 + \beta^3 \gamma^3 = \frac{c}{A} = \frac{c^3 + 3}{1} = c^3 + 3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum \alpha^6 &= \left(\sum \alpha^3\right)^2 - 2\left(\sum \alpha^3 \beta^3\right) \\ &= (-3)^2 - 2(c^3 + 3) \\ &= 9 - 2c^3 - 6 \\ &= 3 - 2c^3. \quad (\text{Shown}). \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the real value of c for which the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha^3 & \beta^3 \\ \alpha^3 & 1 & \gamma^3 \\ \beta^3 & \gamma^3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is singular.

[5]

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha^3 & \beta^3 \\ \alpha^3 & 1 & \gamma^3 \\ \beta^3 & \gamma^3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \gamma^3 \\ \gamma^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \alpha^3 \begin{vmatrix} \alpha^3 & \gamma^3 \\ \beta^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \beta^3 \begin{vmatrix} \alpha^3 & 1 \\ \beta^3 & \gamma^3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1[1 - \gamma^6] - \alpha^3[\alpha^3 - \beta^3\gamma^3] + \beta^3[\alpha^3\gamma^3 - \beta^3] \\ &= 1 - \gamma^6 - \alpha^6 + \alpha^3\beta^3\gamma^3 + \alpha^3\beta^3\gamma^3 - \beta^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\det A = 1 - (\alpha^6 + \beta^6 + \gamma^6) + 2\alpha^3\beta^3\gamma^3$$

From equation $y^3 + 3y^2 + (c^3 + 3)y + 1 = 0$,

$$\alpha^3\beta^3\gamma^3 = \frac{-d}{a} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \det A &= 1 - (3 - 2c^3) + 2(-1) \\ &= 1 - 3 + 2c^3 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\det A = 2c^3 - 4.$$

For A to be singular, $\det A = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2c^3 - 4 = 0$$

$$c^3 = 2$$

$$c = \sqrt[3]{2}.$$

- 10 The matrices **A** and **B** are given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Give full details of the geometrical transformation in the x - y plane represented by **A**.

Reflection in the line $y = x$.

- (b) Give full details of the geometrical transformation in the x - y plane represented by **B**.

By comparison to $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$, $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
 $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

$\Rightarrow$ Rotation by $\frac{\pi}{3}$ radians in the anticlockwise direction about the origin.

The triangle DEF in the x - y plane is transformed by **AB** onto triangle PQR .

- (c) Show that the triangles DEF and PQR have the same area.

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det AB = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = -1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle PQR &= |\det AB| \times \text{Area of } \triangle DEF \\ &= |-1| \times \text{Area of } \triangle DEF \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \triangle PQR = \text{Area of } \triangle DEF. \text{ (shown).}$$

- (d) Find the matrix which transforms triangle PQR onto triangle DEF .

[2]

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det AB = -1.$$

$$\Rightarrow (AB)^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \\ -1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Matrix that transforms } \triangle PQR \text{ onto } \triangle DEF = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (e) Find the equations of the invariant lines, through the origin, of the transformation in the x - y plane represented by AB . [5]

Let, equation of invariant line: $y = mx$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}mt \\ \frac{1}{2}t - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}mt}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + \frac{1}{2}mt} = \frac{mT}{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}m}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{m}{2}} = m$$

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}m = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}m + \frac{m^2}{2}$$

$$1 - \sqrt{3}m = \sqrt{3}m + m^2$$

$$0 = m^2 + 2\sqrt{3}m - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{-2\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{(2\sqrt{3})^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{16}}{2}$$

$$m = \frac{-2\sqrt{3} \pm 4}{2} = -\sqrt{3} \pm 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Equations of invariant lines: } y = (-\sqrt{3} + 2)x, y = (-\sqrt{3} - 2)x.$$

$$y - (2 - \sqrt{3})x = 0, y + (2 + \sqrt{3})x = 0.$$

- 11 The matrix M is given by $M = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) The matrix M represents a sequence of two geometrical transformations.

State the type of each transformation, and make clear the order in which they are applied. [2]

Transformation represented by $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$: Rotation by θ radians in the anticlockwise direction about the

Transformation represented by $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$: Stretch in x -direction with stretch factor 3.

Order of transformations: Stretch followed by a rotation.

- (b) Find the values of θ , for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, for which the transformation represented by M has exactly one invariant line through the origin, giving your answers in terms of π . [5]

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3\cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 3\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let, equation of invariant line: $y = mx$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3\cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 3\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ mt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ mT \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3t \cos \theta - mt \sin \theta = T \rightarrow (1)$$

$$3t \sin \theta + mt \cos \theta = mT \rightarrow (2)$$

Divide (2) by (1):

$$\frac{3t \sin \theta + mt \cos \theta}{3t \cos \theta - mt \sin \theta} = \frac{mT}{T}$$

$$\frac{3 \sin \theta + m \cos \theta}{3 \cos \theta - m \sin \theta} = m.$$

$$3 \sin \theta + m \cos \theta = 3m \cos \theta - m^2 \sin \theta$$

$$(\sin \theta) m^2 + (m - 3m) \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$(\sin \theta) m^2 - 2m \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 0.$$

Since there is only one invariant line, m has a repeated value.

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$(-2 \cos \theta)^2 - 4(\sin \theta)(3 \sin \theta) = 0$$

$$4 \cos^2 \theta - 12 \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$4 \cos^2 \theta = 12 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \tan^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

Since $\tan \theta$ is positive and negative, θ lies in 1st or 2nd quadrant.

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \alpha, \pi - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

- 12 (a) Give full details of the geometrical transformation in the x - y plane represented by the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$. [1]

Enlargement with scale factor 6 with center at the origin.

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (b) The triangle DEF in the x - y plane is transformed by A onto triangle PQR .

Given that the area of triangle DEF is 13 cm^2 , find the area of triangle PQR . [2]

$$\det A = 3(2) - 4(2) = 6 - 8 = -2.$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle PQR = |\det A| \times \text{Area of } \triangle DEF \Rightarrow \text{Area of } \triangle PQR = |-2| \times 13 = 26 \text{ cm}^2.$$

- (c) Find the matrix B such that $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$. [2]

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow B = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 12 \\ 6 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) Show that the origin is the only invariant point of the transformation in the x - y plane represented by A . [4]

Let (x, y) be an invariant point: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

$$3x + 4y = x \Rightarrow 2x + 4y = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2y \rightarrow (1)$$

$$2x + 2y = y \Rightarrow y + 2x = 0 \Rightarrow y = -2x \rightarrow (2)$$

Substitute (1) in (2): $y = -2(-2y)$

$$y = 4y$$

$$0 = 3y$$

$$y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Invariant point: } (0, 0).$$