

## Matrices - intro [146 marks]

1. [Maximum mark: 4]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.2

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2p & 3 \\ -4p & p \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\det A = 14$ , find the possible values of  $p$ .

[4]

Markscheme

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$$2p^2 + 12p = 14 \quad (M1)(A1)$$

$$p^2 + 6p - 7 = 0$$

$$(p + 7)(p - 1) = 0 \quad (A1)$$

$$p = -7 \text{ or } p = 1 \quad (A1)(C4)$$

**Note:** Both answers are required for the final (A1).

[4 marks]

2. [Maximum mark: 4]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.3

$A$  and  $B$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices, where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 2 \\ 44 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $B$

[4]

Markscheme

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$$\begin{aligned} B &= (BA)A^{-1} \quad (M1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 2 \\ 44 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (M1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -12 \\ -16 & -48 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1) \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 2 \\ 44 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (M1) \\ \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} 5a + 2b = 11 \\ 2a = 2 \end{array} \right\} & \\ \Rightarrow a = 1, b = 3 & \quad (A1) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} 5c + 2d = 44 \\ 2c = 8 \end{array} \right\} & \\ \Rightarrow c = 4, d = 12 & \quad (A1) \end{aligned}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1) (C4)$$

**Note:** Correct solution with inversion (ie  $AB$  instead of  $BA$ ) earns FT marks, (maximum **[3 marks]**).

**[4 marks]**

3. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.28

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ 2 + e^x & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Find the value of  $x$  for which  $A$  is singular.

[6]

Markscheme

finding  $\det A = e^x - e^{-x}(2 + e^x)$  or equivalent **A1**

$A$  is singular  $\Rightarrow \det A = 0$  **(R1)**

$$e^x - e^{-x}(2 + e^x) = 0$$

$$e^{2x} - e^x - 2 = 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

solving for  $e^x$  **(M1)**

$e^x > 0$  (or equivalent explanation) **(R1)**

$$e^x = 2$$

$x = \ln 2$  (only) **A1 NO**

**[6 marks]**

4. [Maximum mark: 5]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.32

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ k & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A^2$  is a matrix whose entries are all 0, find  $k$ .

[5]

Markscheme

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ k & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ k & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad M1$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2k & 0 \\ 0 & 2k + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A2$$

**Note:** Award **A2** for 4 correct, **A1** for 2 or 3 correct.

$$1 + 2k = 0 \quad M1$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{2} \quad A1$$

[5 marks]

5. [Maximum mark: 5]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.33

Given that  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and that  $M^2 - 6M + kI = 0$  find  $k$ .

[5]

Markscheme

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -6 \\ -18 & 19 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -6 \\ -18 & 19 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 12 & -6 \\ -18 & 24 \end{pmatrix} + kI = 0 \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} + kI = 0 \quad \mathbf{(A1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 5 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

**[5 marks]**

6. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.34

The square matrix  $X$  is such that  $X^3 = 0$ . Show that the inverse of the matrix  $(I - X)$  is  $I + X + X^2$ .

[6]

Markscheme

For multiplying  $(I - X)(I + X + X^2)$  **M1**

$$= I^2 + IX + IX^2 - XI - X^2 - X^3 = I + X + X^2 - X - X^2 - X^3 \quad (A1)(A1)$$

$$= I - X^3 \quad A1$$

$$= I \quad A1$$

$$AB = I \Rightarrow A^{-1} = B \quad (R1)$$

$$(I - X)(I + X + X^2) = I \Rightarrow (I - X)^{-1} = I + X + X^2 \quad AG \ NO$$

[5 marks]

7. [Maximum mark: 3]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.44

Find the values of the real number  $k$  for which the determinant of the

matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} k-4 & 3 \\ -2 & k+1 \end{pmatrix}$  is equal to zero.

[3]

Markscheme

$$\begin{vmatrix} k-4 & 3 \\ -2 & k+1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-4)(k+1) + 6 = 0 \quad (M1)$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 - 3k + 2 = 0 \quad (M1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (k-2)(k-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2 \text{ or } k = 1 \quad (A1) (C3)$$

[3 marks]

8. [Maximum mark: 3]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.46

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} x & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & y \\ 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , find 2 values of  $x$  and  $y$ , given that

$$AB = BA.$$

[3]

Markscheme

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} x & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & y \\ 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + 32 & xy + 16 \\ 24 & 4y + 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & y \\ 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + 4y & 2y + 8 \\ 8x + 16 & 40 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

$$AB = BA \Rightarrow 8x + 16 = 24 \text{ and } 4y + 8 = 40$$

This gives  $x = 1$  and  $y = 8$ . (A1) (C3)

[3 marks]



9. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.50

Given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $X$  if  $BX = A - AB$ .

[6]

Markscheme

**METHOD 1**

$$A - AB = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -9 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 12 \\ -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (M1)(A1)$$

$$X = B^{-1}(A - AB) = B^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 12 \\ -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (M1)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 12 \\ -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (A2) (C6)$$

**METHOD 2**

Attempting to set up a matrix equation  $(M2)$

$$X = B^{-1}(A - AB) \quad (A2)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ (from GDC)} \quad (A2) (C6)$$

[6 marks]

10. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.7

$$\text{Let } \begin{pmatrix} b & 3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 5 \\ -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ a & 15 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a.i) Write down the value of  $a$ .

[1]

Markscheme

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$$a = 5 \quad \mathbf{A1\ N1}$$

**[1 mark]**

(a.ii) Find the value of  $b$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$b + 9 = 4 \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$b = -5 \quad \mathbf{A1\ N2}$$

**[2 marks]**

(b) Let  $3 \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 8 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 5 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ q & -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -22 & 24 \\ 9 & 23 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the value of  $q$ .

[3]

Markscheme

Comparing elements  $3(2) - 5(q) = -9 \quad \mathbf{M1}$

$$q = 3 \quad \mathbf{A2\ N2}$$

*[3 marks]*

11. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.35

(a) Write down the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2]

Markscheme

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.4 & 0.1 \\ -0.7 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ -1.2 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{A2 N2}$$

[2 marks]

(b) **Hence**, find the point of intersection of the three planes.

$$x - 3y + z = 1$$

$$2x + 2y - z = 2$$

$$x - 5y + 3z = 3$$

[3]

Markscheme

For attempting to calculate  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  M1

$$x = 1.2, y = 0.6, z = 1.6 \text{ (so the point is } (1.2, 0.6, 1.6)) \quad \text{A2 N2}$$

[3 marks]

(c) A fourth plane with equation  $x + y + z = d$  passes through the point of intersection. Find the value of  $d$ .

[1]

Markscheme

(1.2, 0.6, 1.6) lies on  $x + y + z = d$

$\therefore d = 3.4$  *A1 N1*

*[1 mark]*

12. [Maximum mark: 4]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.43

(a) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  given that the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & -4 & -6 \\ -8 & 5 & 7 \\ -5 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the inverse of the matrix}$$
$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & b & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[2]

Markscheme

$$AB = I$$

$$(AB)_{11} = 1 \Rightarrow a - 12 + 6 = 1, \text{ giving } a = 7 \quad (A1)(C1)$$

$$(AB)_{22} = 1 \Rightarrow -16 + 5b + 7 = 1, \text{ giving } b = 2 \quad (A1)(C1)$$

[2 marks]

(b) For the values of  $a$  and  $b$  found in part (a), solve the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - 2z &= 5 \\ 3x + by + z &= 0 \\ -x + y - 3z &= a - 1. \end{aligned}$$

[2]

Markscheme

the system is  $BX = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{Then, } X = A \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -4 & -6 \\ -8 & 5 & 7 \\ -5 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (M1)$$

Thus  $x = -1, y = 2, z = -1$  (A1)(C2)

*[2 marks]*

13. [Maximum mark: 7]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.16

(a) Find a relationship between  $a$  and  $b$  if the matrices

$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  commute under matrix multiplication.

[4]

Markscheme

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2a & b + 3a \\ 8 & 2b + 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2b & a + 3b \\ 8 & 2a + 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

So require  $a = b$  M1A1

[4 marks]

(b.i) Find the value of  $a$  if the determinant of matrix  $M$  is  $-1$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 - 2a = -1 \Rightarrow a = 2 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

[2 marks]

(b.ii) Write down  $M^{-1}$  for this value of  $a$ .

[1]

Markscheme

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{A1}$$



*[1 mark]*

14. [Maximum mark: 9]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.6

$$\text{Let } C = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -1 & a \end{pmatrix}.$$

The  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $Q$  is such that  $3Q = 2C - D$

(a) Find  $Q$ .

[3]

Markscheme

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$$3Q = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 8 \\ 2 & 14 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -1 & a \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

$$3Q = \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 6 \\ 3 & 14 - a \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & \frac{14-a}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1) (N3)$$

[3 marks]

(b) Find  $CD$ .

[4]

Markscheme

$$\begin{aligned} CD &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ -1 & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -14 & -4 + 4a \\ -2 & 2 + 7a \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)(A1)(A1)(A1) (N4) \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

(c) Find  $D^{-1}$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$\det D = 5a + 2$  (may be implied) (A1)

$$D^{-1} = \frac{1}{5a+2} \begin{pmatrix} a & -2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)(N2)$$

[2 marks]

15. [Maximum mark: 5]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.30

Matrices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are defined as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \\ -9 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Given that  $AB = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $a$ .

[1]

Markscheme

$$a = 16 \quad A1$$

[1 mark]

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find  $A^{-1}$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (M1)A1$$

[2 marks]

(c) Find the matrix  $X$ , such that  $AX = C$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$AX = C \Rightarrow X = A^{-1}C \quad (M1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 24 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \left( = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 \\ 1.5 \\ -0.25 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \mathbf{A1} \end{aligned}$$

**[2 marks]**

16. [Maximum mark: 7]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.45

- (a) Given matrices  $A, B, C$  for which  $AB = C$  and  $\det A \neq 0$ , express  $B$  in terms of  $A$  and  $C$ .

[2]

Markscheme

Since  $\det A \neq 0, A^{-1}$  exists. (M1)

Hence  $AB = C \Rightarrow B = A^{-1}C$  (C1)

[2 marks]

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 13 & -7 \\ -2 & 7 & -4 \\ 3 & -9 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } C = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b.i) Find the matrix  $DA$ .

[1]

Markscheme

$$DA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

[1 mark]

- (b.ii) Find  $B$  if  $AB = C$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$B = A^{-1}C = DC \quad (M1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

**[2 marks]**

- (c) Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the planes  
 $x + 2y + 3z = 5$ ,  $2x - y + 2z = 7$ ,  
 $3x - 3y + 2z = 10$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$x + 2y + 3z = 5$$

The system of equations is  $2x - y + 2z = 7$

$$3x - 3y + 2z = 10$$

or  $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = C$  (M1)

The required point = (1, -1, 2). (A1)

**[2 marks]**

17. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.9

The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has inverse  $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ a & 6 & b \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a.i) Write down the value of  $a$ .

[1]

Markscheme

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$$a = 4 \quad A1N1$$

[1 mark]

(a.ii) Write down the value of  $b$ .

[1]

Markscheme

$$b = 7 \quad A1N1$$

[1 mark]

Consider the simultaneous equations

$$x + 2y = 7$$

$$-3x + y - z = 10$$

$$2x - 2y + z = -12$$

(b) Write these equations as a matrix equation.

[1]

Markscheme



**EITHER**

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \quad A1 N1$$

**OR**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \quad A1 N1$$

**[1 mark]**

(c) Solve the matrix equation.

[3]

Markscheme

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{accept algebraic method}) \quad (M1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{accept } x = -3, y = 5, z = 4) \quad A2 N3$$

**[3 marks]**

18. [Maximum mark: 7]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.26

Consider the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Find  $BA$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$BA = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 18 & -14 \\ -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad A2$$

**Note:** Award **A1** for one error, **A0** for two or more errors.

[2 marks]

(b) Calculate  $\det(BA)$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$\det(BA) = (72 - 56) = 16 \quad (M1)A1$$

[2 marks]

(c) Find  $A(A^{-1}B + 2A^{-1})A$ .

[3]

Markscheme

**EITHER**

$$A(A^{-1}B + 2A^{-1})A = BA + 2A \quad (M1)A1$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 24 & -18 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad A1$$

**OR**

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

an attempt to evaluate  $(M1)$

$$A^{-1}B + 2A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -16 \\ 1 & -21 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A(A^{-1}B + 2A^{-1})A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 4.5 & 7.5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 & -18 \\ 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad A1$$

**[3 marks]**

19. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.4

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Write down the inverse,  $A^{-1}$ .

[2]

Markscheme

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$$\det A = 5(1) - 7(-2) = 19$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{19} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{19} & \frac{2}{19} \\ \frac{-7}{19} & \frac{5}{19} \end{pmatrix} \quad (A2)$$

**Note:** Award (A1) for  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , (A1) for dividing by 19.

**OR**

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0526 & 0.105 \\ -0.368 & 0.263 \end{pmatrix} \quad (G2)$$

[2 marks]

$B$ ,  $C$  and  $X$  are also  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

(b.i) Given that  $XA + B = C$ , express  $X$  in terms of  $A^{-1}$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$XA + B = C \Rightarrow XA = C - B \quad (M1)$$

$$X = (C - B)A^{-1} \quad (A1)$$

**OR**

$$X = (C - B)A^{-1} \quad (A2)$$

[2 marks]

(b.ii) Given that  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 \\ -8 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $X$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$(C - B)A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -7 \\ -13 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{19} & \frac{2}{19} \\ -\frac{7}{19} & \frac{5}{19} \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

$$\Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{38}{19} & \frac{-57}{19} \\ \frac{-76}{19} & \frac{19}{19} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

**OR**

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (G2)$$

**Note:** If premultiplication by  $A^{-1}$  is used, award (M1)(M0) in part (i) but award

(A2) for  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-37}{19} & \frac{11}{19} \\ \frac{12}{19} & \frac{94}{19} \end{pmatrix}$  in part (ii).

[2 marks]

20. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.27

Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be non-singular  $2 \times 2$  matrices,  $I$  the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix and  $k$  a scalar.

The following statements are **incorrect**. For each statement, write down the correct version of the right hand side.

(a)  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$  [2]

Markscheme

$$(A + B)^2 = A^2 + AB + BA + B^2 \quad A2$$

**Note:** Award **A1** in parts (a) to (c) if error is correctly identified, but not corrected.

[2 marks]

(b)  $(A - kI)^3 = A^3 - 3kA^2 + 3k^2A - k^3$  [2]

Markscheme

$$(A - kI)^3 = A^3 - 3kA^2 + 3k^2A - k^3I \quad A2$$

**Note:** Award **A1** in parts (a) to (c) if error is correctly identified, but not corrected.

[2 marks]

(c)  $CA = B \quad C = \frac{B}{A}$  [2]

Markscheme

$$CA = B \Rightarrow C = BA^{-1} \quad A2$$

**Note:** Award **A1** in parts (a) to (c) if error is correctly identified, but not corrected.

*[2 marks]*

21. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.8

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ 23 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Write down the inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$ .

[2]

Markscheme

\* This question is from an exam for a previous syllabus, and may contain minor differences in marking or structure.

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} -0.333 & 0.667 & -0.333 \\ -0.333 & 1.67 & -2.33 \\ 0.667 & -1.33 & 1.67 \end{pmatrix}$$

**A2 N2**

**[2 marks]**

Consider the equation  $AX = B$ .

(b.i) Express  $X$  in terms of  $A^{-1}$  and  $B$ .

[1]

Markscheme

$$X = A^{-1}B \quad \mathbf{A1 N1}$$

**[1 mark]**

(b.ii) **Hence**, solve for  $X$ .

[3]

Markscheme



$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad A3 N3$$

**[3 marks]**

22. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.22

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ x \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Find  $AB$ .

[3]

Markscheme

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Attempting to multiply matrices (M1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ x \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 + x^2 - 2 \\ 9 + x + 8 \end{pmatrix} \left( = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + x^2 \\ 17 + x \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

A1A1 N3

[3 marks]

(b) The matrix  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 28 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $2AB = C$ . Find the value of  $x$ .

[3]

Markscheme

Setting up equation M1

$$\text{eg } 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 + x^2 \\ 17 + x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 28 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 2x^2 \\ 34 + 2x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ 28 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + x^2 \\ 17 + x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 + 2x^2 = 20 \quad (1 + x^2 = 10) \\ 34 + 2x = 28 \quad (17 + x = 14) \end{array} \quad (A1)$$

$$x = -3 \quad A1 \quad N2$$

*[3 marks]*

23. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.10

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ k & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find, in terms of  $k$ ,

(a)  $2A - B$ .

[3]

Markscheme

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$$2A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 2k & 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)$$

$$2A - B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2k - 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad A2 \quad N3$$

[3 marks]

(b)  $\det(2A - B)$ .

[3]

Markscheme

Evidence of using the definition of determinant (M1)

Correct substitution (A1)

eg  $4(5) - 2(2k - 1), 20 - 2(2k - 1), 20 - 4k + 2$

$$\det(2A - B) = 22 - 4k \quad A1 \quad N3$$

[3 marks]

24. [Maximum mark: 5]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.25

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ a & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Find the matrix  $A^2$ . [2]

Markscheme

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2a & -2 \\ -a & 2a + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (M1)A1$$

[2 marks]

(b) If  $\det A^2 = 16$ , determine the possible values of  $a$ . [3]

Markscheme

**METHOD 1**

$$\det A^2 = 4a^2 + 2a - 2a = 4a^2 \quad M1$$

$$a = \pm 2 \quad A1A1 \quad N2$$

**METHOD 2**

$$\det A = -2a \quad M1$$

$$\det A = \pm 4$$

$$a = \pm 2 \quad A1A1 \quad N2$$

[3 marks]

25. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.29

Let  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are non-zero real numbers.

(a) Show that  $M$  is non-singular.

[2]

Markscheme

$$\text{finding } \det M = a^2 + b^2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 > 0, \text{ therefore } M \text{ is non-singular or equivalent statement} \quad \mathbf{R1}$$

**[2 marks]**

(b) Calculate  $M^2$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 - b^2 & 2ab \\ -2ab & a^2 - b^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

**[2 marks]**

(c) Show that  $\det(M^2)$  is positive.

[2]

Markscheme

**EITHER**

$$\det(M^2) = (a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - b^2) + (2ab)(2ab) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\det(M^2) = (a^2 - b^2)^2 + (2ab)^2 \quad \left( = (a^2 + b^2)^2 \right)$$

since the first term is non-negative and the second is positive  $\mathbf{R1}$

therefore  $\det(M^2) > 0$

**Note:** Do not penalise first term stated as positive.

**OR**

$$\det(M^2) = (\det M)^2 \quad A1$$

since  $\det M$  is positive so too is  $\det(M^2)$  *R1*

*[2 marks]*

26. [Maximum mark: 6]

EXM.1.AHL.TZ0.52

(a)

Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

[2]

Markscheme

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A2\ N2}$$

[2 marks]

(b) **Hence** solve the system of equations

$$x + 2y + z = 0$$

$$x + y + 2z = 7$$

$$2x + y + z = 17$$

[4]

Markscheme

In matrix form  $Ax = B$  or  $x = A^{-1}B$  **M1**

$$x = 2, y = -3, z = 4 \quad \mathbf{A1A1A1\ N0}$$

[4 marks]