
SL Paper 1

Consider the simultaneous linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + z &= -1 \\3x + y + 2z &= 1 \\2x + ay - z &= b\end{aligned}$$

where a and b are constants.

- a. Using row reduction, find the solutions in terms of a and b when $a \neq 3$. [8]
- b. Explain why the equations have no unique solution when $a = 3$. [1]
- c. Find all the solutions to the equations when $a = 3$, $b = 10$ in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{s} + \lambda \mathbf{t}$. [4]
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Consider the matrix $\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- a. Show that the linear transformation represented by \mathbf{M} transforms any point on the line $y = x$ to a point on the same line. [2]
- b. Explain what happens to points on the line $4y + x = 0$ when they are transformed by \mathbf{M} . [3]
- c. State the two eigenvalues of \mathbf{M} . [2]
- d. State two eigenvectors of \mathbf{M} which correspond to the two eigenvalues. [2]
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A matrix \mathbf{M} is called idempotent if $\mathbf{M}^2 = \mathbf{M}$.

The idempotent matrix \mathbf{N} has the form

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -2a \\ a & -2a \end{pmatrix}$$

where $a \neq 0$.

- a. (i) Explain why \mathbf{M} is a square matrix. [4]
- (ii) Find the set of possible values of $\det(\mathbf{M})$.
- b. (i) Find the value of a . [12]

- (ii) Find the eigenvalues of \mathbf{N} .
- (iii) Find corresponding eigenvectors.
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Let $\mathbf{A}^2 = 2\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I}$ where \mathbf{A} is a 2×2 matrix.

a. Show that $\mathbf{A}^4 = 12\mathbf{A} + 5\mathbf{I}$. [3]

b. Let $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$. [3]

Given that $\mathbf{B}^2 - \mathbf{B} - 4\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$, find the value of k .

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ \lambda \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

a. Determine the value of λ and the value of μ for which the equations are consistent. [5]

b. For these values of λ and μ , solve the equations. [3]

c. State the rank of the matrix of coefficients, justifying your answer. [2]

The non-zero vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ form an orthogonal set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

a.i. By considering $\alpha_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \alpha_3\mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{0}$, show that $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ are linearly independent. [3]

a.ii. Explain briefly why $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ form a basis for vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . [3]

b.i. Show that the vectors [2]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form an orthogonal basis.

b.ii. Express the vector [3]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

as a linear combination of these vectors.

In this question, x , y and z denote the coordinates of a point in three-dimensional Euclidean space with respect to fixed rectangular axes with origin

O. The vector space of position vectors relative to O is denoted by \mathbb{R}^3 .

a. Explain why the set of position vectors of points whose coordinates satisfy $x - y - z = 1$ does not form a vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . [1]

b. (i) Show that the set of position vectors of points whose coordinates satisfy $x - y - z = 0$ forms a vector subspace, V , of \mathbb{R}^3 . [13]

(ii) Determine an orthogonal basis for V of which one member is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(iii) Augment this basis with an orthogonal vector to form a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

(iv) Express the position vector of the point with coordinates $(4, 0, -2)$ as a linear combination of these basis vectors.

The matrix A is given by $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Given that A^3 can be expressed in the form $A^3 = aA^2 = bA + cI$, determine the values of the constants a , b , c .

(b) (i) Hence express A^{-1} in the form $A^{-1} = dA^2 = eA + fI$ where d , e , $f \in \mathbb{Q}$.

(ii) Use this result to determine A^{-1} .

A transformation T is a linear mapping from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^4 , represented by the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

a. (i) Find the row rank of M . [8]

(ii) Hence or otherwise find the kernel of T .

b. (i) State the column rank of M . [4]

(ii) Find the basis for the range of this transformation.

Let S be the set of matrices given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}; a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, ad - bc = 1$$

The relation R is defined on S as follows. Given $A, B \in S$, $A R B$ if and only if there exists $X \in S$ such that $A = BX$.

- a. Show that R is an equivalence relation. [8]
- b. The relationship between a, b, c and d is changed to $ad - bc = n$. State, with a reason, whether or not there are any non-zero values of n , [2]
other than 1, for which R is an equivalence relation.
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The matrix M is defined by $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$.

The eigenvalues of M are denoted by λ_1, λ_2 .

- (a) Show that $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = a + d$ and $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \det(M)$.
- (b) Given that $a + b = c + d = 1$, show that 1 is an eigenvalue of M .
- (c) Find eigenvectors for the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$.
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The matrix A is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & -11 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a. (i) Find the matrices A^2 and A^3 , and verify that $A^3 = 2A^2 - A$. [6]
- (ii) Deduce that $A^4 = 3A^2 - 2A$.
- b. (i) Suggest a similar expression for A^n in terms of A and A^2 , valid for $n \geq 3$. [8]
- (ii) Use mathematical induction to prove the validity of your suggestion.
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Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ k \end{pmatrix}.$$

- a. By reducing the augmented matrix to row echelon form, [5]
- (i) find the rank of the coefficient matrix;
 - (ii) find the value of k for which the system has a solution.

- b. For this value of k , determine the solution. [3]
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- a. Show that the following vectors form a basis for the vector space \mathbb{R}^3 . [3]

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b. Express the following vector as a linear combination of the above vectors. [5]

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 14 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

The set S contains the eight matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

where a, b, c can each take one of the values $+1$ or -1 .

- a. Show that any matrix of this form is its own inverse. [3]
 - b. Show that S forms an Abelian group under matrix multiplication. [9]
 - c. Giving a reason, state whether or not this group is cyclic. [1]
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By considering the images of the points $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$,

- a.i. determine the 2×2 matrix \mathbf{P} which represents a reflection in the line $y = (\tan \theta) x$. [3]

- a.ii. determine the 2×2 matrix \mathbf{Q} which represents an anticlockwise rotation of θ about the origin. [2]

b. Describe the transformation represented by the matrix PQ . [5]

c. A matrix M is said to be orthogonal if $M^T M = I$ where I is the identity. Show that Q is orthogonal. [2]

The transformations T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 , in the plane are defined as follows:

T_1 : A rotation of 360° about the origin

T_2 : An anticlockwise rotation of 270° about the origin

T_3 : A rotation of 180° about the origin

T_4 : An anticlockwise rotation of 90° about the origin.

The transformation T_5 is defined as a reflection in the x -axis.

The transformation T is defined as the composition of T_3 followed by T_5 followed by T_4 .

a. Copy and complete the following Cayley table for the transformations of T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 , under the operation of composition of transformations. [2]

	T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4
T_1	T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4
T_2	T_2			
T_3	T_3			
T_4	T_4			

b.i. Show that T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4 under the operation of composition of transformations form a group. Associativity may be assumed. [3]

b.ii. Show that this group is cyclic. [1]

c. Write down the 2×2 matrices representing T_3, T_4 and T_5 . [3]

d.i. Find the 2×2 matrix representing T . [2]

d.ii. Give a geometric description of the transformation T . [1]
