

**MATH6502 Example Sheet 6. Hand in all questions from section A.**  
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**Due into Maths room 6.10 by 2pm on Wednesday 26 November.**

**Section A**

1. Which of the following square matrices are symmetric?

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{C}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{D}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Find the determinants of the following  $2 \times 2$  matrices and (where there is a relationship between two matrices) comment on how the matrices and their determinants relate to one another.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(i)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(ii)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(iii)} & \begin{pmatrix} 3.1 & 2.6 \\ -1.1 & 4.2 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(iv)} & \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{(v)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(vi)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & -8 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(vii)} & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \lambda c & \lambda d \end{pmatrix} & \text{(viii)} & \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{(ix)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(x)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(xi)} & \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(xii)} & \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{array}$$

3. Find the determinant of the matrices  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{B}}$  and show that  $\det(\underline{\underline{A}}\underline{\underline{B}}) = \det(\underline{\underline{A}})\det(\underline{\underline{B}})$ .

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -5 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Section B**

1. Solve the following matrix multiplication for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
2. If  $\underline{\underline{A}}\underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{A}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{B}}\underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{B}}$  then show that  $\underline{\underline{A}}^2 = \underline{\underline{A}}$ .
3. Define  $D_n$  as the determinant of  $\underline{\underline{A}}_n$  where  $\underline{\underline{A}}_n$  are this series of  $n \times n$  matrices:

$$\underline{\underline{A}}_1 = (a) \quad \underline{\underline{A}}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{A}}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ b & a & b \\ 0 & b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{A}}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ b & a & b & 0 \\ 0 & b & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots$$

- (a) Find  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ .
- (b) What are the cofactors  $C_{11}$  and  $C_{12}$  for  $\underline{\underline{A}}_n$ ?
- (c) Using (b), and expanding on the first row of  $\underline{\underline{A}}_n$ , show that  $D_n = aD_{n-1} - b^2D_{n-2}$ .
- (d) Use (c) and (a) to show that  $D_5 = a(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - 3b^2)$ .
4. Find the determinant of the following matrices:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(i)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(ii)} & \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(iii)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{(iv)} & \begin{pmatrix} a & 2z & 9.6 \\ 0 & b & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix} & \text{(v)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(vi)} & \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ -1 & x & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & x \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{(vii)} & \begin{pmatrix} x & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & x & -1 \\ c & b & a+x \end{pmatrix} & \text{(viii)} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & -1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} & \text{(ix)} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -6 & 0 \\ 7 & 5 & 3 & x \end{pmatrix}. \end{array}$$

5. Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 2\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 2\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 2\theta \end{vmatrix} = 2(1 + 2 \sin 2\theta)$ .