

10.4 Answers

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics : Core 1 Matrix Systems of Equations

10.4.1 Solution to 10.2 Example

(a) The angle of the line with the positive x-axis is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \arctan\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &= 30^\circ \quad \text{or } \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ radians}\end{aligned}$$

The matrix to reflect in the line $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x$ is thus,

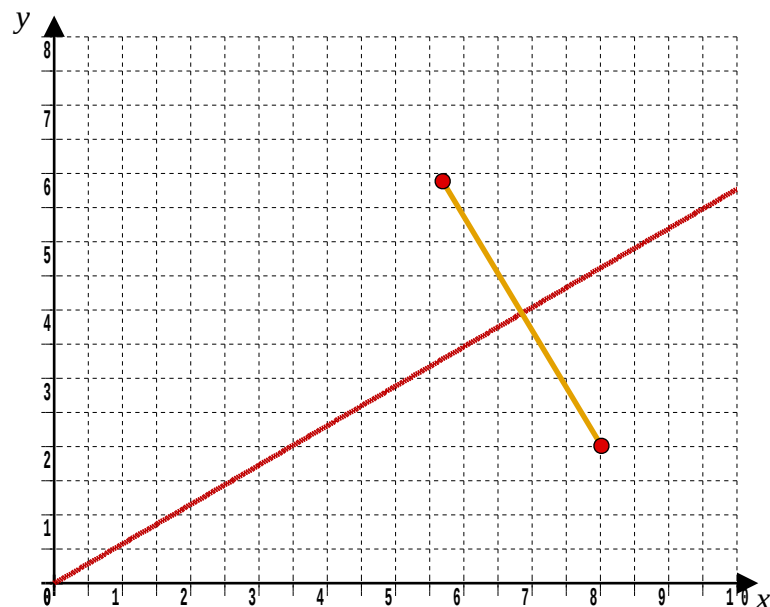
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 60 & \sin 60 \\ \sin 60 & -\cos 60 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Using this matrix to move the point,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 + \sqrt{3} \\ 4\sqrt{3} - 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ (8, 2) &\rightarrow (4 + \sqrt{3}, 4\sqrt{3} - 1)\end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

(b) $(8, 2) \rightarrow (5.7, 5.9)$ for plotting on the graph.



[1 mark]

10.4.2 Solutions to 10.3 Exercise

Answer 1

(i) $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$: Reflection in the line $y = x$

$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$: Rotation of 270° about $(0, 0)$

[4 marks]

(ii)
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{AB} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -p \\ q \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$(p, q) \rightarrow (-p, q)$$

[2 marks]

Answer 2

(i)
$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 2\theta + \sin^2 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \sin 2\theta - \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta - \cos 2\theta \sin 2\theta & \sin^2 2\theta + \cos^2 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

- (ii) Reflecting any point in a mirror, and then reflecting it back is the same as doing nothing, as indicated by the identity matrix answer in part (i)

[1 mark]

(iii)
$$\left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right)^{11} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 3

(a) A matrix is singular when its determinant is zero.

$$|\mathbf{A}| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & k \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$k - 2 = 0$$

$$k = 2$$

[1 mark]

(b) $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$: Reflection in the y -axis

[1 mark]

(c) (i) Verify that $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1} = (\mathbf{BA})^{-1}$

$$\text{LHS} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{-1}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{k-2} \begin{pmatrix} k-2 & \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{(-1)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k-2} \begin{pmatrix} k-2 & \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{showing B is self inverse}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k-2} \begin{pmatrix} -k-2 & \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad k \neq 2$$

$$\text{RHS} = (\mathbf{BA})^{-1}$$

$$= \left(\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & k \end{pmatrix} \right)^{-1}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{-k+2} \begin{pmatrix} k & 2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k-2} \begin{pmatrix} -k-2 & \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad k \neq 2$$

$$= \text{LHS}$$

Thus, for matrices $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ the claimed result is true.

[4 marks]

(ii) If it is true that $\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^{-1} = (\mathbf{NM})^{-1}$

then $\mathbf{NM} \times \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^{-1}$ will yield the identity matrix, $\mathbf{I}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \mathbf{NM} \times \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{N}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{N} (\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^{-1}) \mathbf{N}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{N} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{N}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{N} \mathbf{N}^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{I} \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

So the claimed result is indeed true.

[4 marks]

Answer 4

(i) Reflection in the y -axis : $\mathbf{M}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

[1 mark]

(ii) Rotation of $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians about the origin : $\mathbf{M}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

[1 mark]

(iii) $\mathbf{M}_3 = \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{M}_2$ (Notice the order)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

(iv) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$: Reflection in the line $y = x$

[1 mark]

Answer 5

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

Answer 6

(a) (i) $\mathbf{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

[1 mark]

(ii) $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$: Reflection in the line $y = -x$

[1 mark]

(iii) The opposite of a reflection is the same reflection.
For example, a point is reflected, and then reflected back to its original location.

[1 mark]

(b) $|\mathbf{N}| = \begin{vmatrix} k+1 & 0 \\ k & k+2 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= (k+1)(k+2) - k \times 0$
 $= (k+1)(k+2)$

If $\mathbf{N}$ represents a reflection then $|\mathbf{N}| = -1$

$\therefore$ we require $(k+1)(k+2) = -1$

$$k^2 + 3k + 2 = -1$$

$$k^2 + 3k + 3 = 0$$

But this has no solutions (it has a negative discriminant)

So $\mathbf{N}$ can never represent a reflection.

[4 marks]