

8.8 Answers

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

8.8.1 Solution to 8.6 Example

- (i) Rotation of 90° (anticlockwise) about the x -axis.

[3 marks]

$$(ii) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore (3, -1, 4) \rightarrow (3, -4, -1)$$

[1 mark]

$$(iii) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ -a \\ 2a - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a - 5 \\ -a \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ -2a + 1 \\ -a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a - 5 \\ -a \end{pmatrix}$$
$$-2a + 1 = a - 5$$
$$a = 2$$

[3 marks]

8.8.1 Solutions to 8.7 Exercise

Answer 1

- (i) reflection in the plane $x = 0$
 $x = 0$ is the (left hand) side wall

$$\mathbf{Ref}_{x=0} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]

- (ii) rotation of 180° about the x -axis

$$\mathbf{Rot}_{180x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

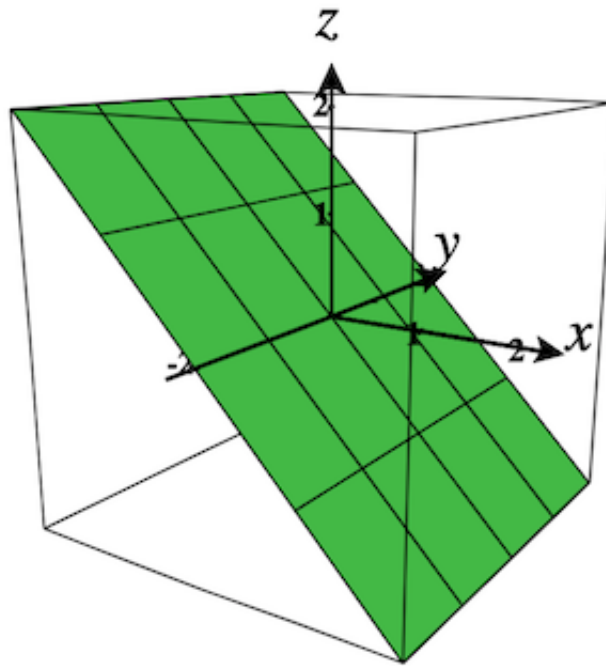
[2 marks]

- (iii) rotation of 90° about the y -axis

$$\mathbf{Rot}_{90y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 2



$$\mathbf{Ref}_{z=-y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 3

Describe the transformations represented by the following matrices,

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

[2 marks]

(ii) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$: Reflection in the plane $x = z$

[2 marks]

(iii) $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$: Rotation of 180° about the z-axis

[2 marks]

Answer 4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \mathbf{A}^4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]

(b) A rotation of 270° about the x-axis

[2 marks]

$$\text{(c)} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Ref}_{x=0} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]

$$\text{(d)} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

[1 mark]

Answer 5

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{M}_1 = \mathbf{Ref}_{y=0} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

[1 mark]

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{M}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} : \text{Rotation } 180^\circ \text{ about the } x\text{-axis}$$

[1 mark]

$$(c) \quad (i) \quad |\mathbf{M}_1| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(-1)(1) = -1$$

$$|\mathbf{M}_2| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (1)(-1)(-1) = 1$$

[2 marks]

- (ii) The magnitude of the determinant has the geometric interpretation of “area scale factor”. Both of these matrices would not change the area of a shape being transformed by them.
- The sign of the determinant gives the orientation of the image and so $\mathbf{M}_1$ will flip the orientation and $\mathbf{M}_2$ will not.

[2 marks]

$$(d) \quad (i) \quad \mathbf{M}_3 = \mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2$$

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

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

[1 mark]

- (ii) $\mathbf{M}_3$ represents reflection in the plane $z = 0$

[2 marks]

Answer 6

$$(i) \quad \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Ref}_{x=0} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Ref}_{y=0} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]

$$(ii) \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]

$$(iii) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ -b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]**Answer 7**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[2 marks]**Answer 8**

$$(a) \quad (i) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -(-1)(1)(1) = 1$$

[1 mark]

- (ii) The magnitude of the determinant has the geometric interpretation of “area scale factor”. This matrix will not change the area of a shape being transformed by it. The sign of the determinant gives the orientation of the image and this matrix will preserve the orientation.

[2 marks]

$$(b) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \text{Rotation of } 90^\circ \text{ about the } z\text{-axis.}$$

[1 mark]