

## Solutions to short-answer questions

1 a

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 12 & 8 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

b

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}^2 &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{B}^2 &= \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{A}^2 - \mathbf{B}^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

2 Find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\text{Determinant} = 3 \times 8 - 4 \times 6 = 0$$

This is a non-invertible matrix.

If  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ , then this corresponds to the simultaneous equations:

$$3x + 4y = 8$$

$$6x + 8y = 16$$

The second equation is equivalent to the first, as it is obtained by multiplying both sides of the first by 2.

Thus if  $x = a$ ,

$$3a + 4y = 8$$

$$4y = 8 - 3a$$

$$y = 2 - \frac{3a}{4}$$

The matrices may be expressed as  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ 2 - \frac{3a}{4} \end{bmatrix}$ .

3 a For a product to exist, the number of columns of the first matrix must equal the number of rows of the second. This is true only for  $\mathbf{AC}$ ,  $\mathbf{CD}$  and  $\mathbf{BE}$ , so these products exist.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{DA} &= [2 \quad 4] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [2 \times 1 + 4 \times 3 \\ & \quad 2 \times 2 + 4 \times -1] \\ &= [14 \quad 0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 1 \times -1 - 2 \times 3 = -7$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{-7} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \quad \mathbf{AB} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 1 & -6 \\ 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + -2 \times 1 + 1 \times 3 & 1 \times -4 + -2 \times -6 + 1 \times -8 \\ -5 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 & -5 \times -4 + 1 \times -6 + 2 \times -8 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) = 1 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$5 \quad \text{Find the inverse of } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Determinant} = 1 \times 4 - 2 \times 3 = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Inverse} &= \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply by the inverse on the right:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 12 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$6 \quad \mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

7 The determinant must be zero.

$$1 \times x - 2 \times 4 = 0$$

$$x - 8 = 0$$

$$x = 8$$

8 a i 
$$\mathbf{MM} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

ii 
$$\mathbf{MMM} = \mathbf{MM}(\mathbf{M})$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -18 \\ 18 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii Determinant =  $2 \times 3 - -1 \times 1 = 7$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b 
$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$x = 2, y = 1$$

### Solutions to multiple-choice questions

1 B The dimension is number of rows by number of columns, i.e.  $4 \times 2$ .

2 E The matrices cannot be added as they have different dimensions.

3 C 
$$\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$- \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1-2 & -3-(-3) & 1-1 \\ 2-1 & 3-0 & -1-(-2) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4 E Multiply every entry by  $-1$ .

$$-\mathbf{M} = - \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

5 C 
$$2\mathbf{M} - 2\mathbf{N} = 2 \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -12 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

6 **A**  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$  will have the same dimension as  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , i.e.  $m \times n$ .

7 **E** The number of columns of  $\mathbf{Q}$  is not the same as the number of rows of  $\mathbf{P}$ , so they cannot be multiplied.

8 **A**  $\text{Determinant} = 2 \times 1 - 2 \times -1$   
 $= 4$

9 **E**  $\text{Determinant} = 1 \times -2 - -1 \times 1$   
 $= -1$

$$\text{Inverse} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

10 **D**  $\mathbf{NM} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \times 0 + 2 \times -3 & 0 \times -2 + 2 \times 1 \\ 3 \times 0 + 1 \times -3 & 3 \times -2 + 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 2 \\ -3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Solutions to extended-response questions

1 **a i** The equations  $2x - 3y = 3$  and  $4x + y = 5$  can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

ii  $\text{Determinant of } \mathbf{A} = 2 \times 1 - 4 \times (-3)$   
 $= 2 + 12$   
 $= 14$

$$\therefore \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \frac{1}{14} \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore  $x = \frac{9}{7}$  and  $y = -\frac{1}{7}$ .

iv The two lines corresponding to the equations intersect at  $\left(\frac{9}{7}, -\frac{1}{7}\right)$ .

**b i** The equations  $2x + y = 3$  and  $4x + 2y = 8$  can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

ii  $\text{Determinant of } \mathbf{A} = 2 \times 2 - 4 \times 1$   
 $= 4 - 4$   
 $= 0$

Since the determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  equals zero,  $\mathbf{A}$  is a non-invertible matrix and the inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  does not exist.

**c** The two lines corresponding to the equations are parallel.

**2 a** The  $2 \times 3$  matrix is:  $\begin{bmatrix} 79 & 78 & 80 \\ 80 & 78 & 82 \end{bmatrix}$

The rows correspond to the semesters and the columns to the forms of assessment.

**b** The percentages of the three components can be represented in the  $3 \times 1$  matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$

**c** Multiplying the two matrices gives the semester scores.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 79 & 78 & 80 \\ 80 & 78 & 82 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 79.2 \\ 80.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that multiplication of a  $2 \times 3$  matrix by a  $3 \times 1$  matrix results in a  $2 \times 1$  matrix.

**d** For Chemistry the result is given by the following multiplication.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 86 & 82 & 84 \\ 81 & 80 & 70 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 83.8 \\ 75.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**e** The aggregate of the four marks is 318.6. This is below 320.

**f** Three marks will be required to obtain an aggregate of marks above 320.

**3 a** The part-time and full-time teachers required for the 4 terms can be shown in a  $4 \times 2$  matrix. The columns are

for the two types of teachers and the rows for the different terms. Hence the matrix is:  $\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 8 & 4 \\ 8 & 8 \\ 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$

**b** The full-time teachers are paid 70 an hour and the part-time teachers 60. This can be represented in the  $2 \times 1$  matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 70 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix}$

**c** The product these two matrices gives the cost per hour for each term.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 8 & 4 \\ 8 & 8 \\ 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 70 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 820 \\ 800 \\ 1040 \\ 1020 \end{bmatrix}$$

The cost per hour for term 1 is \$820.

The cost per hour for term 2 is \$800.

The cost per hour for term 3 is \$1040.

The cost per hour for term 4 is \$1020.

**d** For the technical, catering and cleaning staff, the matrix for the 4 terms is the  $4 \times 3$  matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

**e** The rate per hour can be represented in the  $3 \times 1$  matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 55 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix}$

**f** The cost per hour is given by the product.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 55 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 270 \\ 270 \\ 480 \\ 480 \end{bmatrix}$$

The cost per hour for term 1 is \$270.

The cost per hour for term 2 is \$270.

The cost per hour for term 3 is \$480.

The cost per hour for term 4 is \$480.

**g** The total cost per hour is given by the sum of the matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 820 \\ 800 \\ 1040 \\ 1020 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 270 \\ 270 \\ 480 \\ 480 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1090 \\ 1070 \\ 1520 \\ 1500 \end{bmatrix}$$

The cost per hour for term 1 is \$1090.

The cost per hour for term 2 is \$1070.

The cost per hour for term 3 is \$1520.

The cost per hour for term 4 is \$1500.

**4 a** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$ .

$\det(\mathbf{A}) = ad - bc$  and  $\det(\mathbf{B}) = eh - fg$ .

Then  $\det(\mathbf{A})\det(\mathbf{B}) = (ad - bc)(eh - fg)$   
 $= adeh + bcfg - adfg - bceh$

Furthermore  $\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{bmatrix}$ .

and

$\det(\mathbf{AB}) = adeh + bcfg - adfg - bceh$

$\therefore \det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A})\det(\mathbf{B})$

**b** A  $2 \times 2$  matrix is invertible if and only if its determinant is non-zero. Hence if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are invertible then so is  $\mathbf{AB}$