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Advanced Level Examination



**MATHEMATICS**  
**Unit Further Pure 4**

**MFP4**

Wednesday 31 January 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book
  - the **blue** AQA booklet of formulae and statistical tables.
- You may use a graphics calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is MFP4.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Show all necessary working; otherwise marks for method may be lost.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

**Advice**

- Unless stated otherwise, you may quote formulae, without proof, from the booklet.

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Answer **all** questions.

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1 Show that the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y - z &= 0 \\3x - y + 4z &= 7 \\8x + y + 7z &= 30\end{aligned}$$

is inconsistent.

(4 marks)

2 (a) Show that  $(a - b)$  is a factor of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b + c & c + a & a + b \\ bc & ca & ab \end{vmatrix} \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Factorise  $\Delta$  completely into linear factors.

(5 marks)

3 The points  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  have position vectors  $\mathbf{p}$ ,  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  respectively relative to an origin  $O$ , where

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) (i) Determine  $\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}$ .

(2 marks)

(ii) Find the area of triangle  $OPQ$ .

(3 marks)

(b) Use the scalar triple product to show that  $\mathbf{p}$ ,  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  are linearly dependent, and interpret this result geometrically.

(3 marks)

4 The matrices  $\mathbf{M}_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  represent the transformations A and B respectively.

(a) Give a full geometrical description of each of A and B. (5 marks)

(b) Transformation C is obtained by carrying out A followed by B.

(i) Find  $\mathbf{M}_C$ , the matrix of C. (2 marks)

(ii) Hence give a full geometrical description of the single transformation C. (2 marks)

5 (a) Find, to the nearest  $0.1^\circ$ , the acute angle between the planes with equations

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} \cdot (2\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = 38 \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Write down cartesian equations for these two planes. (2 marks)

(c) (i) Find, in the form  $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n}$ , cartesian equations for the line of intersection of the two planes. (5 marks)

(ii) Determine the direction cosines of this line. (2 marks)

6 (a) Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(b) (i) Write down a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ , and a suitable matrix  $\mathbf{U}$ , such that

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{UDU}^{-1} \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

(ii) Write down also the matrix  $\mathbf{U}^{-1}$ . (1 mark)

(iii) Use your results from parts (b)(i) and (b)(ii) to determine the matrix  $\mathbf{X}^5$  in the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are integers. (3 marks)

**Turn over for the next question**

- 7 The transformation  $S$  is a shear with matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Points  $(x, y)$  are mapped under  $S$  to image points  $(x', y')$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the equation of the line of invariant points of  $S$ . (2 marks)
- (b) Show that all lines of the form  $y = x + c$ , where  $c$  is a constant, are invariant lines of  $S$ . (3 marks)
- (c) Evaluate  $\det \mathbf{M}$ , and state the property of shears which is indicated by this result. (2 marks)
- (d) Calculate, to the nearest degree, the acute angle between the line  $y = -x$  and its image under  $S$ . (3 marks)

- 8 The matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a$  is constant.

- (a) (i) Determine  $\det \mathbf{P}$  as a linear expression in  $a$ . (2 marks)
- (ii) Evaluate  $\det \mathbf{P}$  in the case when  $a = 3$ . (1 mark)
- (iii) Find the value of  $a$  for which  $\mathbf{P}$  is singular. (2 marks)
- (b) The  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  is such that  $\mathbf{PQ} = 25\mathbf{I}$ .

**Without finding  $\mathbf{Q}$ :**

- (i) write down an expression for  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{Q}$ ; (1 mark)
- (ii) find the value of the constant  $k$  such that  $(\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} = k\mathbf{I}$ ; (2 marks)
- (iii) determine the numerical value of  $\det \mathbf{Q}$  in the case when  $a = 3$ . (4 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**