

**Matrix Operations, Determinants and Inverses**

**Q1, (Jan 2006, Q1)**

(i)  $2\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -6 \\ 2 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{C}$  is impossible,  
 $\mathbf{CA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii)  $\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\mathbf{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 8 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$

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 M1, A1 CA 3 × 2 matrix M1  
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M1 Or AC impossible, or student's own correct example. Allow M1 even if slip in multiplication

E1 Meaning of commutative

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**Q2, (Jun 2007, Q1i)**

(i)  $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

M1 Attempt to find determinant

A1

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**Q3, (Jan 2007, Q9)**

<p>(i)</p> $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{N}^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	<p>M1 A1 A1 <b>[3]</b></p>	<p>Dividing by determinant One for each inverse c.a.o.</p>
<p>(ii)</p> $\mathbf{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ $(\mathbf{MN})^{-1} = \frac{1}{21} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{N}^{-1}\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ $= \frac{1}{21} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ $= (\mathbf{MN})^{-1}$	<p>M1 A1  A1  M1 A1  A1  <b>[6]</b></p>	<p>Must multiply in correct order  Ft from <b>MN</b>  Multiplication in correct order Ft from (i)  Statement of equivalence to <math>(\mathbf{MN})^{-1}</math></p>
<p>iii)</p> $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} \mathbf{PQ} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{PQ})^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$	<p>M1 M1 M1  A1  <b>[4]</b></p>	<p><math>\mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}</math> Correctly eliminate <b>I</b> from LHS Post-multiply both sides by <math>\mathbf{P}^{-1}</math> at an appropriate point  Correct and complete argument</p>

**Q4, (Jun 2009, Q1)**

<p>(i)</p> $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$	<p>M1 A1 <b>[2]</b></p>	<p>Dividing by determinant</p>
<p>(ii)</p> $\frac{1}{11} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 49 \\ 100 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{pmatrix} 198 \\ 253 \end{pmatrix}$ $\Rightarrow x = 18, y = 23$	<p>M1 A1(ft) A1(ft) <b>[3]</b></p>	<p>Pre-multiplying by their inverse</p>

**Q5, (Jun 2015, Q1)**

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{108} \begin{pmatrix} 21 & 3 \\ -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{108} \begin{pmatrix} 21 & 3 \\ -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{18} \\ \frac{1}{27} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{18}, y = \frac{1}{27}, \text{oe}$$

M1*	Attempt to find $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$ or $108\mathbf{M}^{-1}$
M1*	Divide by their determinant, $\Delta$ , at some stage
A1	Correct determinant, (A0 for $\det \mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{108}$ stated, all other marks are available)
M1	Attempt to <b>pre</b> -multiply by inverse or by $\Delta \mathbf{M}^{-1}$
A1	Correct matrix multiplication (allow one slip)
A1dep*	For both, cao $x$ and $y$ must be specified, may be in column vectors
	SC answers only B1
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**Q6, (Jun 2010, Q2)**

(i)  $2x - 5y = 9$   
 $3x + 7y = -1$

(ii)  $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{29} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\frac{1}{29} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{29} \begin{pmatrix} 58 \\ -29 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, y = -1$$

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M1	Divide by determinant
A1	c.a.o.
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M1	Pre-multiply by their inverse
A1(ft)	For both
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**Q7, (Jun 2011, Q9)**

<p><b>(i)</b> <math>\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 &amp; -1 \\ 3 &amp; k \end{pmatrix}</math></p>	<p>B2 [2]</p>	<p>- 1 each error</p>
<p><b>(ii)</b> <math>\mathbf{M}^{-1}</math> does not exist for <math>2k + 3 = 0</math></p> <p><math>k = \frac{-3}{2}</math></p> <p><math>\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2k+3} \begin{pmatrix} k &amp; 1 \\ -3 &amp; 2 \end{pmatrix}</math></p> <p><math>\frac{1}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 5 &amp; 1 \\ -3 &amp; 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 21 \end{pmatrix}</math></p> <p><math>= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}</math></p> <p><math>\Rightarrow x = 2, y = 3</math></p>	<p>M1 A1 B1  M1 A1ft A1  A1ft  [7]</p>	<p>May be implied</p> <p>Correct inverse</p> <p>Attempt to pre-multiply by their inverse Correct matrix multiplication c.a.o.</p> <p>At least one correct</p>
<p><b>iii)</b> There are no unique solutions</p>	<p>B1  [1]</p>	
<p><b>iv)</b> (A) Lines intersect (B) Lines parallel (C) Lines coincident</p>	<p>B1 B1 B1 [3]</p>	