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Advanced Level Examination



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

**MFP4**

Tuesday 27 January 2009 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-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 black ink or black 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 The line  $l$  has equation  $\mathbf{r} = (1 + 4t)\mathbf{i} + (-2 + 12t)\mathbf{j} + (1 - 3t)\mathbf{k}$ .

(a) Write down a direction vector for  $l$ . *(1 mark)*

(b) (i) Find direction cosines for  $l$ . *(2 marks)*

(ii) Explain the geometrical significance of the direction cosines in relation to  $l$ .  
*(1 mark)*

(c) Write down a vector equation for  $l$  in the form  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ . *(2 marks)*

2 The  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are such that

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{BA} = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Without finding  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ :

(a) find the value of  $\det \mathbf{B}$ , given that  $\det \mathbf{A} = 10$ ; *(3 marks)*

(b) determine the  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  given by

$$\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B}^T)^T$$

where  $\mathbf{M}^T$  denotes the transpose of matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ . *(3 marks)*

3 The points  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  have position vectors

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 1 \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

respectively, relative to the origin  $O$ .

(a) Find:

(i)  $\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}$ ; (2 marks)

(ii)  $(\mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{z}$ . (2 marks)

(b) Using these results, or otherwise, find:

(i) the area of triangle  $OXY$ ; (2 marks)

(ii) the value of  $a$  for which  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  are linearly dependent. (2 marks)

4 (a) Given that  $-1$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , find a corresponding eigenvector. (3 marks)

(b) Determine the other two eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{M}$ , expressing each answer in its simplest surd form. (8 marks)

5 (a) Expand the determinant

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \\ z & x & y \end{vmatrix} \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Show that  $(x + y + z)$  is a factor of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ y - z & z - x & x - y \\ x + z & y + x & z + y \end{vmatrix} \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

(c) Show that  $\Delta = k(x + y + z)D$  for some integer  $k$ . (3 marks)

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6 The line  $L$  and the plane  $\Pi$  are, respectively, given by the equations

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 20$$

- (a) Determine the size of the acute angle between  $L$  and  $\Pi$ . (4 marks)
- (b) The point  $P$  has coordinates  $(10, -5, 37)$ .
- (i) Show that  $P$  lies on  $L$ . (1 mark)
- (ii) Find the coordinates of the point  $Q$  where  $L$  meets  $\Pi$ . (4 marks)
- (iii) Deduce the distance  $PQ$  and the shortest distance from  $P$  to  $\Pi$ . (3 marks)

7 Two fixed planes have equations

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + z &= -1 \\ -x + y + 3z &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) The point  $P$ , whose  $z$ -coordinate is  $\lambda$ , lies on the line of intersection of these two planes. Find the  $x$ - and  $y$ -coordinates of  $P$  in terms of  $\lambda$ . (3 marks)
- (b) The point  $P$  also lies on the variable plane with equation  $5x + ky + 17z = 1$ . Show that

$$(k + 13)(2\lambda - 1) = 0 \quad \text{(3 marks)}$$

- (c) For the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + z &= -1 \\ -x + y + 3z &= 3 \\ 5x + ky + 17z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

determine the solution(s), if any, of the system, and their geometrical significance in relation to the three planes, in the cases:

- (i)  $k = -13$ ;
- (ii)  $k \neq -13$ . (6 marks)

- 8 The plane transformation T has matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and maps points  $(x, y)$  onto image points  $(X, Y)$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) (i) Find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ . *(2 marks)*
- (ii) Hence express each of  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $X$  and  $Y$ . *(2 marks)*
- (b) Give a full geometrical description of T. *(5 marks)*
- (c) Any plane curve with equation of the form  $\frac{x^2}{p} + \frac{y^2}{q} = 1$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct positive constants, is an ellipse.

(i) Show that the curve  $E$  with equation  $6x^2 + y^2 = 3$  is an ellipse. *(1 mark)*

(ii) Deduce that the image of the curve  $E$  under T has equation

$$2X^2 + 4XY + 5Y^2 = 15 \quad \text{span style="float: right;">*(2 marks)*$$

(iii) Explain why the curve with equation  $2x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2 = 15$  is an ellipse. *(1 mark)*

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