1st Year – Maths Techniques II (Algebra)

Matrices

The matrices A, B, and C in questions 1-3 are

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 1. Find the matrices given by (a) 3A (b) A + B (c) 3B 2C.
- 2. If the vector $\mathbf{r}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$,

find (a) $\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{r}_0$ (b) $\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{r}_0$ (c) $\mathbf{r}_3 = \mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2$ (d) $\mathbf{r}_4 = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{r}_0$ Think about the answers to parts (c) and (d).

3. Find the matrices

(a) AB (b) BC (c) CB (d) AC (e) (AB)C (f) A(BC) (g) (A + B)C (h) AC + BC

4. If $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, either calculate or discard

as meaningless all six products of two of the matrices.

- 5. Find the inverse of $\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. No sophistication is needed; just slog it out!
- 6. Find the vector resulting from the counter-clockwise rotation of \mathbf{r}_0 in question 2 by 60°.