

**MATHEMATICS 2 (MA10193)**  
**EXAMPLES SHEET 1: SOLUTIONS**

1. We have

$$AA^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos w & p \\ \sin w & q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos w & \sin w \\ p & q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 w + p^2 & \cos w \sin w + pq \\ \sin w \cos w + qp & \sin^2 w + q^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is supposed to be equal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , so  $\cos^2 w + p^2 = 1 = \cos^2 w + \sin^2 w$ ,  $\sin^2 w + q^2 = 1$ , and  $\cos w \sin w + pq = 0$ . Therefore  $p = \pm \sin w$ ,  $q = \pm \cos w$  and the signs have to be opposite. So we get two possible solutions:  $p = \sin w$ ,  $q = -\cos w$  or  $p = -\sin w$ ,  $q = \cos w$ .

2. We have

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

so

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ 5 & 11 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B^T A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & 11 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

3.  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + AB + BA + B^2$  (not  $A^2 + 2AB + B^2$ ). If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

then

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (A + B)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 & 14 \\ 28 & 17 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 12 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad AB = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 8 & 11 \end{pmatrix}, \quad BA = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

and adding up all of these gives  $\begin{pmatrix} 24 & 14 \\ 28 & 17 \end{pmatrix}$ .

4. In this case,  $A$  and  $B$  are symmetric, so  $A^T = A$  and  $B^T = B$ . If  $AB$  is symmetric as well, then we have  $BA = B^T A^T = (AB)^T = AB$ , so it is true that  $AB = BA$  if  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $AB$  are all symmetric.

In this particular case we multiply the matrices and get

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 3x + z & -6 + 2x & z - 3x + 1 \\ 3x - 6 + yz & 4 - 3x - 3y & xz - 6 + y \\ 3 - 3y + 3z & -12 + 2y & z - 3y + 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

so if this is symmetric we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 6 + yz &= -6 + 2x \\ z - 3x + 1 &= 3 - 3y + 3z \\ xz - 6 + y &= -12 + 2y. \end{aligned}$$

So  $x = -yz$  from the first equation, and  $y - xz = 6$  from the third equation so  $y + yz^2 = 6$ . Hence  $y = \frac{6}{z^2+1}$  and  $x = \frac{-6z}{z^2+1}$ . The second equation says  $3x - 3y + 2z = -2$ , so we substitute the expressions we have found for  $x$  and  $y$  and then multiply by  $z^2 + 1$ :

$$3 \left( \frac{-6z}{z^2+1} \right) - 3 \left( \frac{6}{z^2+1} \right) + 2z = -2$$

so

$$-18z - 18 + 2z(z^2 + 1) = -2(z^2 + 1),$$

i.e.  $2z^3 + 2z^2 - 16z - 16 = 0$ . One solution to this is  $z = -1$ : in fact it says  $(2(z+1)(z^2-8) = 0$  so the solutions are  $z = -1$  or  $z = \pm\sqrt{8} = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$ . So there are three possible solutions:  $z = -1$ ,  $x = 3$  and  $y = 3$ ; or  $z = 2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $x = 4\sqrt{2}/3$  and  $y = 2/3$ ; or  $z = -2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $x = -4\sqrt{2}/3$  and  $y = 2/3$ .

5. We can write  $B = (B + B^T)/2 + (B - B^T)/2$ , i.e.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & -1 & \frac{5}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{5}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-5}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6.  $B^2$ ,  $C^2$ ,  $C^T AB$  and  $(AB)^T C$  are undefined. The others are

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 7 & 15 \\ 1 & 10 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 13 \end{pmatrix}, \quad AA^T = \begin{pmatrix} 30 & -1 & 13 \\ -1 & 6 & 4 \\ 13 & 4 & 13 \end{pmatrix}, \quad BB^T = \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 12 \\ 12 & 21 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$CC^T = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = C^T C.$$

7.  $AB = BA = I$  by multiplying them out.  $A^T B^T = (BA)^T = I^T = I$ .

The first set of equations is

$$B \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

so the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = B^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 9 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix}$$

since  $B^{-1} = A$ . The second set is

$$B^T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and since  $B^{T^{-1}} = A^T$  the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = B^{T^{-1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = A^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 1 \\ 32 \end{pmatrix}$$

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