



Further Math with Ali Hashir

Matrices

Topical Mark Schemes (CIE 9231)

Mark schemes corresponding to the topical questions booklet for this topic, compiled from official CIE 9231 Paper 1 marking schemes (2015–2025). Question numbers match the questions booklet.

About this resource: I teach CIE A Level Further Mathematics, and over the years I found that there simply weren't many well-organised, topic-wise resources available for this subject – it's a niche A Level with relatively few candidates, so it doesn't get much attention from resource makers. These topical booklets are my attempt to fix that: every past-paper question, sorted by topic, with its official mark scheme alongside it.

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- Questions placed under the wrong topic

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Q1

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$$\det \mathbf{A}^{-1} = (\det \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$d = 15 \quad \text{A1}$$

(3)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^1 & 0 \\ 2^1 - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so true when } n = 1. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\text{Assume that it is true for } n = k, \text{ so } \mathbf{A}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 2^k & 0 \\ 2^k - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{A}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^k & 0 \\ 2^k - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^{k+1} & 0 \\ 2(2^k - 1) + 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^{k+1} & 0 \\ 2^{k+1} - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

So, it is also true for $n = k + 1$. Hence, by induction, true for all positive integers. A1

(5)

$$\mathbf{A}^n \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n - 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 33 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n + 32 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 2^n + 32 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n x \\ (2^n + 32)x \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$(2^n + 32)x = 2^{n+1}x \Rightarrow 2^n = 32 \Rightarrow n = 5 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

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$$k \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -k \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow k^2 + k + 2 = 0 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$1 - 4(2) = -7 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{Non-singular} \quad \text{A1}$$

(3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3k \\ 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 9k + 3 \\ -1 & -3k - 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -\frac{3}{2} \\ -1 & -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{A1}$$

(3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + \frac{3}{2}y \\ x + \frac{3}{2}y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$x + \frac{3}{2}mx = m(2x + \frac{3}{2}mx) \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$1 + \frac{3}{2}m = 2m + \frac{3}{2}m^2 \Rightarrow 3m^2 + m - 2 = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$y = -x \text{ and } 3y - 2x = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

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One-way stretch followed by a shear.	B2
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Both named correctly. Award B1 if given in the wrong order.	
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(2)

$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{a} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -b \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$	M1A1
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(2)

$a = 2$	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ y \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Transforms $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ to $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$.	
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$= \begin{pmatrix} ax - \frac{1}{3}bx \\ -\frac{1}{3}x \end{pmatrix}$	M1
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Uses $x + 3y = 0$.	
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$x = ax - \frac{1}{3}bx \Rightarrow 1 = a - \frac{1}{3}b$	M1
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Uses that line is invariant (or $X + 3Y = 0$).	
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$b = 3$	A1
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Reflection in the line $y = x$.	B1
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Only mention reflection (and no other transformation).	
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(1)

Rotation	B1
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Writes 'rotation' or 'rotate' (and no other transformation)	
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$\frac{1}{3}\pi$ anticlockwise about the origin.	B1
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Or 60°	
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(2)

$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$ or $\det \mathbf{AB} = \det \mathbf{A} \det \mathbf{B}$	M1
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Finds $\mathbf{AB}$ or uses product of determinants. Full marks here may be obtained by arguing that both reflection and rotation preserve [absolute] value of area and so also does their combination.	
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$\det \mathbf{AB} = -1$	B1
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Area of $PQR = -1 $ Area of DEF	A1
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(3)

$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = - \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$	M1A1
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or using $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$	
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(2)

$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}y \\ \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}y\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Transforms $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ to $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$. Accept $t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix}$ instead of $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}m\sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{2}m\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}m^2$$

M1A1

Uses $Y = mX$. OE. Allow working with $y = mx + c$ as long as $c = 0$ is stated explicitly.

$$1 - m\sqrt{3} = m\sqrt{3} + m^2 \Rightarrow m^2 + 2m\sqrt{3} - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

A1

$$y = (2 - \sqrt{3})x \text{ and } y + (2 + \sqrt{3})x = 0$$

A1

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos 60 & -\sin 60 \\ \sin 60 & \cos 60 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{2} & -\frac{d\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

(4)

$$d = \frac{1}{2}d^2 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$d \neq 0 \Rightarrow d = 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

(2)

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1 FT}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \sqrt{3} & 1 + \sqrt{3} \\ 1 - \sqrt{3} & 1 - \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{A1}$$

(3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + y \\ \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}mx = m(x + mx) \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$1 + m = 2m + 2m^2 \Rightarrow 2m^2 + m - 1 = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x \text{ and } y = -x \text{ (WWW)} \quad \text{A1}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & k & k \\ 5 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2+k & k \\ 8 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ OR } = \quad \mathbf{M1 \ A1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 & 4 \\ 8 & -k-2 & -k+6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -1 \\ -k+14 & -k-2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

(3)

$$2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - k \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + k \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ leading to } -2 - 2k + k = 0 \quad \mathbf{M1 \ A1}$$

$$k = -2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

(3)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -1 \\ 16 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10x - y \\ 16x \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$10x - mx = X \text{ and } 16x = mX \quad \mathbf{M1 \ A1}$$

$$16 = 10m - m^2 \ [m^2 - 10m + 16 = 0] \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$y = 2x \text{ and } y = 8x \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

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One-way stretch [scale factor 3 parallel to the x -axis] followed by a rotation, **B2**
 [anticlockwise centred at the origin, through an angle θ .]

Award B1 if given in the wrong order.

(2)

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 3 \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 3 \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta \\ 3x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B1}$$

$$\text{Transforms } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \text{ to } \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$3x \sin \theta + mx \cos \theta = 3mx \cos \theta - m^2 x \sin \theta \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

Uses $y = mx$ and $Y = mX$.

$$m^2 \sin \theta - 2m \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$4 \cos^2 \theta - 12 \sin^2 \theta = 0 \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

Sets discriminant equal to 0.

$$\tan \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ or } 4 \cos^2 \theta - 12(1 - \cos^2 \theta) = 0 \text{ leading to } 16 \cos^2 \theta - 12 = 0 \text{ leading} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$\text{to } \cos \theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Uses an appropriate trigonometric identity.

$$\theta = \frac{1}{6}\pi \text{ and } \theta = \frac{5}{6}\pi \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Allow 30° and 150°

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Enlargement, scale factor 6.	B1
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(1)

det $\mathbf{A} = 6 - 8 = -2$	M1
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Finds det $\mathbf{A}$.

Area = $2 \times 13 = 26 \text{ cm}^2$	A1
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(2)

$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$	M1
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Finds $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$.

$\mathbf{B} = -3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 12 \\ 6 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$	A1
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AEF. Could be solved by equations.

(2)

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x + 4y \\ 2x + 2y \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Finds $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$.

$\left. \begin{matrix} 3x + 4y = x \\ 2x + 2y = y \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ leading to } \left\{ \begin{matrix} 2x + 4y = 0 \\ 2x + y = 0 \end{matrix} \right.$	M1
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Uses $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$ to form simultaneous equations.	
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$y = -2x$ leading to $-6x = 0$ leading to $x = 0, y = 0$	M1A1
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Solves equations or states that $\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$, AG.

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Q9

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$$\begin{vmatrix} k & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & k \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow -12k + 60 = 0$$

M1 A1

$$k \neq 5$$

A1

(3)

$$\frac{1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} k & 6 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{9k - 48}{60 - 12k} = \frac{3k - 16}{4(5 - k)}$$

M1 A1

$$\frac{-1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{6}{60 - 12k} = \frac{1}{2(5 - k)}$$

A1

$$\frac{1}{60 - 12k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ k & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{12 - 3k}{60 - 12k} = \frac{4 - k}{4(5 - k)}$$

A1

(4)

$$\mathbf{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

M1 A1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & k & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & d \\ b & e \\ c & f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a + 2b + 3c & d + 2e + 3f \\ 4a + kb + 6c & 4d + ke + 6f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

M1

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (accept any } a, b, c, d, e, f \text{ satisfying the above)}$$

A1

(4)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ k & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + y \\ kx + 4y \end{pmatrix}$$

B1

$kx + 4mx = m(2x + mx)$	M1 A1
$m^2 - 2m - k = 0$	A1
$4 + 4k > 0$	M1
$k > -1 \quad k \neq 8$	A1
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A shear in the x -direction.	B1
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(1)

$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ so true when $n = 1$.	B1
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Assume that it is true for $n = k$, so $\mathbf{A}^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & ka \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.	B1
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Then $\mathbf{A}^{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & ka \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a+ak \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (k+1)a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	M1 A1
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If it is true for $[n = 1 \text{ and}] n = k$ then it is also true for $n = k + 1$. Hence, [by induction,] true for all positive integers.	A1
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(5)

$\mathbf{A}^n \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & na \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ a^{-1} & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b+n & b+n \\ \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \end{pmatrix}$	M1 A1
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$\begin{pmatrix} b+n & b+n \\ \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (b+n)(x+y) \\ \frac{1}{a}(x+y) \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\frac{1}{a}(1+m) = m(b+n)(1+m)$	M1
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$y = -x$	A1
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$y = \frac{1}{a(b+n)}x$	A1
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Shear (in the x -direction) followed by a rotation (anticlockwise about the origin through 45°).	B2
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(2)

$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{k-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{k+1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{k-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$	M1A1
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(2)

$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}(k-1)\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{2}(k+1)\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k-1 \\ 1 & k+1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} x + (k-1)y \\ x + (k+1)y \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$x + m(k+1)x = m(x + m(k-1)x)$	M1A1
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$(k-1)m^2 - km - 1 = 0$	A1
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$k^2 + 4k - 4 < 0$	M1
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$2(-1 - \sqrt{2}) < k < 2(-1 + \sqrt{2})$	A1
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Shear [in the y -direction] followed by a stretch, [parallel to the y -axis, scale factor k].	B2
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(2)

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -k & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k} \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -k & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k} \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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(2)

$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k^2 & k \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k^2 & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ k^2x + ky \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$k^2x + ky = y$	M1
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$y = \frac{k^2}{1-k}x$	A1
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$1 = k $	M1
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$k = -1$	A1
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Mark scheme.

$$\det \mathbf{A}^n = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(3^n - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3^n \quad \text{Or a multiple of } \mathbf{A}^{-n} = \quad \mathbf{B1}$$

$$2^{-1}3^{-n} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 - 3^n & 2 \times 3^n \end{pmatrix} \text{ seen.}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-n} = 3^{-n} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(1 - 3^n) & 3^n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{OE } \mathbf{A}^{-n} = 2^{-1}3^{-n} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 - 3^n & 2 \times 3^n \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B1}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b^2 \\ c^2 & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

Uses correct matrix for rotation.

$$b^2 = -c^2 \text{ which is impossible since } b \text{ and } c \text{ are real and } b \neq 0. \quad \text{A1}$$

(2)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b^2 \\ c^2 & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + b^2y \\ c^2x + ay \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Transforms } (x, y) \text{ to } (X, Y). \quad \text{B1}$$

$$c^2x + amx = m(ax + b^2mx) \quad \text{Uses } y = mx \text{ and } Y = mX. \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$c^2 + am = ma + b^2m^2 \Rightarrow c^2 = b^2m^2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$y = \frac{c}{b}x \text{ and } y = -\frac{c}{b}x \quad \text{A1}$$

(5)

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Award M1 if matrices correct but order is wrong.} \quad \text{M1A1*}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5^2 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Dep: previous A1} \quad \text{DA1}$$

(3)

$$12 \times \det \mathbf{M} \quad \text{Using their } \mathbf{M}. \quad \text{M1}$$

$$300 \text{ cm}^2 \quad \text{A1FT}$$

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Rotation [anticlockwise]	B1
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about the origin through angle 2θ .	B1
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Shear [in the x -direction] followed by a rotation [anticlockwise about the origin through angle 2θ].	B1
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(3)

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & -\sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Correct order}$	B1
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(2)

$\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta - 1 & k \cos 2\theta - \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & k \sin 2\theta + \cos 2\theta - 1 \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$(\cos 2\theta - 1)(k \sin 2\theta + \cos 2\theta - 1) - k \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta + \sin^2 2\theta [= 0] \quad \text{Evaluates}$	M1
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$2 - 2 \cos 2\theta - k \sin 2\theta = 0 \quad \text{Brackets removed correctly and } = 0$	A1
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$4 \sin^2 \theta = 2k \sin \theta \cos \theta \quad \text{Uses } 1 - \cos 2\theta = 2 \sin^2 \theta \text{ and } \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \text{ or all necessary double angle formulae.}$	M1
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$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}k$	A1
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(5)

$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3}y \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}x + \frac{5}{2}y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Transforms } (x, y) \text{ to } (X, Y)$	B1FT
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$$-\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3}y = x \Rightarrow -\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3}y = 0 \Rightarrow x + \sqrt{3}y = 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}x + \frac{5}{2}y = y \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}x + \frac{3}{2}y = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x + 3y = 0 \quad \text{Sets } (X, Y) = (x, y) \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$\sqrt{3}x + 3y = 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - k \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow -1 - k + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 2$$
M1A1

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
M1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad ((a) \text{ Total: } 5)$$
M1A1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x - 7y \\ -9x + 3y \end{pmatrix}$$
B1

$$-9x + 3mx = m(3x - 7mx)$$
M1A1

$$-9 + 3m = 3m - 7m^2 \Rightarrow 7m^2 = 9$$
A1

$$y = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}x \text{ and } y = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}x \quad ((b) \text{ Total: } 5)$$
A1

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$
B1

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
B1

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
B1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} - 9 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
M1

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{9} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad ((c) \text{ Total: } 5)$$
A1

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Shear followed by a stretch. ((a) Total: 2)	B2
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$ OPQR = \det \mathbf{M} = k $	B1
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$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{k} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & k \end{pmatrix}$ ((b) Total: 3)	M1A1
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$\begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \frac{1}{k-1}x \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \frac{1}{k-1}x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} kx \\ x + \frac{1}{k-1}x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} kx \\ \frac{k}{k-1}x \end{pmatrix}$	M1
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$k \begin{pmatrix} x \\ \frac{1}{k-1}x \end{pmatrix}$ ((c) Total: 3)	A1
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[One way] stretch, rotation	B1
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Stretch followed by rotation	B1
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Correct order.

Stretch parallel to the x -axis, scale factor 14	B1
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Rotation, $\frac{1}{3}\pi$ [anticlockwise] about the origin.	B1
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(4)

$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Both inverses correct.

$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{14} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Correct order.

(2)

$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ 7\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \\ 7\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7x - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}y \\ 7\sqrt{3}x + \frac{1}{2}y \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Transforms $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ to $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$.

$7\sqrt{3}x + \frac{1}{2}mx = m \left(7x - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}mx \right)$	M1
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Uses $y = mx$ and $Y = mX$.

$7\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}m = 7m - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}m^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}m^2 - \frac{13}{2}m + 7\sqrt{3} = 0$	A1
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$y = 2\sqrt{3}x$ and $y = \frac{7}{3}\sqrt{3}x$	A1
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$28 = 14 \times ABC $	M1
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Uses $ DEF = \det \mathbf{M} ABC $.	
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2 cm^2	A1
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$$k \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & -k \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -1 & -k \end{vmatrix} = k(-5k - 6) - (-6k + 2) = -5k^2 - 2 \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

Evaluates determinant, forms quadratic expression. (Allow 1 slip in the calculation of the determinant for M1 only)

No real value of $k \Rightarrow$ Non-singular A1

Convincing conclusion using the discriminant or determinant.

(3)

$$3k + 1 = 1 \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{5k^2 + 2} \quad \text{M1}$$

Uses $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ or $\det(\mathbf{A}^{-1}) = (\det \mathbf{A})^{-1}$ to find equation in k . Could also use a minor determinant e.g. $-k \times 1 - 3 \times 0 = 0$

$k = 0$ A1

Only $k = 0$, A0 for any additional solutions.

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[One-way] stretch, shear	B1
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Both types.

Stretch followed by shear	B1
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Correct order.

Stretch parallel to the x -axis, scale factor 7	B1
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Shear, x -axis fixed, with $(0, 1)$ mapped to $(2, 1)$.	B1
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(4)

$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7x + 2y \\ y \end{pmatrix}$	B1 FT
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Transforms $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ to $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$.	
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$mx = m(7x + 2mx)$	M1
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Uses $y = mx$ and $Y = mX$.

$2m^2 + 6m = 0$	A1
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$y = 0 \text{ and } y = -3x$	A1
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SCB1 if M0 and both straight lines correct

(5)

Area of $PQR = 7 \times \text{Area of } DEF$	M1
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Area of $DEF = 5 \text{ cm}^2$	A1
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SCB1 for an answer of 245 (35×7)

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$\begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ [Stretch parallel to the x -axis, scale factor k ($k \neq 0$)]. (Allow without identification.)	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ [Shear, x -axis fixed, with $(0, 1)$ mapped to $(k, 1)$.] (Allow without identification.)	B1
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$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ((a) Total: 4)	M1A1
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$\begin{pmatrix} k & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} kx + ky \\ y \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$kx + ky = x$	M1
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$y = \frac{1-k}{k}x$ oe ((b) Total: 3)	A1
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$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{k} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -k \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$ ((c) Total: 1)	B1
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$ k = 3k^2$	M1
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$k \neq 0 \Rightarrow k = \pm \frac{1}{3}$ ((d) Total: 2)	A1
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$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\text{Or } \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 & -4 \\ 12 & 9 & 21 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad ((a) \text{ Total: } 3) \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x - 7y \\ -9x + 3y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$-9x + 3mx = m(3x - 7mx) \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$-9 + 3m = 3m - 7m^2 \Rightarrow 7m^2 = 9 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$y = \frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}x \text{ and } y = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}x \quad ((b) \text{ Total: } 5) \quad \text{A1}$$

Stretch B1parallel to the x -axis, scale factor 3. ((c) Total: 2) B1

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad ((d) \text{ Total: } 3) \quad \text{A1}$$

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A rotation, followed by a shear.	B2
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Award B1 if given in the wrong order. [anticlockwise, centred at the origin, through an angle θ], [x -axis fixed, with $(0, 1)$ mapped to $(2, 1)$.]	
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$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta & 2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta & 2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \cos \theta + 2x \sin \theta - y \sin \theta + 2y \cos \theta \\ x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Transforms $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ to $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$.	
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$x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta = y \text{ AND } x \cos \theta + 2x \sin \theta - y \sin \theta + 2y \cos \theta = x$	M1*
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Uses $X = x$ and $Y = y$.	
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$\Rightarrow x \cos \theta + 2x \sin \theta + \frac{x \sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} (2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta) = x$	A1
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Combines equations correctly to eliminate y or x .	
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$(\cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta)(1 - \cos \theta) + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos \theta$	DM1A1
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$\cos \theta - \cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta + \cos \theta = 1$	
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Simplifies.	
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$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \pi$	A1
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 14 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

Stretch parallel to the x -axis, scale factor k ($k \neq 0$).

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

Rotation anticlockwise about the origin through angle $\frac{1}{3}\pi$.

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 7\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

Correct order.

$$2\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & -\sqrt{3} \\ 14\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{A1}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 7\sqrt{3} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y \\ 7\sqrt{3}x + \frac{1}{2}y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\text{Transforms } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \text{ to } \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$7\sqrt{3}x + \frac{1}{2}mx = m \left(7x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}mx \right) \quad \text{M1}$$

Uses $y = mx$ and $Y = mX$.

$$7\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}m = 7m - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}m^2$$

$$\sqrt{3}m^2 - 13m + 14\sqrt{3} = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

Correct quadratic AEF

$$m = 2\sqrt{3} \quad m = \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{A1}$$

Correct solutions to the quadratic

$$y = 2\sqrt{3}x \quad y = \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}x \quad \text{A1}$$

Correct invariant lines. If M0 then SCB1 for two correct lines.

(5)

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \frac{1}{14} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -7\sqrt{3} & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{14} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{14} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

SCB1 for finding the inverse of 2M

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Shear, [x -axis fixed]	B1
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With $(0, 1)$ mapped to $(\frac{3}{2}, 1)$.	B1
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Or other suitable example/description.	
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Shear, [y -axis fixed],	B1
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with $(1, 0)$ mapped to $(1, \frac{3}{2})$.	B1
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Or other suitable example/description.	
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$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{4} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\det \mathbf{AB} = \det \mathbf{A} \det \mathbf{B}$	M1
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Finds $\mathbf{AB}$ or uses product of determinants. Or suitable reasoning that area does not change.	
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$\det \mathbf{AB} = 1$	A1
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(2)

$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{4} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{4}x + \frac{3}{2}y \\ \frac{3}{2}x + y \end{pmatrix}$	B1
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Transforms $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ to $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$.	
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$\frac{3}{2}x + mx = m(\frac{13}{4}x + \frac{3}{2}mx)$	M1A1
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Uses $Y = mX$.	
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$\frac{3}{2} + m = \frac{13}{4}m + \frac{3}{2}m^2 \Rightarrow m^2 + \frac{3}{2}m - 1 = 0$	A1
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$y = -2x$ and $y = \frac{1}{2}x$.	A1
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If only values of m are given, A1 A0.

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Stretch	B1
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parallel to the x -axis, scale factor k .	B1
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Allow in the x direction, x axis	
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Enlargement,	B1
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centre the origin, scale factor k .	B1
	(2)

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ -k & m \\ k & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	M1A1
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Multiplies two matrices correctly. Allow one error for the M mark.

$\begin{pmatrix} m & m & 2m \\ -2k+m & k+m & -k+2m \\ 2k+m & -k+m & k+2m \end{pmatrix}$	A1
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$\begin{vmatrix} m & k+m & -k+2m & -m & -2k+m & -k+2m & +2m & -2k+m & k+m \\ & -k+m & k+2m & & 2k+m & k+2m & & 2k+m & -k+m \end{vmatrix}$	M1A1
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Finds determinant. Allow two errors for the M mark.

$= m(k+m)(k+2m) - m(-k+m)(-k+2m) - m(-2k+m)(k+2m) + m(2k+m)(-k+2m) + 2m(-2k+m)(-k+m) - 2m(2k+m)(k+m)$	A1
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$= 6m^2k + 6m^2k - 12m^2k = 0$	
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AG. There must be evidence to show that the determinant is equal to zero.

(6)

Total: 10

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$$\cos\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) = \cos\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right)\cos\left(\frac{1}{6}\pi\right) + \sin\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right)\sin\left(\frac{1}{6}\pi\right) = \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}) \text{ (AG)} \quad \text{B1}$$

(1)

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right)\cos\left(\frac{1}{6}\pi\right) - \cos\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right)\sin\left(\frac{1}{6}\pi\right) = \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}) \text{ (AG)} \quad \text{B1}$$

(1)

Reflection and rotation, correct order (reflection then rotation). B1B1

Reflection in the x -axis. B1

A rotation, $\frac{1}{12}\pi$ (anticlockwise) about the origin. B1

(4)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}) & \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6}) \\ \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}) & \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}) & \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}) \\ \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6}) & \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

Both correct inverses required.

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}) & \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}) \\ \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6}) & \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

Correct order of their inverses.

(2)

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) & \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) & -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) & \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) & -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)x + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)y \\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)x - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{B1}$$

FT their M . Transforms $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ to $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$.	
$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)x - m \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)x = m\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)x + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)mx\right)$	M1
Uses $y = mx$ and $Y = mX$.	
$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)m^2 + 2m \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = 0$ (AG)	A1
$m = \frac{-2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) \pm \sqrt{4 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) + 4 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}}{2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}$	M1
Applies quadratic formula and $\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = 1$. OE.	
$m = -\cot\left(\frac{1}{12}\pi\right) \pm \operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{1}{12}\pi\right)$ (i.e. $a = -1$, $b = \pm 1$)	A1
	(6)
	Total: 14

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