# **Matrix algebra Mixed exercise**

1 a For 
$$\lambda_1 = 5$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 8 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x+8y \\ 8x-11y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5x \\ 5y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 8y = 5x \Rightarrow x = 2y$$

Let 
$$y = 1$$
, then  $x = 2$ 

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 5 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For 
$$\lambda_2 = -15$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 8 & -11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -15 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x+8y \\ 8x-11y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -15x \\ -15y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$x + 8y = -15x \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let 
$$x = 1$$
, then  $y = -2$ 

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue -15 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**b** The magnitude of 
$$\binom{2}{1}$$
 is  $\sqrt{(2^2+1^2)} = \sqrt{5}$ 

The magnitude of 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is  $\sqrt{\left(1^2 + (-2)^2\right)} = \sqrt{5}$ 

Hence 
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{2} \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 - \lambda & 8 \\ 3 & -7 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -5 - \lambda & 8 \\ 3 & -7 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (5 + \lambda)(7 + \lambda) - 24 = \lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 11 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 11)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Longrightarrow (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 11) = 0 \Longrightarrow \lambda = -1, -11$$

The eigenvalues of A are -1 and -11.

**2 b** For 
$$\lambda = -1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 8 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5x + 8y \\ 3x - 7y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x \\ -y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$-5x + 8y = -x \Longrightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

For 
$$\lambda = -11$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 8 \\ 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -11 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5x + 8y \\ 3x - 7y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -11x \\ -11y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the upper elements

$$-5x + 8y = -11x \Rightarrow y = -\frac{3}{4}x$$

Cartesian equations of the lines through the origin which are invariant under T are

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x$$
 and  $y = -\frac{3}{4}x$ .

$$\mathbf{3} \quad \mathbf{a} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & k \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & k \\ 2 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(4-\lambda)(-2-\lambda)-2k=0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8 - 2k = 0$$

Repeated roots implies  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ 

$$4-4\left(-8-2k\right)=0$$

$$8k + 36 = 0$$

$$k = -\frac{9}{2}$$

**3 b** 
$$k = -\frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\left(\lambda - 1\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -\frac{9}{2} \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x-2y=y$$

$$2x = 3v$$

Choosing y = 2 gives x = 3 and so one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

**c** Since 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is an eigenvector,  $y = \frac{2}{3}x$  is invariant under  $T$ 

4 a 
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & a \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$(a - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 2a = 0$$
$$\lambda^2 - (a + 1)\lambda - a = 0$$

Eigenvalues are complex, so  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ 

$$(a+1)^2 + 4a < 0$$
$$a^2 + 6a + 1 < 0$$

Critical values are given by 
$$a = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{32}}{2} = \frac{-6 \pm 4\sqrt{2}}{2} = -3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

Therefore the solution to  $a^2 + 6a + 1 < 0$  is  $-3 - 2\sqrt{2} < a < -3 + 2\sqrt{2}$ 

**4 b** 
$$a = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$$

When  $\lambda = i$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = i \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$-x - y = ix$$

$$-y = x(1+i)$$

$$x = -\frac{y}{1+i}$$

Choosing 
$$y = 2 \implies x = -\frac{2}{1+i} \left( \frac{1-i}{1-i} \right) = \frac{-2+2i}{2} = -1+i$$

Therefore one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1+i\\2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

When  $\lambda = -i$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -i \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$-x - y = -ix$$

$$x + y = ix$$

$$x - ix = -y$$

$$x = -\frac{y}{1-i}$$

Choosing 
$$y = 2 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{2}{1-i} \left( \frac{1+i}{1+i} \right) = \frac{-2-2i}{2} = -1-i$$

Therefore one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} -1-i\\2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

 $\mathbf{c}$  There are no real eigenvectors, therefore no invariant lines under the transformation T.

$$\mathbf{5} \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & -3 \\ 2 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$(4 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) + 6 = 0$$
$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$$
$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

So 1 and 2 are both eigenvalues.

If 
$$\lambda = 2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x - y = 2y$$
$$2x = 3y$$

Choosing x = 3 gives y = 2 and so  $\binom{3}{2}$  is a possible eigenvector.

**b** If 
$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$2x - y = y$$
$$x = y$$

Choosing x = 1 gives y = 1 and so  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a possible eigenvector.

Therefore 
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{6} \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 4 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)(-3-\lambda)+4=0$$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1$$
 or  $\lambda = -2$ 

If 
$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x - y = x$$

$$x = y$$

Choosing x = 1 gives y = 1, giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

If 
$$\lambda = -2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x - y = -2x$$

$$4x = y$$

Choosing y = 4 gives x = 1, giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ 

**b** Therefore 
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \begin{pmatrix} u_{n+1} \\ v_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1} A \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = D P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = D \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{6} \quad \mathbf{d} \quad \begin{pmatrix} u_{n+1} \\ v_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_{n+1} = u_n$$
 so  $u_{n+1} = u_1$ 

$$v_{n+1} = -2v_n$$
 so  $v_{n+1} = v_1 \times (-2)^n$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ so } \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_n = u_n + v_n = u_1 + v_1 \times (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$y_n = u_n + 4v_n = u_1 + 4v_1 \times (-2)^{n-1}$$

When 
$$n = 1$$
,  $2 = u_1 + v_1$ 

$$3 = u_1 + 4v_1$$

Solving simultaneously gives  $u_1 = \frac{5}{3}$  and  $v_1 = \frac{1}{3}$ 

Therefore 
$$x_n = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times (-2)^{n-1}$$
 and  $y_n = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \times (-2)^{n-1}$ 

$$7 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-1-\lambda)(1-\lambda)=0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1$$
 or  $\lambda = -1$ 

If 
$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$-x + 2y = x$$

$$y = x$$

Choosing x = 1 gives y = 1, giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

If 
$$\lambda = -1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$y = -y$$

$$y = 0$$

Choosing x = 1 gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Therefore 
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

7 **b** 
$$\mathbf{D}^{50} = (\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P})^{50} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{50}\mathbf{P}$$

Therefore 
$$\mathbf{A}^{50} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^{50}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

Using a calculator gives 
$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore 
$$\mathbf{A}^{50} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1^{50} & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^{50} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{8} \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation is given by:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 5 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(4-\lambda)(2-\lambda)+5=0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 13 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{A}^2 - 6\mathbf{A} + 13\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^3 - 6\mathbf{A}^2 + 13\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = 6\mathbf{A}^2 - 13\mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = 6(6\mathbf{A} - 13\mathbf{I}) - 13\mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = (36\mathbf{A} - 78\mathbf{I}) - 13\mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = 23\mathbf{A} - 78\mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{9} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation is given by:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 7 - \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(7-\lambda)(2-\lambda)+1=0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 15 = 0$$

By Cayley-Hamilton

$$\mathbf{A}^2 - 9\mathbf{A} + 15\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$9\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^2 + 15\mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{9}\mathbf{A}^2 + \frac{15}{9}\mathbf{I}$$

Therefore  $p = \frac{1}{9}$  and  $q = \frac{5}{3}$ 

**10 a** For 
$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x + y \\ 2x + 4y \\ x + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$3x + y = x \Longrightarrow 2x + y = 0 \tag{1}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$2x + 4y = y \Rightarrow 2x + 3y = 0$$
 (2)

$$(2)-(1)$$

$$2y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

Substituting y = 0 into (1)

$$2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

z can take any non-zero value

Let 
$$z = 1$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

10b Let 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
, then  $\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 - \lambda \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (3 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 2(1 - \lambda)$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)((3 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) - 2) = (1 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10)$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (1 - \lambda)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 2, 5$$

The other eigenvalues are 2 and 5.

**11 a** 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -6 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 1\\ 2 & 1-\lambda & -1\\ -6 & -5 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-\lambda)[(1-\lambda)(-3-\lambda)-5]-1[2(-3-\lambda)-6]+1[-10+6(1-\lambda)]=0$$

$$(-\lambda)(\lambda^{2}+2\lambda-8)-1(-12-2\lambda)+(-4-6\lambda)=0$$

$$-\lambda^{3}-2\lambda^{2}+8\lambda+12+2\lambda-4-6\lambda=0$$

$$-\lambda^{3}-2\lambda^{2}+4\lambda+8=0$$

$$\lambda^{3}+2\lambda^{2}-4\lambda-8=0$$

Let 
$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 8$$
  
 $f(2) = 2^3 + 2 \times 2^2 - 4 \times 2 - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 2)$  is a factor  
So  $f(\lambda) = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda + 4)$ 

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$  gives -2 + k = 2, so k = 4

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4) = 0$$
$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$$

Therefore the required eigenvalues are 2 and -2.

## 11 a (continued)

Taking  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -6 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$y + z = 2x$$

$$5y + 5z = 10x$$
(1)

Equating lower elements:

$$-6x - 5y - 3z = 2z$$
  
-6x - 5y - 5z = 0 (2)

(1) + (2) gives 
$$-6x = 10x$$
, so  $x = 0$  and  $y = -z$ 

Therefore choosing z=1 gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Taking  $\lambda = -2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -6 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$y + z = -2x \tag{1}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$2x + y - z = -2y$$
  
2x + 3y - z = 0 (2)

(1) + (2) gives 
$$2x + 4y = -2x$$
, so  $x = -y$ 

Therefore choosing y = 1 gives x = -1 and z = 1, giving an eigenvector of  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

- **b** The matrix representing the transformation will always have at least one real eigenvector, which defines an invariant line.
- c Each invariant line must go through the origin.

The invariant lines are therefore  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{12 a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)] + 2[2] = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)(\lambda^{2} - 5\lambda + 6) + 4 = 0$$

$$2\lambda^{2} - 10\lambda + 12 - \lambda^{3} + 5\lambda^{2} - 6\lambda + 4 = 0$$

$$-\lambda^{3} + 7\lambda^{2} - 16\lambda + 16 = 0$$

$$\lambda^{3} - 7\lambda^{2} + 16\lambda - 16 = 0$$

Let 
$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 16$$
  
 $f(4) = 4^3 - 7 \times 4^2 + 16 \times 4 - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 4)$  is a factor  
So  $f(\lambda) = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda + 4)$ 

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$  gives -4 + k = -7, so k = -3

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 4) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm i\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

Therefore the required eigenvalues are  $4, \frac{3+i\sqrt{7}}{2}$  and  $\frac{3-i\sqrt{7}}{2}$ 

**12 b** Taking  $\lambda = 4$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x + 2z = 4x$$
$$z = x \tag{1}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$y + 3z = 4z$$
$$y = z$$
 (2)

Therefore choosing x = 1 gives an eigenvector of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Taking 
$$\lambda = \frac{3 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}$$
:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \left( \frac{3 + i\sqrt{7}}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x + 2z = \left(\frac{3 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)x\tag{1}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$y + 3z = \left(\frac{3 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)z\tag{2}$$

Choosing z = 2, equation (1) becomes

$$2x + 4 = \left(\frac{3 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)x$$

$$4x + 8 = \left(3 + i\sqrt{7}\right)x$$

$$8 = \left(-1 + i\sqrt{7}\right)x$$

$$x = \frac{8}{\left(-1 + i\sqrt{7}\right)} = -1 - i\sqrt{7}$$

Equation (2) becomes

$$y + 6 = 3 + i\sqrt{7}$$

$$y = -3 + i\sqrt{7}$$

## 12 b (continued)

Therefore a corresponding eigenvector is given by  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 - i\sqrt{7} \\ -3 + i\sqrt{7} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Taking 
$$\lambda = \frac{3 - i\sqrt{7}}{2}$$
:
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 3 - i\sqrt{7} & 1 \\ 3 - i\sqrt{7} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \left( \frac{3 - i\sqrt{7}}{2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x + 2z = \left(\frac{3 - i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)x\tag{1}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$y + 3z = \left(\frac{3 - i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)z\tag{2}$$

Choosing z = 2, equation (1) becomes

$$2x + 4 = \left(\frac{3 - i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)x$$

$$4x + 8 = \left(3 - i\sqrt{7}\right)x$$

$$8 = \left(-1 - i\sqrt{7}\right)x$$

$$x = \frac{8}{\left(-1 - i\sqrt{7}\right)} = -1 + i\sqrt{7}$$

Equation (2) becomes

$$y + 6 = 3 - i\sqrt{7}$$

$$y = -3 - i\sqrt{7}$$

Therefore a corresponding eigenvector is given by  $\begin{pmatrix} -1+i\sqrt{7} \\ -3-i\sqrt{7} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  whose entries are the complex

conjugates of the eigenvector for  $\lambda = \frac{3 + i\sqrt{7}}{2}$  as expected.

**c** The only invariant line has equation  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

**13 a** 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(4-\lambda)[(-\lambda)(1-\lambda)-6]-1[1(1-\lambda)-3]-1[2+\lambda]=0$$

$$(4-\lambda)(\lambda^{2}-\lambda-6)-1(-2-\lambda)-2-\lambda=0$$

$$4\lambda^{2}-4\lambda-24-\lambda^{3}+\lambda^{2}+6\lambda+2+\lambda-2-\lambda=0$$

$$-\lambda^{3}+5\lambda^{2}+2\lambda-24=0$$

$$\lambda^{3}-5\lambda^{2}-2\lambda+24=0$$

Let 
$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 24$$
  
 $f(-2) = (-2)^3 - 5 \times (-2)^2 - 2 \times (-2) + 24 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda + 2)$  is a factor  
So  $f(\lambda) = (\lambda + 2)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda + 12)$ 

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$  gives 2 + k = -5, so k = -7

$$(\lambda+2)(\lambda^2-7\lambda+12)=0$$
$$(\lambda+2)(\lambda-3)(\lambda-4)=0$$

Therefore the required eigenvalues are -2, 3 and 4.

**13 b** Taking  $\lambda = -2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$4x + y - z = -2x$$
$$6x + y - z = 0$$
 (1)

Equating middle elements:

$$x + 3z = -2y$$
  
 $x + 2y + 3z = 0$  (2)

Choosing z = 1 gives equations 6x + y = 1

$$x + 2y = -3$$

Solving simultaneously gives  $x = \frac{5}{11}$  and  $y = -\frac{19}{11}$ 

Therefore one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{11} \\ -\frac{19}{11} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , or by scaling,  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -19 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Taking  $\lambda = 4$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$4x + y - z = 4x$$
$$y = z \tag{1}$$

Equating middle elements:

$$x + 3z = 4y$$
  
 $x - 4y + 3z = 0$  (2)

Choosing z = 1 gives y = 1 and x = 1

Therefore one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Taking  $\lambda = 3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

### 13 b (continued)

Equating upper elements:

$$4x + y - z = 3x$$
  
  $x + y - z = 0$  (1)

Equating middle elements:

$$x + 3z = 3y x - 3y + 3z = 0$$
 (2)

Subtracting equation (2) from (1) gives 4y-4z=0, or y=z

Choosing z = 1 gives y = 1 and x = 0

Therefore one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -19 & 1 & 1 \\ 11 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

14a 
$$\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 5 - \lambda & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 4 & -4 \\ 4 & 5 - \lambda & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 - \lambda \\ -4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (3 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 16 + 16\lambda - 80 + 16\lambda$$
$$= (3 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 96 + 32\lambda$$
$$= (3 - \lambda)(5 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 32(3 - \lambda)$$
$$= (3 - \lambda)((5 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 32) = (3 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 6\lambda - 27)$$
$$= (3 - \lambda)(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 9)$$
$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (3 - \lambda)(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 9) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3, -3, 9$$

3 is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the other eigenvalues are -3 and 9.

**14 b** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & -4 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3x + 4y - 4z \\ 4x + 5y \\ -4x + z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the middle elements

$$4x + 5y = 3y \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let 
$$x = 1$$
, then  $y = -2$ 

Equating the lowest elements and substituting x = 1

$$-4+z=3z \Rightarrow z=-2$$

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

**c** The magnitudes of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  are all

$$\sqrt{\left(1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2\right)} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **15 a**  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-6+0 \\ -4+3-2 \\ 0+6-5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - $\begin{pmatrix} 2\\3\\1 \end{pmatrix}$ , is an eigenvalue of **A** corresponding to the eigenvalue 3.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4+2+0 \\ -4-1+2 \\ 0-2+5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , is an eigenvalue of **A** corresponding to the eigenvalue 3.

**15 b** For 
$$\lambda = 6$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 6 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x - 2y \\ -2x + y + 2z \\ 2y + 5z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2x - 2y \\ -2x + y + 2z \\ 2y + 5z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6x \\ 6y \\ 6z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the top elements

$$2x - 2y = 6x \Rightarrow y = -2x$$

Let 
$$x = 1$$
, then  $y = -2$ 

Equating the lowest elements and substituting y = -2

$$-4 + 5z = 6z \Rightarrow z = -4$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is an eigenvalue of **A** corresponding to the eigenvalue 6.

c The magnitude of 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + 3^2 + (-1)^2)} = \sqrt{14}$   
The magnitude of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\sqrt{(2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{6}$ 

The magnitude of 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is  $\sqrt{\left(2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2\right)} = \sqrt{6}$ 

The magnitude of 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is  $\sqrt{(1^2 + (-2)^2 + (-4)^2)} = \sqrt{21}$ 

Hence

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{21}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{4}{\sqrt{21}} \end{pmatrix}$$

16 a 
$$\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 - \lambda & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha - \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 - \lambda & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\alpha - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 0 \\ -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 - \lambda \\ -2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (\alpha - \lambda)(3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) + 2(-4 + 6 - 2\lambda)$$

$$= (\alpha - \lambda)(3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) + 4(1 - \lambda)$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)((\alpha - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) + 4)$$

Hence, for all  $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = 1$  is a solution of det  $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$ , and, for all  $\alpha$ , an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  is 1.

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha + 2 \\ 8 - 6 \\ -4 + 2 + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta \\ -2\beta \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha + 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating the lowest elements

$$\beta = -1$$

Equating the top elements and substituting  $\beta = -1$ 

$$2\alpha + 2 = -2 \Rightarrow \alpha = -2$$
  
 $\alpha = -2, \beta = -1$ 

c Substituting 
$$\alpha = -2$$
 into \* in part **a** and equating to 0  
 $(1-\lambda)((-2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)+4) = 0$   
 $(1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2) = (1-\lambda)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1)$   
 $\lambda = 1, 2, -1$ 

The third eigenvalue is 2.

$$\mathbf{17a} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & 2\\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)] = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6) = 0$$

$$2\lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 12 - \lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 - 6\lambda = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 - 16\lambda + 12 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 12 = 0$$

Let 
$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 12$$
  
 $f(2) = 2^3 - 7 \times 2^2 + 16 \times 2 - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 2)$  is a factor  
So  $f(\lambda) = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 + k\lambda + 6)$ 

Equating coefficients of  $\lambda^2$  gives

$$-2 + k = -7$$
, so  $k = -5$ 

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

$$\left(\lambda - 2\right)^2 \left(\lambda - 3\right) = 0$$

Therefore the two distinct eigenvalues are 2 and 3.

**17 b** Taking  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$y + 3z = 2z$$

$$y = -z$$
(1)

Equating upper elements:

$$2x + 2y + 2z = 2x$$
  
  $y = -z$ , giving the same equation (2)

Choosing 
$$z = 1$$
 gives  $y = -1$ , so one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Choosing 
$$z = 0$$
 gives  $y = 0$ , so another possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Taking  $\lambda = 3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating lower elements:

$$y + 3z = 3z$$
$$y = 0 \tag{1}$$

Equating upper elements:

$$2x + 2y + 2z = 3x$$

$$-x + 2z = 0$$
, giving the same equation (2)

Choosing 
$$z = 1$$
 gives  $x = 2$ , so one possible eigenvector is  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

18 a 
$$\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -8 \\ 0 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} - (-3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ 0 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} + 6 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 - \lambda \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(-2 - \lambda)$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \Rightarrow (3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(-2 - \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2, 2, 3$$

The eigenvalues are  $(3-2)(3-2)(2-2)(-2-2)=0 \Rightarrow 2$ 

The eigenvalues are -2, 2 and 3.

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9-3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of **A** corresponding to the eigenvalue 2.

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 21 - 6 \\ 3 + 2 \\ 3 - 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of **B** corresponding to the eigenvalue 5.

$$\mathbf{d} \qquad AB \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} 5 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \times 2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 10 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of **AB** corresponding to the eigenvalue 10.

**19 a** 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)[(-\lambda)(-3-\lambda)-6]-1[(-1)(-3-\lambda)-6]+1[-3+3\lambda]=0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(\lambda^2+3\lambda-6)+3-\lambda-3+3\lambda=0$$

$$\lambda^2+3\lambda-6-\lambda^3-3\lambda^2+6\lambda+3-\lambda-3+3\lambda=0$$

$$-\lambda^3-2\lambda^2+11\lambda-6=0$$

$$\lambda^3+2\lambda^2-11\lambda+6=0$$

**b** By Cayley-Hamilton

$$A^{3} + 2A^{2} - 11A + 6I = 0$$
  
 $A^{3} + 2A^{2} - 11A = -6I$   
 $A^{2} + 2A - 11I = -6A^{-1}$ 

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{A}^{2} + 2\mathbf{A} - 11\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}^{2} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} - 11 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 5 & -7 \\ -9 & -6 & 18 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 6 & 6 & -6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -11 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -3 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore 
$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = -\frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -3 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

### Challenge

$$\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} ae + bg & af + bh \\ ce + dg & cf + dh \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so } \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = ae + bg + cf + dh$$
$$\mathbf{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} ae + cf & be + df \\ ag + ch & bg + dh \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so } \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{BA}) = ae + cf + bg + dh$$

$$\mathbf{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} ae + cf & be + df \\ ag + ch & bg + dh \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so } \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{BA}) = ae + cf + bg + dh$$

Therefore tr(AB) = tr(BA)

 $\mathbf{b} \quad \text{From part a, } \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{P}\right) = \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\left(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{P}\right)\right) = \operatorname{tr}\left(\left(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{P}\right)\mathbf{P}^{-1}\right) = \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{M}\left(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\right)\right) = \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{I}\right) = \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{M}\mathbf$ So  $\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{MP}) = p + q \Rightarrow \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{M}) = p + q$  as required.