

3. (i)

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

where  $a$  is a constant.

(a) For which values of  $a$  does the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  have an inverse?

(2)

Given that  $\mathbf{M}$  is non-singular,

(b) find  $\mathbf{M}^{-1}$  in terms of  $a$

(4)

(ii) Prove by induction that for all positive integers  $n$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 3^n & 0 \\ 3(3^n - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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4. Prove by induction that for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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8. A colony of small mammals is being studied.  
In the study, the mammals are divided into 3 categories

$N$ (newborns)	0 to less than 1 month old
$J$ (juveniles)	1 to 3 months old
$B$ (breeders)	over 3 months old

- (a) State one limitation of the model regarding the division into these categories. (1)

A model for the population of the colony is given by the matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} N_{n+1} \\ J_{n+1} \\ B_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ a & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0.48 & 0.96 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} N_n \\ J_n \\ B_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, and  $N_n$ ,  $J_n$  and  $B_n$  are the respective numbers of the mammals in each category  $n$  months after the start of the study.

At the start of the study the colony has breeders only, with no newborns or juveniles.

According to the model, after 2 months the number of newborns is 48 and the number of juveniles is 40

- (b) (i) Determine the number of mammals in the colony at the start of the study.  
(ii) Show that  $a = 0.8$  (4)
- (c) Determine, in terms of  $b$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0.8 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0.48 & 0.96 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

(3)

Given that the model predicts approximately 1015 mammals **in total** at the start of a particular month, and approximately 596 **newborns**, 464 **juveniles** and 437 **breeders** at the start of the next month,

- (d) determine the value of  $b$ , giving your answer to 2 decimal places. (3)

It is decided to monitor the number of **newborn** males and females as a part of the study. Assuming that 42% of newborns are male,

- (e) refine the matrix equation for the model to reflect this information, giving a reason for your answer.  
(There is no need to estimate any unknown values for the refined model, but any known values should be made clear.) (2)







10. The population of chimpanzees in a particular country consists of juveniles and adults. Juvenile chimpanzees do not reproduce.

In a study, the numbers of juvenile and adult chimpanzees were estimated at the start of each year. A model for the population satisfies the matrix system

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_{n+1} \\ A_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0.15 \\ 0.08 & 0.82 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J_n \\ A_n \end{pmatrix} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $a$  is a constant, and  $J_n$  and  $A_n$  are the respective numbers of juvenile and adult chimpanzees  $n$  years after the start of the study.

- (a) Interpret the meaning of the constant  $a$  in the context of the model. (1)

At the start of the study, the total number of chimpanzees in the country was estimated to be 64 000

According to the model, after one year the number of juvenile chimpanzees is 15 360 and the number of adult chimpanzees is 43 008

- (b) (i) Find, in terms of  $a$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0.15 \\ 0.08 & 0.82 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \quad (3)$$

- (ii) Hence, or otherwise, find the value of  $a$ . (3)

- (iii) Calculate the change in the number of juvenile chimpanzees in the first year of the study, according to this model. (2)

Given that the number of juvenile chimpanzees is known to be in decline in the country,

- (c) comment on the short-term suitability of this model. (1)

A study of the population revealed that adult chimpanzees stop reproducing at the age of 40 years.

- (d) Refine the matrix system for the model to reflect this information, giving a reason for your answer.

*(There is no need to estimate any unknown values for the refined model, but any known values should be made clear.)*

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1.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & 9 \\ y & z \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} z & y \\ z & y \end{pmatrix} = k\mathbf{I}$$

where  $x, y, z$  and  $k$  are constants.

Determine the value of  $x$ , the value of  $y$  and the value of  $z$ .

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