

EXERCISES [MAI 1.14]
MATRIX EQUATIONS – THE LINEAR SYSTEM $AX=B$
SOLUTIONS

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A. Paper 1 questions (SHORT)

MATRIX EQUATIONS

1. (i) $2\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + 3\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2+3a & 4+3b \\ 6+3c & 8+3d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$2+3a=2 \Leftrightarrow a=0,$$

$$4+3b=2 \Leftrightarrow b=-\frac{2}{3},$$

$$6+3c=2 \Leftrightarrow c=-\frac{4}{3},$$

$$8+3d=2 \Leftrightarrow d=-2.$$

$$\text{Thus } X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2/3 \\ -4/4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii) $X = \frac{1}{3}B - \frac{2}{3}A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2/3 \\ -4/4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

2. (a) $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) (i) $AX = B \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a+2c & b+2d \\ 3a+4c & 3b+4d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} a+2c=2 & \text{and} & b+2d=2 \\ 3a+4c=2 & & 3b+4d=2 \end{matrix}$$

Then, $a=-2, b=-2, c=2, d=2$.

$$\text{Thus } X = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii) $X = A^{-1}B = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(c) $X = BA^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

3.

Equation	Solve for X
$X - A = B$	$X = A + B$
$A + 2X = B$	$X = (1/2)(B - A)$
$AX = C$	$X = A^{-1}C$
$XA = C$	$X = CA^{-1}$
$AXA = C$	$X = A^{-1}CA^{-1}$
$AX - B = C$	$X = A^{-1}(B + C)$
$2AX + 3B = C$	$X = (1/2)A^{-1}(C - 3B)$

4. (a) $A^{-1}XB = C \Rightarrow X = ACB^{-1}$

(analytically:

$$A^{-1}XB = C \Rightarrow AA^{-1}XB = AC \Rightarrow IXB = AC \Rightarrow XB = AC$$

$$\Rightarrow XBB^{-1} = ACB^{-1} \Rightarrow XI = ACB^{-1} \Rightarrow X = ACB^{-1})$$

(b) (i) $AX - X = C \Leftrightarrow (A - I)X = C \Leftrightarrow X = (A - I)^{-1}C$

(ii) $XA - X = C \Leftrightarrow X(A - I) = C \Leftrightarrow X = C(A - I)^{-1}$

5. (a) $A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -8 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$.

(b) $3X + A = B \Leftrightarrow 3X = B - A \Leftrightarrow X = \frac{1}{3}(B - A) \Leftrightarrow X = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 6 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4/3 & 2 \\ 2/3 & -2/3 \end{pmatrix}$

6. $X = B^{-1}(A - AB)$

EITHER $A - AB = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -9 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 12 \\ -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$

$$X = B^{-1}(A - AB) = B^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 12 \\ -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 12 \\ -1 & -8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

OR directly by GDC $X = B^{-1}(A - AB) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

$$7. \quad B = (BA)A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 2 \\ 44 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -12 \\ -16 & -48 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

OR

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 2 \\ 44 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5a + 2b = 11 \\ 2a = 2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a = 1, b = 3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5c + 2d = 44 \\ 2c = 8 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow c = 4, d = 12$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$8. \quad (a) \quad \mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{AA}^{-1}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{AB} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{AB} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -15 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$9. \quad (a) \quad (i) \quad \mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} (= 4\mathbf{I})$$

$$(ii) \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{B} \quad \text{OR} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{5}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) **METHOD 1**

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -17 \end{pmatrix}$$

METHOD 2

By using $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{C}$: $5x + y = 8, 6x + 2y = -4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -17 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$10. \quad (a) \quad \det \mathbf{A} = 5(1) - 7(-2) = 19, \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{19} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{19} & \frac{2}{19} \\ -\frac{7}{19} & \frac{5}{19} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{OR} \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0526 & 0.105 \\ -0.368 & 0.263 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad (i) \quad \mathbf{XA} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C} \Rightarrow \mathbf{XA} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})\mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$(ii) \quad \mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

11. (a) $\det A = 2$

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

(b) $X = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

12. (a) $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{7}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix}$ or $\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\begin{pmatrix} 0.667 & -0.333 \\ -2.333 & -1.667 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $AX = C - B$

$$X = A^{-1} (C - B)$$

$$D = C - B = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -11 \\ 11 & -13 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

13. $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} X + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$. Thus $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} X = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -5 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{33} \begin{pmatrix} 28 & 59 \\ 20 & 28 \end{pmatrix}$$

OR $AX + X = B \Rightarrow (A + I)X = B \Rightarrow X = (A + I)^{-1} B = \frac{1}{33} \begin{pmatrix} 28 & 59 \\ 20 & 28 \end{pmatrix}$

$$a = \frac{28}{33}, b = \frac{59}{33}, c = \frac{20}{33}, d = \frac{28}{33}$$

14. (a) $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -8 & -6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 6 & -7 \\ 6 & 5 & -8 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & 4 \\ -9 & 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 & -8 \\ 1 & 2 & -12 \\ 10 & 5 & -15 \end{pmatrix}$

$$B = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 & -8 \\ 1 & 2 & -12 \\ 10 & 5 & -15 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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15. (a) (i) $\det A = 21 - 16 = 5$

(ii) $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -8 \\ -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) Set up matrix equation $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -8 \\ -2 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x = -1, y = 1$

16. (a) $\det M = -4$

(b) $M^{-1} = -\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

(c) $X = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) $2x + y = 4$

$2x - y = 8.$

$(x=3, y=-2)$

17. (a) **METHOD 1**

$M = (M^{-1})^{-1}$

$$M = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

METHOD 2

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$5a + b = 1, 2b = 0, 5c + d = 0, 2d = 1$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) **METHOD 1**

$X = M^{-1}B$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

METHOD 2

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 0.2x = 1, \quad -0.1x + 0.5y = 7$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$18. \quad (a) \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -4.33 & -2 & 1.67 \\ 1.67 & 1 & -0.333 \\ -0.667 & 0 & 0.333 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left(= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{13}{3} & -2 & \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{5}{3} & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{accept } x = 1, y = 0, z = -1)$$

$$19. \quad (a) \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.4 & 0.1 \\ -0.7 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ -1.2 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{the equations may be written as } \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.2 \\ 0.6 \\ 1.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = 1.2, y = 0.6, z = 1.6$$

$$20. \quad (a) \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.2 & 1.8 & -0.6 \\ -0.4 & 0.6 & -0.2 \\ 0.4 & -2.6 & 1.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{the equations may be written as } \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = 4, y = 1, z = -6$$

$$21. \quad (a) \quad \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -0.333 & 0.667 & -0.333 \\ -0.333 & 1.67 & -2.33 \\ 0.667 & -1.33 & 1.67 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \quad (i) \quad \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}$$

$$(ii) \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

22. (a) $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & -3 \\ 4 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, N = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $X = M^{-1}N$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) $x = 5, y = 0, z = 2$

23. (a) (i) $a = 4$

(ii) $b = 7$

(b) $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix}$

(c) $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 10 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (x = -3, y = 5, z = 4)$

B. Paper 2 questions (LONG)

24. (a) (i) $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} p & 2 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$p = 2, q = 3$

(c) $A^{-1}B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(d) $X = A^{-1}B$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

25. (a) $M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + 4 & 2a - 2 \\ 2a - 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $2a - 2 = -4 \Rightarrow a = -1$

(then also $a^2 + 4 = 5$)

Note: You may solve $a^2 + 4 = 5$ to give $a = \pm 1$,

and then show that only $a = -1$ satisfies $2a - 2 = -4$.

(c) $M = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$M^{-1} = -\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

The system may be written

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

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

$x = 1 \quad y = -1$

26. (a) $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -0.5 & 1.25 \\ 1 & -0.5 & 0.75 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) (i) $I - \frac{1}{2}B = A^{-1} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}B = A^{-1} - I \Rightarrow B = -2(A^{-1} - I)$

(ii) $B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -2.5 \\ -2 & 1 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$

(iii) $\det B = 12$

(iv) $\det B \neq 0$

(c) (i) $X = B^{-1}C = \begin{pmatrix} 0.333 \\ 1 \\ 1.33 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $4x - 2y + 2z = 2$

$-2x + 3y - 2.5z = -1$

$-2x + y + 0.5z = 1$

27. (a) substituting $(-4, 3)$

$$3 = a(-4)^2 + b(-4) + c$$

$$16a - 4b + c = 3$$

(b) $36a + 6b + c = 3$

$$4a - 2b + c = -1$$

(c) (i) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & -4 & 1 \\ 36 & 6 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.05 & 0.0125 & -0.0625 \\ -0.2 & 0.075 & 0.125 \\ -0.6 & 0.1 & 1.5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{20} & \frac{1}{80} & -\frac{1}{16} \right) \\ \left(-\frac{1}{5} & \frac{3}{40} & \frac{1}{8} \right) \\ \left(-\frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{2} \right) \end{pmatrix}$

(iii) $X = A^{-1}B = \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 \\ -0.5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$f(x) = 0.25x^2 - 0.5x - 3$$

(d) $f(x) = 0.25(x-1)^2 - 3.25$

28. (a) $q = 0$

(b) substitute $(3, 18)$

$$m3^3 + n3^2 + p3 = 18 \Rightarrow 27m + 9n + 3p = 18$$

(c) $m + n + p = 0$

$$-m + n - p = -10$$

(d) (i) $\begin{pmatrix} 27 & 9 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ 0 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(e) $f(x) = x(2x^2 - 5x + 3) = x(x-1)(2x-3)$

$$r = 2 \quad s = 3$$