7. $$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Determine the matrix $\mathbf{A}^2$

(1)

(b) Describe fully the single geometrical transformation represented by the matrix $\mathbf{A}^2$

(2)

(c) Hence determine the smallest positive integer value of n for which $\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{I}$

(1)

The matrix **B** represents a stretch scale factor 4 parallel to the x-axis.

(d) Write down the matrix **B**

(1)

The transformation represented by matrix **A** followed by the transformation represented by matrix **B** is represented by the matrix **C**

(e) Determine the matrix **C**

(2)

The parallelogram P is transformed onto the parallelogram P' by the matrix **C**

(f) Given that the area of parallelogram P' is 20 square units, determine the area of parallelogram P

(2)

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