2. With respect to the **right-hand rule**, a rotation through $\theta°$ anticlockwise about the z-axis is represented by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Given that the matrix **M**, where

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents a rotation through $\alpha°$ anticlockwise about the z-axis with respect to the **right-hand rule**,

(a) determine the value of α.

(1)

(b) Hence determine the smallest possible positive integer value of k for which $\mathbf{M}^k = \mathbf{I}$

(2)

The 3×3 matrix **N** represents a reflection in the plane with equation $y = 0$

(c) Write down the matrix **N**.

(1)

The point A has coordinates $(-2, 4, 3)$

The point B is the image of the point A under the transformation represented by matrix **M** followed by the transformation represented by matrix **N**.

(d) Show that the coordinates of B are $\left(2 + \sqrt{3}, 2\sqrt{3} - 1, 3\right)$

(2)

Given that O is the origin,

(e) show that, to 3 significant figures, the size of angle AOB is 66.9°

(2)

(f) Hence determine the area of triangle AOB, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

(2)