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Question Paper

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1. (a) Resolve the function $\frac{3x^2 - 2x + 11}{(x^2 + 1)(x - 4)}$ into partial fractions.

- (b) Solve the differential equation

$$(x^2 + 1)(x - 4) \frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^4 y (3x^2 - 2x + 11)$$

given that $y = 0$ when $x = 5$.

[3, 7 marks]

2. (a) Derive the equation of the circle \mathcal{C} , centred on the x -axis, whose tangent at the point $(2, 1)$ is given by the equation $\ell_1 : 2y = x$.
- (b) Verify that $\ell_2 : 2y = 5 - x$ is also a tangent to the circle.
- (c) Find the point of intersection of ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 , and verify (for this case) the classical geometry theorem which states that *tangents to a circle from the same point are equal in length*.

[5, 2, 3 marks]

3. (a) (i) Express $f(x) \equiv \cos x + \sqrt{3} \sin x$ in the form

$$f(x) \equiv \lambda \cos(x - \alpha)$$

where $\lambda > 0$ and $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

- (ii) Sketch $y = f(x)$ in the range $[0, 2\pi]$, clearly indicating the curve's amplitude, and the points where it intersects the coordinate axes.
- (iii) Determine $\min \frac{1}{f(x) + 1}$ and the value of $x \in [0, 2\pi]$ for which this minimum occurs.

- (b) Determine the five solutions to the equation

$$\sin \theta + \sin 3\theta + \sin 5\theta = 0$$

for θ in the range $0 < \theta < 360^\circ$.

[6, 4 marks]

4. (a) Determine the 2×2 transformation matrix \mathbf{I}_* which rotates vectors in the plane by 90° anti-clockwise. Prove that:
- (i) $\mathbf{I}_*^2 = -\mathbf{I}$, where \mathbf{I} is the 2×2 identity matrix.
- (ii) $(\mathbf{I} \cos \theta + \mathbf{I}_* \sin \theta)^n = \mathbf{I} \cos n\theta + \mathbf{I}_* \sin n\theta$, by induction on n .

- (b) Prove that for any two complex numbers z and w ,

$$\left| \frac{z}{w} \right| = \frac{|z|}{|w|} \quad \text{and} \quad \arg zw = \arg z + \arg w$$

How does multiplication by the imaginary number i affect complex numbers on an Argand diagram? Does this explain anything about the behaviour of \mathbf{I}_* in part (a)?

[6, 4 marks]

5. (a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y for each of the following.
- (i) $x = e^t \cos t$, $y = e^t \sin t$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$ is a parameter.
- (ii) $4x^2 - 3xy + 5y^3 + 2 \cos y \sin x = 7$.
- (b) Find the tangent to the curve $y = \exp(\sin^2 x - \cos x)$ at the point where $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.
[Note: $\exp x \equiv e^x$]
- (c) If x and y are nonnegative real numbers such that $x + y = 15$, what is the maximum possible value of xy^2 ?

[4, 3, 3 marks]

6. (a) (i) Express $p(x) = 3 - 2x - x^2$ in the form $a - (x + b)^2$.
- (ii) Use the substitution $x + 1 = 2 \sin u$ to show that

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{3 - 2x - x^2} \, dx = \frac{4\pi - 3\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

- (b) Determine the integral

$$\int e^{\alpha\theta} \cos \beta\theta \, d\theta$$

[5, 5 marks]

7. The real-valued function f is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x & \text{for } x \leq -2 \\ a - x - x^2 & \text{for } -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \ln(x + b) & \text{for } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine the constants a and b so that f is a continuous, well-defined function (i.e. the endpoints of each piece of the function meet at the same point).
- (b) Sketch f in the range $-5 < x < 5$, clearly indicating the intercepts with the coordinate axes, and state its domain and range.
- (c) The real-valued function g is given by $g(x) = 3 - |x|$ over the domain $-3 < x < 1$. Sketch the function $g(x)$ and state its range. Also, show that there is no point where $f(x) = g(x)$.

[3, 3, 4 marks]

8. (a) How many four letter words, not necessarily meaningful, can be formed out of the letters in the word

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- (b) How many factors does $7! = 5040$ have?
- (c) Donald alternates between tossing a fair coin and throwing a fair dice, stopping only when he gets a head on the coin or a 4 or 6 on the dice. What is the probability that he ends when tossing a coin?

[3, 3, 4 marks]

9. (a) Show that the complex numbers satisfying $\left| \frac{z + 3i - 2}{z + 2i + 1} \right| > 2$ trace a disk on an Argand diagram. Find its centre and radius.

- (b) Consider the positions in \mathbb{R}^3 , given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) Determine the vectors \vec{AB} and \vec{BC} , and show that they are perpendicular.
 (ii) Determine the vector equation $\mathbf{r}(\lambda)$ of the line through the positions A and B .
 (iii) Find the distance of the line $\mathbf{r}(\lambda)$ from the position $(1, -1, 2)$.

[4, 6 marks]

10. (a) A matrix $\mathbf{P}(k)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{P}(k) = \begin{pmatrix} k & 2 \\ k - 6 & k - 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (i) Determine the values of k for which $\mathbf{P}(k)$ is singular.
 (ii) Find, in terms of k , the inverse matrix $\mathbf{P}^{-1}(k)$ for when k is not equal to any of the values found in part (i).
 (iii) The general lines ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 in \mathbb{R}^2 are both of the form

$$\begin{cases} \ell_1 : & kx + 2y = 12 \\ \ell_2 : & (k - 6)x + (k - 5)y = 10 \end{cases}$$

where $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Find, in terms of k the general point of intersection of the lines ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 . What happens when k takes any of the values found in part (i)?

- (iv) Find the value of k for which $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}(k)} \begin{pmatrix} 5k \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

[Note: $\mathbf{x} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}(k)} \mathbf{y}$ is read “ \mathbf{x} is mapped to \mathbf{y} by $\mathbf{P}(k)$ ”]

- (b) Two geometric progressions $\langle a_n \rangle$ and $\langle b_n \rangle$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, each have first term 9 and sum of the first three terms equal to 19.

- (i) Find expressions for a_n and b_n .
 (ii) Determine the sum of the first n terms of each of the two progressions.
 (iii) State which of $\langle a_n \rangle$ and $\langle b_n \rangle$ converges, and determine its sum to infinity.

[5, 5 marks]