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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Paper 1

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Additional Materials: Printed Answer Booklet
 List of Formulae (MF27)

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers on the Printed Answer Booklet. Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place in the case of angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

You are expected to use an approved graphing calculator.

Unsupported answers from a graphing calculator are allowed unless a question specifically states otherwise.

Where unsupported answers from a graphing calculator are **not** allowed in a question, you must present the mathematical steps using mathematical notations and not calculator commands.

You must show all necessary working clearly.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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- 1 The matrices **A** and **B** are given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \beta\gamma \\ 1 & \beta & \gamma\alpha \\ 1 & \gamma & \alpha\beta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta & \gamma\alpha \\ 1 & \alpha & \beta\gamma \\ 3 & 3\gamma & 3\alpha\beta \end{pmatrix}.$$

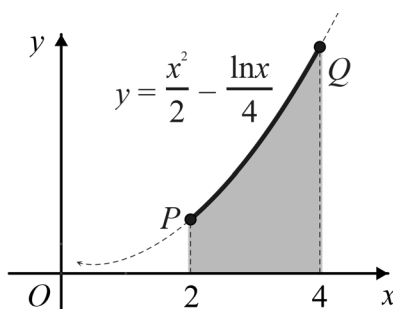
(a) Show that $\det \mathbf{A} = (\alpha - \beta)(\beta - \gamma)(\gamma - \alpha)$. [3]

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find $\det \mathbf{B}$. [2]

- 2 (a) Let $z = \cos\left(xy + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ where $x = e^t$ and $y = \ln(1+t)$. By finding $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$, evaluate the exact value of $\frac{dz}{dt}$ when $t = 0$. [4]

(b) Suppose the function $f(x, y)$ satisfies $f_{xy}(x, y) = f_{yx}(x, y) = 0$ for all x and y . What does this imply about how f_x and f_y depend on x and y ? Hence deduce a general form of the function $f(x, y)$. [2]

- 3 The diagram shows a shaded region bounded by an arc PQ having cartesian equation $y = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{\ln x}{4}$, vertical lines $x = 2$, $x = 4$ and the x -axis.



(a) Show that the exact length of the arc PQ is $6 + \frac{1}{4}\ln 2$. [4]

(b) Both the arc and the shaded region are rotated completely about the y -axis.

(i) Find the area of the surface of revolution formed by arc PQ , correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(ii) Find the volume of the solid of revolution formed by the shaded region, correct to 2 decimal places. [2]

4 Do not use a calculator in answering this question.

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that $\cos 5\theta = \cos \theta(16\cos^4 \theta - 20\cos^2 \theta + 5)$. [5]

Hence, or otherwise, evaluate $\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10}$ and deduce that $\cos \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4}$. [5]

5 The complex number z satisfies the three relations below:

- $|z - 13| \leq 5$
- $|z - 8| \geq |z - 18 - 10i|$
- $-\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \leq \arg(z) \leq \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$

(a) (i) Illustrate all three relations clearly on a single Argand diagram. [6]

(ii) One of the relations is implied by another. Identify the two relations involved, justifying your answer. [2]

(b) Determine the maximum and minimum possible distances of z from the origin. [2]

6 Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$ be a real symmetric matrix. The matrix $\mathbf{A}$ is said to be positive definite if $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0$ for all non-zero vectors $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Show that if $\mathbf{A}$ is symmetric and positive definite, then both the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}$ are positive. [2]

(b) Show that $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = a \left(x + \frac{b}{a} y \right)^2 + \left(\frac{ac - b^2}{a} \right) y^2$ if a is non-zero. Hence deduce the conditions for $\mathbf{A}$ to be positive definite. [5]

(c) Let $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2$ defined for all $(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2$. By expressing $f(x, y)$ in the form of $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ for a suitable symmetric matrix $\mathbf{A}$, explain why the origin is the global minimum. [3]

- 7 Let u_n be a sequence defined by the recurrence relation

$$u_{n+1} = 3u_n + 2 \text{ for } n \geq 0 \text{ with } u_0 = k$$

where k is a constant.

- (a) Find u_n in terms of n . [4]

Let v_n be another sequence defined by the recurrence relation

$$v_{n+1} = 3v_n + 2^n \quad (*)$$

for $n \geq 0$ with $v_0 = 1$.

Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n x^n$, $|x| < \frac{1}{3}$.

- (b) By multiplying x^{n+1} to both sides of $(*)$, show that $f(x) = \frac{A}{1-3x} + \frac{B}{1-2x}$ where A and B are constants to be determined. [4]

- (c) Hence find an expression for v_n in terms of n . Determine also the limiting behaviour of $\frac{v_n}{3^n}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. [3]

- 8 In polar coordinates, curve C is defined by

$$r^2 - 2r \cos \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 0 \text{ for } -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}, r \geq 0.$$

- (a) By solving for r in terms of θ , sketch the curve C , indicating clearly the behaviour of the curve near $r = 0$ and near $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{4}$. [5]

- (b) Show that area of the region enclosed by curve C is given by the definite integral

$$4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos \theta \sqrt{1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta} \, d\theta,$$

and find the exact area, using the substitution $\sin u = \sqrt{2} \sin \theta$. [7]

- 9 Consider the equation $f(x) = 0$, where $f(x) = x^5 - 10x^3 + 45x - 24\sqrt{3}$.

It is given that there is a positive root near $x = 2$.

- (a) Use Newton-Raphson method with $x_1 = 2$ to obtain a sequence of iterates until, correct to 3 decimal places, $x_n = x_{n+1}$. Write down the least value of n for which this is so and state the corresponding value of x_n . [3]
- (b) Verify, by substitution, that $\sqrt{3}$ is a root for $f(x) = 0$. Supporting working must be shown. [2]

Equations can have repeated roots. So, for example, the equation $(x+1)(x-3)^2 = 0$ is said to have three roots: $x = -1$ (of multiplicity 1) and $x = 3$ (a repeated root of multiplicity 2). If the root has multiplicity 1, it is said to be a *simple* root.

The rate of convergence of the Newton-Raphson method is slowed if the root is not simple. One method of handling the problem of repeated roots is to define

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}.$$

Let R be a root of $f(x) = 0$ with multiplicity $m \geq 2$. Assume $f(x)$ can be written as $f(x) = (x - R)^m q(x)$, where $q(R) \neq 0$.

- (c) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow R} \frac{h(x)}{x - R}$ and hence explain why R is a simple root of $h(x) = 0$. [3]
- (d) By applying the Newton-Raphson method to $h(x)$, show that

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)f'(x_n)}{(f'(x_n))^2 - f(x_n)f''(x_n)}. \quad [2]$$

- (e) Use the result in (d) with $x_1 = 2$ to obtain another sequence of iterates until, correct to 3 decimal places, $x_n = x_{n+1}$. Write down the least value of n for which this is so, state the corresponding value of x_n and comment on the efficiency. [3]

- 10** A pain-killing drug is injected into the bloodstream. It then diffuses into the brain, where it is absorbed. The quantities at time t of the drug in the blood and the brain are $y(t)$ and $z(t)$ respectively, satisfying

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2(y - z), \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = -\frac{dy}{dt} - 3z.$$

- (a) Obtain a second-order differential equation for y . [2]
 (b) Hence, derive the general solution

$$y = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-6t}, \quad z = \frac{1}{2}Ae^{-t} - 2Be^{-6t},$$

where A and B are arbitrary constants. [4]

- (c) When a single dose of the drug is injected into the bloodstream at initial time $t = 0$ such that $y(0) = 5$, given that no drug is initially in the brain $z(0) = 0$, find the particular solution for the resulting quantity of the drug in the brain, denoted by $z_1(t)$. [2]
 (d) In another regimen, identical doses of the drug are periodically injected at each unit time, and the system has reached a steady state: $z(0) = z(1) = c$, where c is a given constant.

Find, in terms of c , the particular solution for quantity of the drug in the brain in this regimen, denoted by $z_2(t)$. [3]

- (e) In steady state, each preceding injection at times $t = \dots -3, -2, -1, 0$ contributes its own z_1 profile.

Show that the superposition of all earlier dose responses $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_1(t+n) = z_2(t)$ when c takes a particular constant value, and find it. [3]

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