

9. (a) Let n be a positive integer. It is known that for any functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ with n th derivatives, if $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$, then $h^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k f^{(k)}(x)g^{(n-k)}(x)$, where a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are constants independent of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, $f^{(0)}(x) = f(x)$ and $f^{(k)}(x) = \frac{d^k f(x)}{dx^k}$. Taking $f(x) = e^{\lambda x}$ and $g(x) = e^x$, where λ is a number independent of x ,

(i) find $h^{(n)}(x)$ and $f^{(k)}(x)g^{(n-k)}(x)$ and hence

(ii) show that $a_k = C_k^n$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(b) Let $u(x) = x^m e^{-x}$,

$$y(x) = e^x u^{(m)}(x),$$

where m is a positive integer.

(i) Show that $y(x)$ is a polynomial of degree m and find its coefficients.

(ii) Show that $x u'(x) + (x - m)u(x) = 0$.

$$\text{Deduce that } x u^{(m+2)}(x) + (x+1)u^{(m+1)}(x) + (m+1)u^{(m)}(x) = 0.$$

(iii) Using (ii), or otherwise, show that

$$x y''(x) + (1-x)y'(x) + m y(x) = 0.$$

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PURE MATHEMATICS PAPER I

9.00 am–12.00 noon (3 hours)

This paper must be answered in English

This paper consists of nine questions all carrying equal marks.

Answer any SEVEN questions.

1. (a) Given a real polynomial $P(x)$, show that if α is a root of $P(x) - x = 0$, then α is also a root of $P(P(x)) - x = 0$.
- (b) Let $P(x) = x^2 + ax + b$, where a and b are real.
- (i) Using (a), or otherwise, resolve $P(P(x)) - x$ into two quadratic factors.
- (ii) Find a relation between a and b which is a necessary and sufficient condition for all roots of $P(P(x)) - x = 0$ to be real.
- (c) Using (b)(i), or otherwise, solve the equation

$$(x^2 - 3x + 1)^2 - 3(x^2 - 3x + 1) + 1 - x = 0.$$

2. A real number λ is said to be an *eigenvalue* of a 3×3 matrix M if there exists a non-zero column vector x such that $Mx = \lambda x$.

(a) Show that any 3×3 matrix M has at most 3 eigenvalues.

(b) Show that if λ is an eigenvalue of M , then

$$a_0 + a_1\lambda + \dots + a_n\lambda^n \text{ is an eigenvalue of}$$

$$a_0I + a_1M + \dots + a_nM^n,$$

where a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are real constants.

(c) (i) Find all eigenvalues of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

(ii) Using the above results, or otherwise, find ALL eigenvalues of

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 + a_0 & a_1 & a_2 \\ a_1 & 2a_2 + a_0 & a_1 \\ a_2 & a_1 & a_2 + a_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where a_0, a_1 and a_2 are non-zero integers.

3. Given an infinite sequence $\{a_n\}$ of positive integers, two sequences $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ are defined by

$$p_1 = a_1, \quad p_2 = a_2 a_1 + 1, \quad p_k = a_k p_{k-1} + p_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3;$$

$$q_1 = 1, \quad q_2 = a_2, \quad q_k = a_k q_{k-1} + q_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3.$$

- (a) For all positive integers n , prove that

$$p_{n+1} q_n - p_n q_{n+1} = (-1)^{n+1}.$$

- (b) Let $b_k = \frac{p_k}{q_k}$, $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- (i) Show that $\{b_1, b_3, b_5, \dots\}$ is a strictly increasing sequence and that $\{b_2, b_4, b_6, \dots\}$ is a strictly decreasing sequence.

- (ii) For all positive integers n , show that

$$b_{2n-1} < b_2$$

$$b_{2n} > b_1.$$

- (iii) Show that the two sequences $\{b_1, b_3, b_5, \dots\}$ and $\{b_2, b_4, b_6, \dots\}$ converge to the same limit.

4. (a) Let $N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. A mapping $f: N^2 \rightarrow N^2$ is defined by $f((x, y)) = (x, y+1)$ for any $(x, y) \in N^2$.

$$\text{Given } k \in N, \text{ let } S_k = \{(x, y) \in N^2 : x + 2y = k\}.$$

- (i) Show that f is injective but not surjective.

- (ii) Show that $S_{k+2} = f[S_k] \cup \{(k+2, 0)\}$.

Hence deduce that $n(S_{k+2}) = n(S_k) + 1$, where $n(S_k)$ denotes the number of elements in S_k .

- (iii) Show, by mathematical induction, that for any $k \in N$,

$$n(S_k) = \begin{cases} \frac{k+2}{2} & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{k+1}{2} & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) Let p be a non-negative integer. Consider the inequality $x + 2y \leq p$.

Show that the number of non-negative integral solutions (x, y) of

$$\text{the inequality is } \begin{cases} \frac{(p+2)^2}{4} & \text{if } p \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{(p+1)(p+3)}{4} & \text{if } p \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

5. Let a be a positive real number not equal to 1 and let p, q, r and s be four real numbers such that

$$p + q = r + s \text{ and } 0 < p - q < r - s.$$

- (a) (i) Show that the function $f(x) = a^x + a^{-x}$ is strictly increasing for $x > 0$.

- (ii) By considering the values of f at $\frac{1}{2}(p - q)$ and $\frac{1}{2}(r - s)$, deduce that

$$a^p + a^q < a^r + a^s.$$

- (b) Let u and v be two distinct positive real numbers.

- (i) Show that $u^p v^q + u^q v^p < u^r v^s + u^s v^r$.

Hence deduce that $(u^p + v^p)(u^q + v^q) < (u^r + v^r)(u^s + v^s)$.

- (ii) Show that

$$(u^8 + v^8)(u^{80} + v^{80})(u^{900} + v^{900})(u^{1000} + v^{1000}) < 2^3(u^{1988} + v^{1988}).$$

6. A mapping $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *linear* if

$$f(ax + by) = af(x) + bf(y)$$

for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

- (a) Given a vector $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$, the mapping $\phi_u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $\phi_u(x) = u \cdot x$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

- (i) Show that ϕ_u is linear.

- (ii) Show that if $\phi_u(x) = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then $u = 0$.

- (iii) For any two vectors u and $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$, show that if $\phi_u = \phi_v$, then $u = v$.

- (b) Given a linear mapping $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, show that there exists one and only one vector $w \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $f(x) = w \cdot x$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

7. A fair die is thrown repeatedly. Denote by a_k ($k > 1$) the sum of the scores in the first k throws. For any positive integer n , let $p(n)$ be the probability that $a_k = n$ for some $k > 1$.

(a) (i) Find $p(1)$, $p(2)$ and $p(3)$.

(ii) Express $p(4)$ in terms of $p(1)$, $p(2)$ and $p(3)$.

(iii) For $n > 6$, express $p(n)$ in terms of $p(n-1)$, $p(n-2)$, ... and $p(n-6)$.

(b) Define $p(k) = 0$ for $k < 0$ and $p(0) = 1$.

(i) Prove that for any positive integer n ,

$$p(n) + \frac{5}{6}p(n-1) + \frac{4}{6}p(n-2) + \frac{3}{6}p(n-3) + \frac{2}{6}p(n-4) + \frac{1}{6}p(n-5) = 1.$$

(ii) Given that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p(n)$ exists, find its value.

8. For $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ or 5 , let α_j be a complex number such that $|\alpha_j| = 1$.

(a) (i) Suppose $(z - \alpha_1)(z - \alpha_2)(z - \alpha_3)(z - \alpha_4)(z - \alpha_5) = \sum_{k=0}^5 b_k z^k$ for all complex numbers z , where the b_k 's are constants.

Show that

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_5 \bar{b}_4 = -b_1,$$

$$\text{and } \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_5 \bar{b}_2 = -b_3.$$

(ii) If $\sum_{j=1}^5 \alpha_j = \sum_{j=1}^5 \alpha_j^2 = 0$, show that

$$(z - \alpha_1)(z - \alpha_2)(z - \alpha_3)(z - \alpha_4)(z - \alpha_5) = z^5 - \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_5.$$

(b) Using (a), or otherwise, show that the five points which represent the α_j 's in the complex plane form a regular pentagon if and only

$$\text{if } \sum_{j=1}^5 \alpha_j = \sum_{j=1}^5 \alpha_j^2 = 0.$$

9. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_5 be 5 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(a) It is known that any 4 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 are linearly dependent.

(i) By considering the vectors $v_i - v_5$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, show that there exist real numbers t_1, t_2, \dots, t_5 , not all zero, such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 t_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^5 t_i v_i = 0.$$

(ii) Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_5$ be five real numbers with $\lambda_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i = 1$. For the t_i 's in (i), define

$$\mu_i = \lambda_i - \frac{\lambda_r}{t_r} t_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 5,$$

where $\left| \frac{t_r}{\lambda_r} \right| > \left| \frac{t_i}{\lambda_i} \right|$ for all i .

(1) Check that the μ_i 's are well-defined, i.e. $t_r \neq 0$.

(2) Show that $\sum_{i=1}^5 \mu_i = 1$, $\mu_i \geq 0$ and $\mu_r = 0$.

(3) Show that $\sum_{i=1}^5 \mu_i v_i = \sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i v_i$.

(b) Let $v = \sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i v_i$, where $\alpha_i \geq 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i = 1$. Using (a), or otherwise, show that there exist real numbers k_1, k_2, \dots, k_5 with $k_i \geq 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^5 k_i = 1$ such that $v = \sum_{i=1}^5 k_i v_i$ and at least one k_i equals zero.

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PURE MATHEMATICS PAPER II

2.00 pm-5.00 pm (3 hours)
This paper must be answered in English

This paper consists of nine questions all carrying equal marks.

Answer any SEVEN questions.

1. (a) Find the following integrals:

(i) $\int \frac{dx}{x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$.

(ii) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dx}{2 + \cos x}$.

(b) For $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, it is known that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^k \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)^{n+1}}$ exists. Denote this limit by I_n . For $n \geq 1$, express I_n in terms of I_{n-1} , and hence show that

$$I_n = \frac{(2n-1)(2n-3)\dots 1}{(2n)(2n-2)\dots 2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} .$$

2. Given a positive integer n and a real number a , let

$$I_n(a) = \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{dx}{(1+x^a)(1+x^2)} .$$

(a) (i) Find $I_n(0)$.

(ii) Using partial fractions, find $I_n(1)$ and $I_n(-1)$.

(b) (i) Using the substitution $x = \frac{1}{u}$, or otherwise, show that

$$I_n(a) = \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{x^a}{(1+x^a)(1+x^2)} dx .$$

(ii) Deduce that $I_n(a)$ is independent of a .

(iii) Compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n(a)$.

3. Consider the parabola $\Gamma : y^2 = 4ax$ ($a > 0$).

(a) Find the equation of the tangent to Γ at the point $(at^2, 2at)$.

(b) Let $P(at_1^2, 2at_1)$ and $Q(at_2^2, 2at_2)$ be two distinct points on Γ .

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the tangents at P and Q .

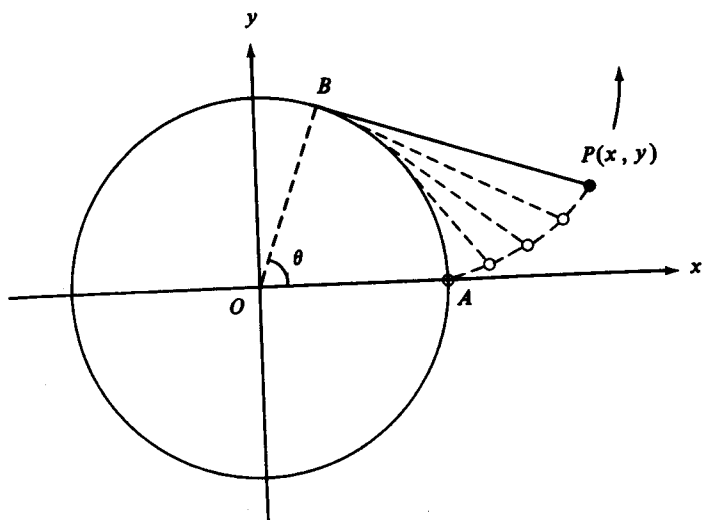
(c) Suppose P and Q are two variable points on Γ such that $\angle POQ = 90^\circ$, where O is the origin.

(i) Find the locus of the point of intersection of the tangents at P and Q .

(ii) Find the locus of the mid-point of PQ .

(d) Consider the parabola $\Gamma' : (x+y)^2 = 8(x-y)$. Let P' and Q' be two variable points on Γ' such that $\angle P'OQ' = 90^\circ$. Find the locus of the point of intersection of the tangents at P' and Q' .

4.



A long piece of thread is wound round the circumference of a circle, centred at O and with radius $OA = a$. A particle P is tied to the free end of the thread. Starting at A , the particle moves in a direction so that the thread unwinds and remains taut. Choose the line containing OA as the x -axis and the line through O and perpendicular to OA as the y -axis, as shown in the figure. Denote $\angle BOA$ by θ , where B is the point, on the circumference, at which the thread leaves the circle.

(a) Show that the locus of P is given by

$$x = a(\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta)$$

$$y = a(\sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta), \quad \text{where } \theta > 0.$$

(b) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta$.

Hence show that the thread is normal to the locus at any moment.

(c) Find the area bounded by the locus, the positive x and y axes and the thread when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

5. (a) Show that if f is a polynomial of degree < 2 , then it satisfies the condition

$$f(x) - f(t) = (x - t) f' \left(\frac{x + t}{2} \right) \quad \text{for any } x, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(b) Let $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function with a continuous third derivative. Suppose $g(x) - g(t) = (x - t) g' \left(\frac{x + t}{2} \right)$ for any $x, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

(i) Show that

$$g''' \left(\frac{x + t}{2} \right) = \frac{4 \left(g''(x) - g'' \left(\frac{x + t}{2} \right) \right)}{x - t} \quad \text{for } x \neq t.$$

(ii) Find $g'''(t)$ for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hence, or otherwise, show that g is a polynomial of degree < 2 .

6. Consider the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2(x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} & \text{for } x > 0, \\ -x^2(x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} & \text{for } x < 0. \end{cases}$

(a) Find $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$ for $x \neq 0, -1$.

Discuss the existence of $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$ when $x = 0, -1$.

(b) Determine the values of x at which the graph of f has an extreme point or a point of inflexion.

[Note. Your working may be given in table form.]

(c) Use the above results to sketch the graph of f .

7. Let n be a positive integer and $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

(a) For any integers p and q , find

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\cos px \cos qx + \sin px \sin qx) dx.$$

(b) If $f(x) = \sum_{p=0}^n a_p (\cos x + i \sin x)^p$, where the a_p 's are real constants, show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx = 2\pi \sum_{p=0}^n a_p^2.$$

(c) Let $g(x) = (1 + \cos x + i \sin x)^n$, $h(x) = (1 - \cos x - i \sin x)^n$.

(i) Show that $\int_0^{2\pi} |g(x)|^2 dx = \int_0^{2\pi} |h(x)|^2 dx$.

(ii) By considering the coefficient of x^n in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n}$, or otherwise, show that the common value of the integrals in (i) is $2\pi C_n^{2n}$.

8. Consider two lines

$$L_1 : \begin{cases} x + y = 0 \\ y + z = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad L_2 : \begin{cases} x = 1 + 2t \\ y = 1 \\ z = 1 + t \end{cases}.$$

(a) Show that L_1 and L_2 are not coplanar.

(b) Find the equation of the plane π_1 containing L_1 and parallel to L_2 .

(c) Find the equation of the plane π_2 which contains L_2 and is perpendicular to π_1 .

(d) Find the coordinates of the foot Q of the perpendicular from the point $P(1, 1, 1)$ to the plane π_1 .

Hence determine the shortest distance between L_1 and L_2 .

9. A real-valued function f defined on an interval I is said to be Lipschitz-continuous if there is a constant $k > 0$ such that

$$|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \leq k|x_1 - x_2| \quad \text{for any } x_1, x_2 \in I.$$

(a) Show that a function which is Lipschitz-continuous is also continuous.

Verify that the continuous function $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ defined on the interval $[0, 1]$ is NOT Lipschitz-continuous.

(b) If f is continuously differentiable with $|f'(x)| \leq M$ for all $x \in I$, where M is a positive constant, show that f is Lipschitz-continuous.

(c) Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ be a continuous function.

(i) Show that the equation $x - f(x) = 0$ has a solution in $[a, b]$.

[Hint: You may use the fact that if h is a continuous function on $[a, b]$ such that $h(a) < 0$ and $h(b) > 0$, then there exists $x_0 \in (a, b)$ such that $h(x_0) = 0$.]

(ii) Assume further that f is Lipschitz-continuous with $0 < k < 1$. Show that the solution in (c)(i) is unique.

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