

Solomon Practice Paper

Further Pure Mathematics 1A

Time allowed: 90 minutes

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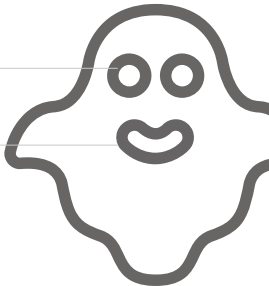


1.

$f(z) = z^3 - 5z^2 + 17z - 13.$

- (a) Show that $(z - 1)$ is a factor of $f(z)$. [1]
- (b) Hence find all the roots of the equation $f(z) = 0$, giving your answers in the form $a + \mathbf{i}b$ [5]
where a and b are integers.

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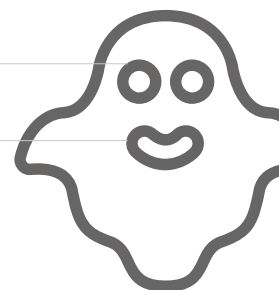


2. Find the general solution of the differential equation

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$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = \frac{e^x}{x^2},$$

giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$



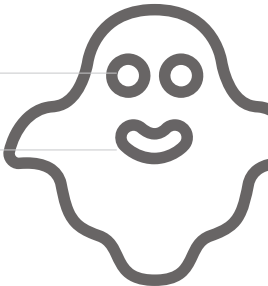
3. (a) Express $\frac{1}{r(r + 1)}$ in partial fractions. [2]

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find [4]

$$\sum_{r=3}^{35} \frac{1}{r(r + 1)},$$

giving your answer as a fraction in its lowest terms.

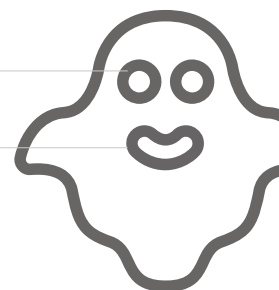
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4. Find the set of values of x for which

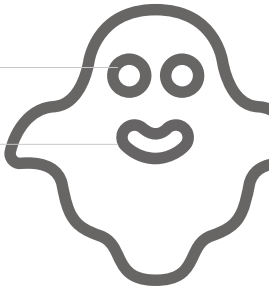
$$\frac{(x - 3)^2}{x + 1} < 2.$$

[7]

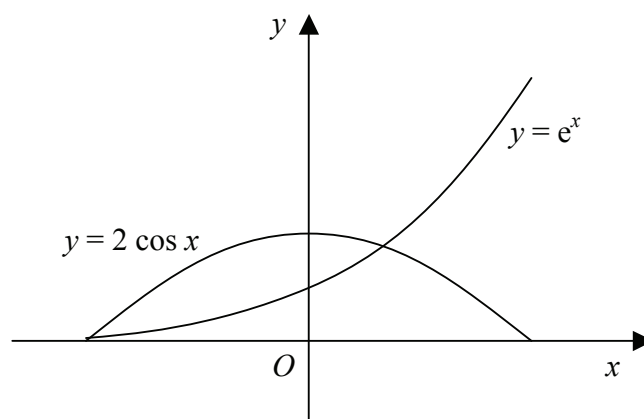


5. (a) Sketch the curve with polar equation $r = a \cos(3\theta)$, $a > 0$, for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$. [3]
- (b) Show that the total area enclosed by the curve $r = a \cos(3\theta)$ is $\frac{\pi a^2}{4}$. [6]

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6. Figure shows the curves $y = 2 \cos x$ and $y = e^x$ in the interval $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.



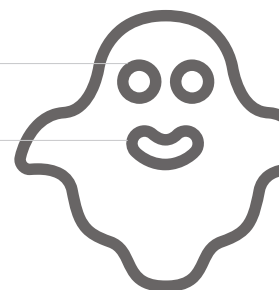
Given that $f(x) \equiv e^x - 2 \cos(x)$,

- Write down the number of solutions of the equation $f(x) = 0$ in the interval $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. [1]
- Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a solution, α , in the interval $[0, 1]$. [2]
- Using 0.5 as a first approximation to α , use the Newton–Raphson process once to find an improved estimate for α , giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [4]
- Show that the estimate of α obtained in part (c) is accurate to 2 decimal places. [2]

There is another root, β , of the equation $f(x) = 0$ in the interval $[-2, -1]$.

- Use linear interpolation once on this interval to estimate the value of β , giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

Total: 12



7. The complex numbers z and w are such that

$$z = \frac{A}{1 - \mathbf{i}} \quad \text{and} \quad w = \frac{B}{2 + \mathbf{i}}$$

where A and B are real.

Given that $z + w = 6$,

(a) find A and B .

[6]

z and w are represented by the points P and Q respectively on an Argand diagram.

(b) Show P and Q on the same Argand diagram.

[5]

(c) Find the distance PQ in the form $a\sqrt{5}$.

[3]

Total: 14



8. (a) Find the values of p and q such that $x = p \cos(t) + q \sin(t)$ satisfies the differential equation [6]

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 3x = \sin(t).$$

(b) Hence find the solution of this differential equation for which $x = 1$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}$ at $t = 0$. [9]

Total: 15

