

Solomon Practice Paper

Further Pure Mathematics 3A

Time allowed: 90 minutes

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Question	Points	Score
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1. With respect to a fixed origin O , the lines l_1 and l_2 are given by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}l_1 : \quad & [\mathbf{r} - (-3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})] \times (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) = 0, \\l_2 : \quad & [\mathbf{r} - (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})] \times (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

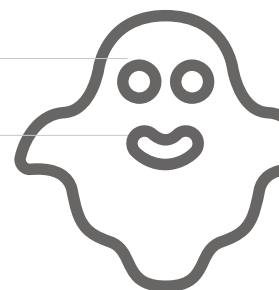
(a) Find $(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) \times (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$.

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(b) Find the shortest distance between l_1 and l_2 .

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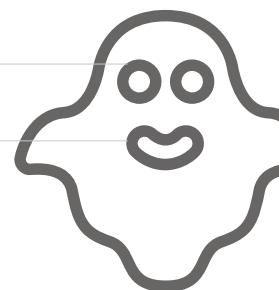
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2. Prove by induction that, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$,

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$$\sum_{r=1}^n (r^2 + 1)r! = n(n+1)!$$



3. (a) Solve the equation

[5]

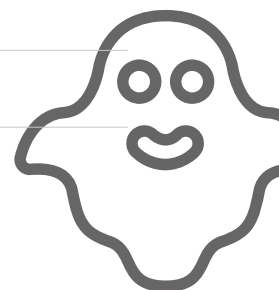
$$z^3 + 27 = 0,$$

giving your answers in the form $re^{i\theta}$ where $r > 0$, $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$.

(b) Show the points representing your solutions on an Argand diagram.

[2]

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4.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & a \\ 2 & b \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix \mathbf{A} has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = -2$ and $\lambda_2 = 3$.

(a) Find the value of a and the value of b .

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Using your values of a and b ,

(b) for each eigenvalue, find a corresponding eigenvector,

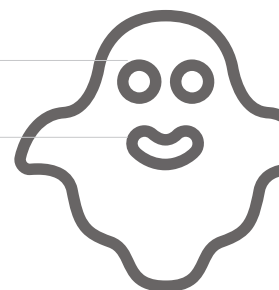
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(c) find a matrix \mathbf{P} such that

[2]

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Total: 9



[11]

and

$$y = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \quad \text{at} \quad x = -1.$$

Find a series solution of the differential equation in ascending powers of $(x + 1)$ up to and including the term in $(x + 1)^4$.



$$[11]$$

and

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with a step length of 0.1 to estimate the values of y at $x = 0.3$ and $x = 0.4$ giving your answers to 3 significant figures.



7.

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ k & 4 & 3 \\ -1 & k & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Find the determinant of \mathbf{M} in terms of k . [2]

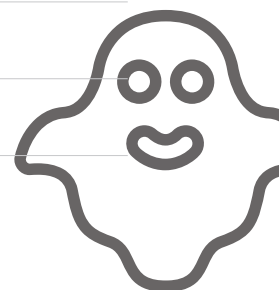
(b) Prove that \mathbf{M} is non-singular for all real values of k . [2]

(c) Given that $k = 3$, find \mathbf{M}^{-1} , showing each step of your working. [4]

When $k = 3$ the image of the vector $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ when transformed by \mathbf{M} is the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

(d) Find the values of a, b and c . [3]

Total: 11



$$w = \frac{z+1}{iz-1}, \quad z \neq -i,$$

Total: 14

