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Section A: Pure Mathematics

1 (i) Given that
$$t = \tan \frac{1}{2}x$$
, show that $\frac{\mathrm{d}t}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{1}{2}(1+t^2)$ and $\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$.

(ii) Hence show that

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \frac{1}{1+a\sin x} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \arctan\frac{\sqrt{1-a}}{\sqrt{1+a}} \qquad (0 < a < 1).$$

(iii) Let

$$I_n = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \frac{\sin^n x}{2 + \sin x} \,\mathrm{d}x \qquad (n \ge 0).$$

By considering $I_{n+1} + 2I_n$, or otherwise, evaluate I_3 .

2 In this question, you may ignore questions of convergence.

(i) Let
$$y = \frac{\arcsin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$
. Show that $(1-x^2)\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} - xy - 1 = 0$

(ii) and prove that, for any positive integer n,

$$(1-x^2)\frac{\mathrm{d}^{n+2}y}{\mathrm{d}x^{n+2}} - (2n+3)x\frac{\mathrm{d}^{n+1}y}{\mathrm{d}x^{n+1}} - (n+1)^2\frac{\mathrm{d}^n y}{\mathrm{d}x^n} = 0\,.$$

- (iii) Hence obtain the Maclaurin series for $\frac{\arcsin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$, giving the general term for odd and for even powers of x.
- (iv) Evaluate the infinite sum

$$1 + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{2^2}{5!} + \frac{2^2 \times 3^2}{7!} + \dots + \frac{2^2 \times 3^2 \times \dots \times n^2}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

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The four vertices P_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4) of a regular tetrahedron lie on the surface of a sphere with centre at O and of radius 1. The position vector of P_i with respect to O is \mathbf{p}_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4). Use the fact that $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 + \mathbf{p}_3 + \mathbf{p}_4 = \mathbf{0}$ to show that $\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j = -\frac{1}{3}$ for $i \neq j$.

Let X be any point on the surface of the sphere, and let XP_i denote the length of the line joining X and P_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4).

(i) By writing $(XP_i)^2$ as $(\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{x}) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{x})$, where \mathbf{x} is the position vector of X with respect to O, show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} (XP_i)^2 = 8$$

- (ii) Given that P_1 has coordinates (0, 0, 1) and that the coordinates of P_2 are of the form (a, 0, b), where a > 0, show that $a = 2\sqrt{2}/3$ and b = -1/3, and find the coordinates of P_3 and P_4 .
- (iii) Show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{4} (XP_i)^4 = 4 \sum_{i=1}^{4} (1 - \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{p}_i)^2.$$

By letting the coordinates of X be (x, y, z), show further that $\sum_{i=1}^{4} (XP_i)^4$ is independent of the position of X.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{4} & \mbox{Show that } (z-{\rm e}^{{\rm i}\theta})(z-{\rm e}^{-{\rm i}\theta})=z^2-2z\cos\theta+1\,. \\ & \mbox{Write down the } (2n)\mbox{th roots of } -1 \mbox{ in the form } {\rm e}^{{\rm i}\theta}\mbox{, where } -\pi<\theta\leqslant\pi\mbox{, and deduce that } \end{array}$

$$z^{2n} + 1 = \prod_{k=1}^{n} \left(z^2 - 2z \cos\left(\frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2n}\right) + 1 \right) .$$

Here, n is a positive integer, and the \prod notation denotes the product.

(i) By substituting z = 1 show that, when n is even,

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2n}\right)\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2n}\right)\cdots\cos\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2n}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}n}2^{1-n}.$$

(ii) Show that, when n is odd,

$$\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2n}\right)\cos^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{2n}\right)\cos^2\left(\frac{5\pi}{2n}\right)\cdots\cos^2\left(\frac{(n-2)\pi}{2n}\right) = n2^{1-n}.$$

You may use without proof the fact that $1 + z^{2n} = (1 + z^2)(1 - z^2 + z^4 - \cdots + z^{2n-2})$ when n is odd.

- 5 In this question, you may assume that, if a, b and c are positive integers such that a and b are coprime and a divides bc, then a divides c. (Two positive integers are said to be *coprime* if their highest common factor is 1.)
 - (i) Suppose that there are positive integers p, q, n and N such that p and q are coprime and $q^n N = p^n$. Show that $N = kp^n$ for some positive integer k and deduce the value of q.

Hence prove that, for any positive integers n and N, $\sqrt[n]{N}$ is either a positive integer or irrational.

(ii) Suppose that there are positive integers a, b, c and d such that a and b are coprime and c and d are coprime, and $a^a d^b = b^a c^b$. Prove that $d^b = b^a$ and deduce that, if p is a prime factor of d, then p is also a prime factor of b.

If p^m and p^n are the highest powers of the prime number p that divide d and b, respectively, express b in terms of a, m and n and hence show that $p^n \leq n$. Deduce the value of b. (You may assume that if x > 0 and $y \ge 2$ then $y^x > x$.)

Hence prove that, if r is a positive rational number such that r^r is rational, then r is a positive integer.

6 Let z and w be complex numbers. Use a diagram to show that $|z - w| \le |z| + |w|$. For any complex numbers z and w, E is defined by

$$E = zw^* + z^*w + 2|zw|.$$

- (i) Show that $|z w|^2 = (|z| + |w|)^2 E$, and deduce that E is real and non-negative.
- (ii) Show that $|1 zw^*|^2 = (1 + |zw|)^2 E$.

Hence show that, if both |z| > 1 and |w| > 1, then

$$\frac{|z-w|}{|1-zw^*|} \leqslant \frac{|z|+|w|}{1+|zw|}.$$

Does this inequality also hold if both |z| < 1 and |w| < 1?

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(i) Let y(x) be a solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y^3 = 0$ with y = 1 and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at x = 0, and let $E(x) - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}u^4$

$$\mathbf{E}(x) = \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^4.$$

Show by differentiation that E is constant and deduce that $|y(x)| \leq 1$ for all x.

(ii) Let v(x) be a solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} + x\frac{dv}{dx} + \sinh v = 0$ with $v = \ln 3$ and $\frac{dv}{dx} = 0$ at x = 0, and let

$$\mathbf{E}(x) = \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)^2 + 2\cosh v \,.$$

Show that $\frac{dE}{dx} \leq 0$ for $x \geq 0$ and deduce that $\cosh v(x) \leq \frac{5}{3}$ for $x \geq 0$.

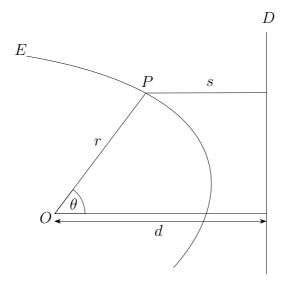
(iii) Let w(x) be a solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 w}{\mathrm{d}x^2} + (5\cosh x - 4\sinh x - 3)\frac{\mathrm{d}w}{\mathrm{d}x} + (w\cosh w + 2\sinh w) = 0$$

with $\frac{\mathrm{d}w}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and w = 0 at x = 0. Show that $\cosh w(x) \leq \frac{5}{4}$ for $x \ge 0$.

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- (i) Evaluate $\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} e^{2i(\alpha + r\pi/n)}$ where α is a fixed angle and $n \ge 2$.
 - (ii) The fixed point O is a distance d from a fixed line D. For any point P, let s be the distance from P to D and let r be the distance from P to O. Write down an expression for s in terms of d, r and the angle θ , where θ is as shown in the diagram below.



(iii) The curve E shown in the diagram is such that, for any point P on E, the relation r = ks holds, where k is a fixed number with 0 < k < 1.

Each of the *n* lines L_1, \ldots, L_n passes through *O* and the angle between adjacent lines is $\frac{\pi}{n}$. The line L_j $(j = 1, \ldots, n)$ intersects *E* in two points forming a chord of length l_j . Show that, for $n \ge 2$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{l_j} = \frac{(2-k^2)n}{4kd} \,.$$

Section B: Mechanics

9 (i) A sphere of radius R and uniform density ρ_s is floating in a large tank of liquid of uniform density ρ . Given that the centre of the sphere is a distance x above the level of the liquid, where x < R, show that the volume of liquid displaced is

$$\frac{\pi}{3}(2R^3 - 3R^2x + x^3).$$

(ii) The sphere is acted upon by two forces only: its weight and an upward force equal in magnitude to the weight of the liquid it has displaced. Show that

$$4R^3\rho_{\rm s}(g+\ddot{x}) = (2R^3 - 3R^2x + x^3)\rho g\,.$$

- (iii) Given that the sphere is in equilibrium when $x = \frac{1}{2}R$, find ρ_s in terms of ρ . Find, in terms of R and g, the period of small oscillations about this equilibrium position.
- 10 (i) A uniform rod AB has mass M and length 2a. The point P lies on the rod a distance a x from A. Show that the moment of inertia of the rod about an axis through P and perpendicular to the rod is

$$\frac{1}{3}M(a^2+3x^2)$$

(ii) The rod is free to rotate, in a horizontal plane, about a fixed vertical axis through P. Initially the rod is at rest. The end B is struck by a particle of mass m moving horizontally with speed u in a direction perpendicular to the rod. The coefficient of restitution between the rod and the particle is e. Show that the angular velocity of the rod immediately after impact is

$$\frac{3mu(1+e)(a+x)}{M(a^2+3x^2)+3m(a+x)^2}.$$

(iii) In the case m = 2M, find the value of x for which the angular velocity is greatest and show that this angular velocity is u(1+e)/a.

- 11 An equilateral triangle, comprising three light rods each of length $\sqrt{3}a$, has a particle of mass m attached to each of its vertices. The triangle is suspended horizontally from a point vertically above its centre by three identical springs, so that the springs and rods form a tetrahedron. Each spring has natural length a and modulus of elasticity kmg, and is light.
 - (i) Show that when the springs make an angle θ with the horizontal the tension in each spring is

$$\frac{kmg(1-\cos\theta)}{\cos\theta}$$

- (ii) Given that the triangle is in equilibrium when $\theta = \frac{1}{6}\pi$, show that $k = 4\sqrt{3} + 6$.
- (iii) The triangle is released from rest from the position at which $\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$. Show that when it passes through the equilibrium position its speed V satisfies

$$V^2 = \frac{4ag}{3}(6 + \sqrt{3})\,.$$

Section C: Probability and Statistics

12 A list consists only of letters A and B arranged in a row. In the list, there are a letter As and b letter Bs, where $a \ge 2$ and $b \ge 2$, and a + b = n. Each possible ordering of the letters is equally probable. The random variable X_1 is defined by

$$X_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the first letter in the row is } A; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The random variables X_k ($2 \leq k \leq n$) are defined by

$$X_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the } (k-1) \text{th letter is } B \text{ and the } k \text{th is } A; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The random variable S is defined by $S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$.

- (i) Find expressions for $E(X_i)$, distinguishing between the cases i = 1 and $i \neq 1$, and show that $E(S) = \frac{a(b+1)}{n}$.
- (ii) Show that:

(a) for
$$j \ge 3$$
, $E(X_1X_j) = \frac{a(a-1)b}{n(n-1)(n-2)}$;

(b)
$$\sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \left(\sum_{j=i+2}^{n} \mathrm{E}(X_i X_j) \right) = \frac{a(a-1)b(b-1)}{2n(n-1)};$$

(c)
$$\operatorname{Var}(S) = \frac{a(a-1)b(b+1)}{n^2(n-1)}$$

- 13 (i) The continuous random variable X satisfies $0 \le X \le 1$, and has probability density function f(x) and cumulative distribution function F(x). The greatest value of f(x) is M, so that $0 \le f(x) \le M$.
 - (a) Show that $0 \leq F(x) \leq Mx$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$.
 - **(b)** For any function g(x), show that

$$\int_0^1 2g(x)F(x)f(x)dx = g(1) - \int_0^1 g'(x)(F(x))^2 dx$$

- (i) The continuous random variable Y satisfies $0 \le Y \le 1$, and has probability density function kF(y)f(y), where f and F are as above.
 - (a) Determine the value of the constant k.
 - (b) Show that

$$1 + \frac{nM}{n+1}\mu_{n+1} - \frac{nM}{n+1} \le E(Y^n) \le 2M\mu_{n+1},$$

where $\mu_{n+1} = \mathcal{E}(X^{n+1})$ and $n \ge 0$.

(c) Hence show that, for $n \ge 1$,

$$\mu_n \geqslant \frac{n}{(n+1)M} - \frac{n-1}{n+1}$$