Solomon Practice Paper

Further Pure Mathematics 3B

Time allowed: 90 **minutes**

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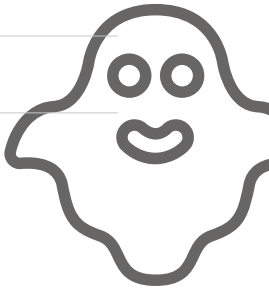
1. Given that x is so small that terms in x^3 and higher powers of x may be neglected, find the values of the constants a and b for which [5]

$$\frac{\ln(1+ax)}{1+bx} = 3x + \frac{3}{2}x^2.$$



2. Given that

$$|z + 1 - 4\mathbf{i}| = 1,$$

(a) sketch, in an Argand diagram, the locus of z, [2]

(b) find the maximum value of $\arg z$ in degrees to one decimal place. [3]

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3. (a) Show that [2]

$$\cosh(\mathbf{i}x) = \cos(x) \qquad \text{where } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve the equation [3]

$$\cosh(\mathbf{i}x) = \mathrm{e}^{\mathbf{i}x}$$

for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

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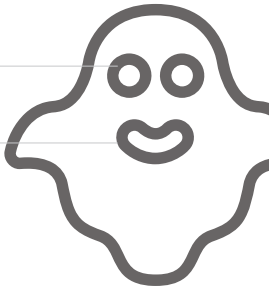
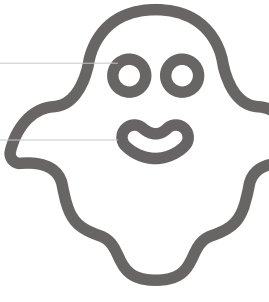


4. Given that [6]

$$u_{n+2} = 5u_{n+1} - 6u_n \qquad \text{for } n \geq 1, \qquad u_1 = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad u_2 = 4,$$

prove by induction that $u_n = 2^n$ for all integers n, $n \geq 1$.



5.

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ x & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Given that $\lambda = -1$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{M}$, find the value of x. [3]

(b) Show that $\lambda = -1$ is the only real eigenvalue of $\mathbf{M}$. [6]

(c) Find an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = -1$. [2]

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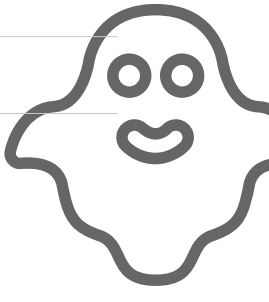

6. A student is looking at different methods of solving the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = xy, \qquad y = 1 \quad \text{at} \quad x = 0.2.$$

The first method the student tries is to use the approximation

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)_0 \approx \frac{y_1 - y_0}{h}$$

twice with a step length of 0.1 to obtain an estimate for y at $x = 0.4$.

(a) Find the value of the student's estimate for y at $x = 0.4$. [6]

The student then realises that the exact value of y at $x = 0.4$ can be found using integration.

(b) Use integration to find the exact value of y at $x = 0.4$. [4]

(c) Find, correct to 1 decimal place, the percentage error in the estimated value in part (a). [2]

Total: 12

7. (a) Given that $z = \cos\theta + \mathbf{i}\sin\theta$, show that [3]

$$z^n + \frac{1}{z^n} = 2\cos(n\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad z^n - \frac{1}{z^n} = 2\mathbf{i}\sin(n\theta),$$

where n is a positive integer.

(b) Given that [8]

$$\cos^4(\theta) + \sin^4(\theta) = A\cos(4\theta) + B,$$

find the values of the constants A and B.

(c) Hence find the exact value of [3]

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{8}} \cos^4(\theta) + \sin^4(\theta)\,\mathrm{d}\theta.$$

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8. The points A, B, C and D have coordinates $(3, -1, 2), (-2, 0, -1), (1, 2, 6)$ and $(-1, -5, 8)$ respectively, relative to the origin O.

   (a) Find $\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}$. [5]

   (b) Find the volume of the tetrahedron $ABCD$. [3]

   The plane Π contains the points A, B and C.

   (c) Find a vector equation of Π in the form $\mathbf{r}.\mathbf{n} = p$. [3]

   The perpendicular from D to Π meets the plane at the point E.

   (d) Find the coordinates of E. [6]

Total: 17