Solomon Practice Paper

Further Pure Mathematics 3C

Time allowed: 90 **minutes**

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1. Given that y satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \mathrm{e}^{x}\cosh(2y + x), \qquad y = 1 \qquad \text{at} \qquad x = 1,$$

(a) use the approximation [3]

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

to obtain an estimate for y at $x = 1.01$,

(b) use the approximation [3]

$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)_0 \approx \frac{y_1 - y_{-1}}{2h}$$

to obtain an estimate for y at $x = 0.99$.

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2. The points A, B and C have coordinates $(2, 1, -1), (-2, 4, -2)$ and $(a, -5, 1)$ respectively, relative to the origin O, where $a \neq 10$.

   (a) Find $\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}$. [4]

   The area of triange ABC is $4\sqrt{10}$ square units.

   (b) Find the possible values of the constant a. [3]

   Total: 7

3. (a) Given that $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$, show that [2]

$$z^n + \frac{1}{z^n} = 2\cos(n\theta)$$

where n is a positive integer.

The equation $5z^4 - 11z^3 + 16z^2 - 11z + 5 = 0$ has no real roots.

(b) Use the result in part (a) to solve the equation, giving your answers in the form $a + \mathbf{i}b$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. [8]

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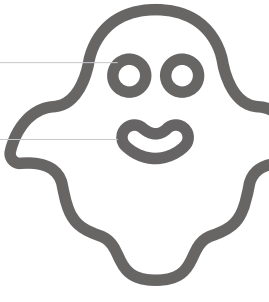

4. Given that

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) prove by induction that [6]

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n & \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) \\ 0 & 1 & n \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for all positive integers n.

(b) Find the inverse of $\mathbf{A}^n$. [5]

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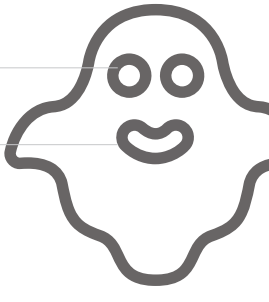

5. Given that

$$\mathrm{f}(x) = \cos^{-1}(x), \qquad -1 \leq x \leq 1,$$

show that

(a) [3]

$$\mathrm{f}'(x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}},$$

(b) [3]

$$(1-x^2)\mathrm{f}''(x) - x\mathrm{f}'(x) = 0.$$

(c) Use Maclaurin's theorem to find the expansion of $\mathrm{f}(x)$ in ascending powers of x up to and including the term in x^3. [5]

Total: 11

6. The eigenvalues of the matrix

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

are λ_1, λ_2 and λ_3.

(a) Show that $\lambda_1 = 2$ is an eigenvalue of $\mathbf{M}$ and find the other two eigenvalues λ_2 and λ_3. [7]

(b) Find an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2. [4]

Given that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are eigenvectors of $\mathbf{M}$ corresponding to λ_2 and λ_3 respectively,

(c) write down a matrix $\mathbf{P}$ such that [3]

$$\mathbf{P^{-1}MP} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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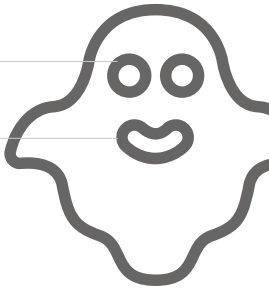

7. The complex number $z = x + \mathbf{i}y$, where x and y are real, satisfies the equation

$$|z + 1 + 8i| = 3|z + 1|.$$

The complex number z is represented by the point P in the Argand diagram.

(a) Show that the locus of P is a circle and state the centre and radius of this circle. [7]

(b) Represent on the same Argand diagram the loci [4]

$$|z + 1 + 8i| = 3|z + 1| \quad \text{and} \quad |z| = \left|z - \frac{14}{5}\right|$$

(c) Find the complex numbers corresponding to the points of intersection of these loci, giving your answers in the form $a + \mathbf{i}b$ where a and b are real. [5]

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