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Second Paper

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Time allowed: *Three* hours.

Answer six questions.

1. (a) Solve, if possible, the following system of linear equations in x , y , z , and w . Give the general solution.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - z + 3w &= 3 \\ 2x + 4y + 4z + 3w &= 9 \\ 3x + 6y + z + 8w &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Determine the values of k so that the following system in x , y and z has:
- (i) a unique solution,
 - (ii) no solution,
 - (iii) infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - z &= 1 \\ 2x + 3y + kz &= 3 \\ x + ky + 3z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

In cases (i) and (iii) determine the general solution.

p.t.o.

2. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find the adjoint A^* of A .
- (b) Calculate the product AA^* .
- (c) Using (a) and (b), state the determinant of A and find A^{-1} .
- (d) Find the 3×3 -matrix B with $BA = A^2 - 2A$.

3. (a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute the matrix products AB and BA .

(b) Let

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the Gauss-Jordan method to calculate the inverse of X . Check that your answer is correct by verifying that $X^{-1}X = I_4$.

4. (a) Show that

$$\frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 & 12 \\ 12 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

is an orthogonal matrix.

- (b) Show that if $U = [u_{ij}]$ is an upper triangular $n \times n$ matrix, then $\det(U) = u_{11}u_{22} \dots u_{nn}$.

p.t.o.

5. (a) Using de Moivre's Theorem, find integers a , b and c such that

$$\cos 5\theta = a \cos^5 \theta + b \cos^3 \theta + c \cos \theta$$

for all θ .

- (a) Find the square roots of $5 + 12i$.
 (c) In the Argand plane sketch the set of points z such that $|z + 1| + |z - 1| = 4$.
 (d) Prove that

$$1 + \frac{1}{3}\cos \theta + \frac{1}{9}\cos 2\theta + \dots + \frac{1}{3^k}\cos k\theta + \dots$$

$$= \frac{9 - 3\cos \theta}{10 - 6\cos \theta}$$

6. (a) Write down the 12^{th} roots of unity in the form $a + ib$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$ and illustrate them in the Argand plane. Show also that the 12^{th} roots are

$$w_k = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{12} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 11.$$

- (b) Factorize $z^6 + 1$ (which is equal to $(z^{12} - 1)/(z^6 - 1)$) into a product of three quadratic factors that are irreducible over \mathbb{R} .
 (c) Divide $z^{12} - 1$ by $z - 1$ and by letting $z = 1$ deduce that

$$(1 - w_1)(1 - w_2)(1 - w_3) \dots (1 - w_{11}) = 12$$

where

$$w_k = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{12} \quad 1 \leq k \leq 11.$$

7. (a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Write down a diagonal matrix D and a matrix E such that $E^{-1}AE = D$.

- (b) Let B be a matrix with eigenvalue λ . Let X be an invertible matrix. Show that λ is also an eigenvalue of $X^{-1}BX$.
 (c) Let B be an invertible matrix with (non-zero) eigenvalue λ . Show that λ^{-1} is an eigenvalue of B^{-1} .

8. (a) Find the vertex, focus, axis and direction x of the parabola

$$x = y^2 + 3y + 3$$

and sketch the parabola.

- (b) Prove that the tangents to a parabola at the extremities of a chord through the focus are perpendicular to each other.
- (c) Find an orthogonal transformation of the axes which reduces the conic

$$xy = 1$$

to standard form. Sketch the conic and state what type of conic it is.