

Solomon Practice Paper

Pure Mathematics 6G

Time allowed: 90 minutes

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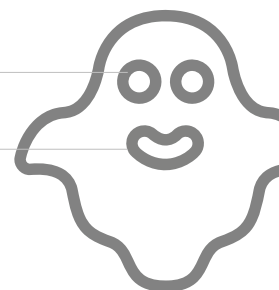


1.

[3]

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

Find the value of the constant k for which \mathbf{A} is a singular matrix.

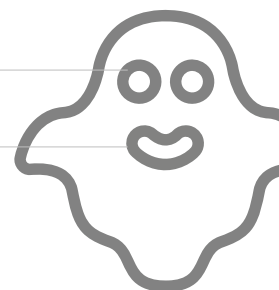


2. Solve the equation

[6]

$$z^3 = -4 + 4\sqrt{3}\mathbf{i},$$

giving your answers in the form $r(\cos(\theta) + \mathbf{i}\sin(\theta))$ where $r > 0$ and $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.



3. Prove by induction that $n(n^2 + 5)$ is divisible by 6 for all positive integers n .

[7]

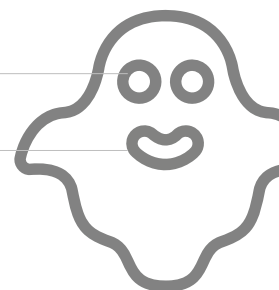


$$|z - 1 + 2\mathbf{i}| = 3,$$

[3]

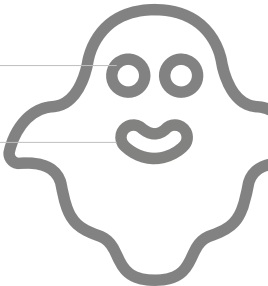
$$\begin{aligned} T &: w = 4z, \\ U &: w = z + 5 - \mathbf{i}, \\ V &: w = ze^{\mathbf{i}\frac{\pi}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

[6]



5. (a) By finding the first four derivatives of $f(x) = \cos(x)$, find the Taylor series expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of $(x - \frac{\pi}{6})$ up to and including the term in $(x - \frac{\pi}{6})^3$. [5]
- (b) Use this expansion to find an estimate of $\cos(\frac{\pi}{4})$, giving your answer to 4 decimal places. [3]
- (c) Find the percentage error in your answer to part (b), giving your answer to 2 significant figures. [2]

Total: 10



6. Given that y satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = x^2 + xy - y^2, \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -1 \quad \text{at} \quad x = 0,$$

(a) use the Taylor series method to obtain a series for y in ascending powers of x up to and including the term in x^3 . [6]

(b) Use your series to estimate the value of y at $x = -0.1$. [1]

(c) Use the approximation [3]

$$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_0 \approx \frac{y_1 - 2y_0 + y_{-1}}{h^2}$$

with a step length of 0.1 and your answer to part (b) to estimate the value of y when $x = 0.1$.

Total: 10



7. Referred to a fixed origin, the straight lines l_1 , l_2 and l_3 have equations

$$l_1 : \mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + s(2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}),$$

$$l_2 : \mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{k} + t(4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}),$$

$$l_3 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + u(2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}).$$

The acute angle between l_1 and l_2 is θ .

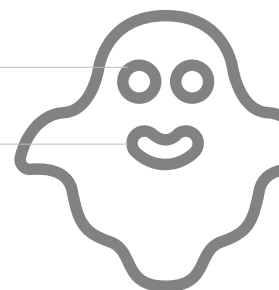
(a) Find the exact value of $\sin(\theta)$. [5]

The plane Π contains the lines l_1 and l_2 .

(b) Find an equation of Π , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz + d = 0$. [4]

(c) Show that the line l_3 lies on the plane Π . [4]

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- The transformations $S: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$ and $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2$ are defined by

$$S: \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} y-x \\ 2x+y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T: \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (c) Using your result in (a), or otherwise, find the matrix that represents the transformation $(ST)^{-1}$. [6]

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