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Section A: Pure Mathematics

1 **(i)** Prove that, for any positive integers n and r,

$$\frac{1}{{}^{n+r}\mathrm{C}_{r+1}} = \frac{r+1}{r}\left(\frac{1}{{}^{n+r-1}\mathrm{C}_r} - \frac{1}{{}^{n+r}\mathrm{C}_r}\right).$$

Hence determine

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{{}^{n+r}\mathrm{C}_{r+1}},$$

and deduce that $\displaystyle\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{{}^{n+2}\mathrm{C}_3} = \frac{1}{2}$.

(ii) Show that, for $n \geqslant 3$,

$$\frac{3!}{n^3} < \frac{1}{{}^{n+1}\mathrm{C}_3} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{20}{{}^{n+1}\mathrm{C}_3} - \frac{1}{{}^{n+2}\mathrm{C}_5} < \frac{5!}{n^3}.$$

By summing these inequalities for $n \geqslant 3$, show that

$$\frac{115}{96} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} < \frac{116}{96}.$$

Note: ${}^{n}\mathrm{C}_r$ is another notation for $\displaystyle\binom{n}{r}$.

2 The transformation R in the complex plane is a rotation (anticlockwise) by an angle θ about the point represented by the complex number a. The transformation S in the complex plane is a rotation (anticlockwise) by an angle ϕ about the point represented by the complex number b.

(i) The point P is represented by the complex number z. Show that the image of P under R is represented by

$$\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta} z + a(1 - \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta}).$$

(ii) Show that the transformation SR (equivalent to R followed by S) is a rotation about the point represented by c, where

$$c \sin \tfrac{1}{2}(\theta + \phi) = a\,\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\phi/2} \sin \tfrac{1}{2}\theta + b\,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\theta/2} \sin \tfrac{1}{2}\phi,$$

provided $\theta + \phi \neq 2n\pi$ for any integer n.

What is the transformation SR if $\theta + \phi = 2\pi$?

(iii) Under what circumstances is $RS = SR$?

3 Let α, β, γ and δ be the roots of the quartic equation

$$x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0\,.$$

You are given that, for any such equation, $\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta$, $\alpha\gamma + \beta\delta$ and $\alpha\delta + \beta\gamma$ satisfy a cubic equation of the form

$$y^3 + Ay^2 + (pr - 4s)y + (4qs - p^2 s - r^2) = 0\,.$$

Determine A.

Now consider the quartic equation given by $p = 0$, $q = 3$, $r = -6$ and $s = 10$.

(i) Find the value of $\alpha\beta + \gamma\delta$, given that it is the largest root of the corresponding cubic equation.

(ii) Hence, using the values of q and s, find the value of $(\alpha + \beta)(\gamma + \delta)$ and the value of $\alpha\beta$ given that $\alpha\beta > \gamma\delta$.

(iii) Using these results, and the values of p and r, solve the quartic equation.

4 For any function f satisfying $\mathrm{f}(x) > 0$, we define the *geometric mean*, F, by

$$\mathrm{F}(y) = \mathrm{e}^{\frac{1}{y}\int_0^y \ln \mathrm{f}(x)\,\mathrm{d}x} \qquad (y > 0)\,.$$

(i) The function f satisfies $\mathrm{f}(x) > 0$ and a is a positive number with $a \neq 1$. Prove that

$$\mathrm{F}(y) = a^{\frac{1}{y}\int_0^y \log_a \mathrm{f}(x)\,\mathrm{d}x}\,.$$

(ii) The functions f and g satisfy $\mathrm{f}(x) > 0$ and $\mathrm{g}(x) > 0$, and the function h is defined by $\mathrm{h}(x) = \mathrm{f}(x)\mathrm{g}(x)$. Their geometric means are F, G and H, respectively. Show that $\mathrm{H}(y) = \mathrm{F}(y)\mathrm{G}(y)$.

(iii) Prove that, for any positive number b, the geometric mean of b^x is $\sqrt{b^y}$.

(iv) Prove that, if $\mathrm{f}(x) > 0$ and the geometric mean of $\mathrm{f}(x)$ is $\sqrt{\mathrm{f}(y)}$, then $\mathrm{f}(x) = b^x$ for some positive number b.

5 **(i)** The point with cartesian coordinates (x, y) lies on a curve with polar equation $r = \mathrm{f}(\theta)$. Find an expression for $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$ in terms of $\mathrm{f}(\theta)$, $\mathrm{f}'(\theta)$ and $\tan\theta$.

(ii) Two curves, with polar equations $r = \mathrm{f}(\theta)$ and $r = \mathrm{g}(\theta)$, meet at right angles. Show that where they meet

$$\mathrm{f}'(\theta)\mathrm{g}'(\theta) + \mathrm{f}(\theta)\mathrm{g}(\theta) = 0\,.$$

(iii) The curve C has polar equation $r = \mathrm{f}(\theta)$ and passes through the point given by $r = 4$, $\theta = -\frac{1}{2}\pi$. For each positive value of a, the curve with polar equation $r = a(1 + \sin\theta)$ meets C at right angles. Find $\mathrm{f}(\theta)$.

(iv) Sketch on a single diagram the three curves with polar equations $r = 1 + \sin\theta$, $r = 4(1 + \sin\theta)$ and $r = \mathrm{f}(\theta)$.

6 *In this question, you are not permitted to use any properties of trigonometric functions or inverse trigonometric functions.*

The function T is defined for $x > 0$ by

$$\mathrm{T}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+u^2}\,\mathrm{d}u\,,$$

and $T_\infty = \displaystyle\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1+u^2}\,\mathrm{d}u$ (which has a finite value).

(i) By making an appropriate substitution in the integral for $\mathrm{T}(x)$, show that

$$\mathrm{T}(x) = \mathrm{T}_\infty - \mathrm{T}(x^{-1})\,.$$

(ii) Let $v = \dfrac{u+a}{1-au}$, where a is a constant. Verify that, for $u \neq a^{-1}$,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}u} = \frac{1+v^2}{1+u^2}\,.$$

Hence show that, for $a > 0$ and $x < \dfrac{1}{a}$,

$$\mathrm{T}(x) = \mathrm{T}\left(\frac{x+a}{1-ax}\right) - \mathrm{T}(a)\,.$$

Deduce that

$$\mathrm{T}(x^{-1}) = 2\mathrm{T}_\infty - \mathrm{T}\left(\frac{x+a}{1-ax}\right) - \mathrm{T}(a^{-1})$$

and hence that, for $b > 0$ and $y > \dfrac{1}{b}$,

$$\mathrm{T}(y) = 2\mathrm{T}_\infty - \mathrm{T}\left(\frac{y+b}{by-1}\right) - \mathrm{T}(b)\,.$$

(iii) Use the above results to show that $\mathrm{T}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{2}{3}\mathrm{T}_\infty$ and $\mathrm{T}(\sqrt{2}-1) = \frac{1}{4}\mathrm{T}_\infty$.

7 Show that the point T with coordinates

$$\left(\frac{a(1-t^2)}{1+t^2}\,,\ \frac{2bt}{1+t^2}\right) \qquad (*)$$

(where a and b are non-zero) lies on the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2}+\frac{y^2}{b^2}=1\,.$$

(i) The line L is the tangent to the ellipse at T. The point (X,Y) lies on L, and $X^2 \neq a^2$. Show that

$$(a+X)bt^2 - 2aYt + b(a-X) = 0\,.$$

Deduce that if $a^2Y^2 > (a^2-X^2)b^2$, then there are two distinct lines through (X,Y) that are tangents to the ellipse. Interpret this result geometrically. Show, by means of a sketch, that the result holds also if $X^2 = a^2$.

(ii) The distinct points P and Q are given by $(*)$, with $t=p$ and $t=q$, respectively. The tangents to the ellipse at P and Q meet at the point with coordinates (X,Y), where $X^2 \neq a^2$. Show that

$$(a+X)pq = a - X$$

and find an expression for $p+q$ in terms of a, b, X and Y.

Given that the tangents meet the y-axis at points $(0,y_1)$ and $(0,y_2)$, where $y_1+y_2=2b$, show that

$$\frac{X^2}{a^2}+\frac{Y}{b}=1\,.$$

8 Prove that, for any numbers a_1, a_2, $\ldots$, and b_1, b_2, $\ldots$, and for $n \geqslant 1$,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{n} a_m(b_{m+1}-b_m) = a_{n+1}b_{n+1} - a_1b_1 - \sum_{m=1}^{n} b_{m+1}(a_{m+1}-a_m)\,.$$

(i) By setting $b_m = \sin mx$, show that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{n} \cos(m+\tfrac{1}{2})x = \tfrac{1}{2}\big(\sin(n+1)x - \sin x\big)\operatorname{cosec}\tfrac{1}{2}x\,.$$

Note: $\sin A - \sin B = 2\cos\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)\,\sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right).$

(ii) Show that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{n} m\sin mx = \big(p\sin(n+1)x + q\sin nx\big)\operatorname{cosec}^2\tfrac{1}{2}x\,,$$

where p and q are to be determined in terms of n.

Note: $2\sin A\sin B = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)\,;$

$2\cos A\sin B = \sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)\,.$

Section B: Mechanics

9 Two particles A and B of masses m and $2m$, respectively, are connected by a light spring of natural length a and modulus of elasticity λ. They are placed on a smooth horizontal table with AB perpendicular to the edge of the table, and A is held on the edge of the table. Initially the spring is at its natural length.

(i) Particle A is released. At a time t later, particle A has dropped a distance y and particle B has moved a distance x from its initial position (where $x < a$). Show that $y + 2x = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$.

(ii) The value of λ is such that particle B reaches the edge of the table at a time T given by $T = \sqrt{6a/g}$. By considering the total energy of the system (without solving any differential equations), show that the speed of particle B at this time is $\sqrt{2ag/3}$.

10 A uniform rod PQ of mass m and length $3a$ is freely hinged at P.

(i) The rod is held horizontally and a particle of mass m is placed on top of the rod at a distance ℓ from P, where $\ell < 2a$. The coefficient of friction between the rod and the particle is μ.

The rod is then released. Show that, while the particle does not slip along the rod,

$$(3a^2 + \ell^2)\dot{\theta}^2 = g(3a + 2\ell)\sin\theta\,,$$

where θ is the angle through which the rod has turned, and the dot denotes the time derivative.

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, find an expression for $\ddot{\theta}$ and show that the normal reaction of the rod on the particle is non-zero when θ is acute.

(iii) Show further that, when the particle is on the point of slipping,

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\mu a(2a - \ell)}{2(\ell^2 + a\ell + a^2)}\,.$$

(iv) What happens at the moment the rod is released if, instead, $\ell > 2a$?

11 A railway truck, initially at rest, can move forwards without friction on a long straight horizontal track. On the truck, n guns are mounted parallel to the track and facing backwards, where $n > 1$. Each of the guns is loaded with a single projectile of mass m. The mass of the truck and guns (but not including the projectiles) is M.

When a gun is fired, the projectile leaves its muzzle horizontally with a speed $v - V$ relative to the ground, where V is the speed of the truck immediately before the gun is fired.

(i) All n guns are fired simultaneously. Find the speed, u, with which the truck moves, and show that the kinetic energy, K, which is gained by the system (truck, guns and projectiles) is given by

$$K = \tfrac{1}{2}nmv^2\left(1 + \frac{nm}{M}\right).$$

(ii) Instead, the guns are fired one at a time. Let u_r be the speed of the truck when r guns have been fired, so that $u_0 = 0$. Show that, for $1 \leqslant r \leqslant n$,

$$u_r - u_{r-1} = \frac{mv}{M + (n-r)m} \qquad (*)$$

and hence that $u_n < u$.

(iii) Let K_r be the total kinetic energy of the system when r guns have been fired (one at a time), so that $K_0 = 0$. Using $(*)$, show that, for $1 \leqslant r \leqslant n$,

$$K_r - K_{r-1} = \tfrac{1}{2}mv^2 + \tfrac{1}{2}mv(u_r - u_{r-1})$$

and hence show that

$$K_n = \tfrac{1}{2}nmv^2 + \tfrac{1}{2}mvu_n\,.$$

Deduce that $K_n < K$.

Section C: Probability and Statistics

12 The discrete random variables X and Y can each take the values $1, \ldots, n$ (where $n \geqslant 2$). Their joint probability distribution is given by

$$\mathrm{P}(X = x,\ Y = y) = k(x + y)\,,$$

where k is a constant.

(i) Show that

$$\mathrm{P}(X = x) = \frac{n + 1 + 2x}{2n(n + 1)}\,.$$

Hence determine whether X and Y are independent.

(ii) Show that the covariance of X and Y is negative.

13 The random variable X has mean μ and variance σ^2, and the function V is defined, for $-\infty < x < \infty$, by

$$\mathrm{V}(x) = \mathrm{E}\big((X - x)^2\big).$$

(i) Express $\mathrm{V}(x)$ in terms of x, μ and σ.

(ii) The random variable Y is defined by $Y = \mathrm{V}(X)$. Show that

$$\mathrm{E}(Y) = 2\sigma^2. \qquad (*)$$

(iii) Now suppose that X is uniformly distributed on the interval $0 \leqslant x \leqslant 1$. Find $\mathrm{V}(x)$. Find also the probability density function of Y and use it to verify that $(*)$ holds in this case.