

**ST. HENRY'S COLLEGE KITOVU**  
**A'LEVEL PURE MATHEMATICS P425/1 SEMINAR QUESTIONS 2019**

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**ALGEBRA**

1. Solve the simultaneous equations:

(a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ ,  $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = \frac{5}{4}$

(b)  $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} = \frac{17}{4}$ ,  $x^2 - 4xy + y^2 = 1$

2. Find the range of values of  $x$  for which

(a)  $\frac{2x+1}{x+2} > \frac{1}{2}$ .

(b)  $|2x+1| > 7$

3. Resolve into partial fractions

(a)  $\frac{x^3 + x^2 + 4x}{x^2 + x - 2}$

(b)  $\frac{3x^2 + 8x + 13}{(x-1)(x^2 + 2x + 5)}$

(c)  $\frac{2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2}{(x+1)^2(x^2 + 1)}$

4. Solve the following equations:

(a)  $2^{3x+1} = 5^{x+1}$

(b)  $9^x - 4(3^x) + 3 = 0$

(c)  $\log_x 9 + \log_{x^2} 3 = 2.5$

(d)  $\sqrt{2x-1} - \sqrt{x-1} = 1$

$2x + 3y + 4z = 8$

(e)  $3x - 2y - 3z = -2$

$5x + 4y + 2z = 3$

5. Find:

(a) The three numbers in arithmetic progression such that their sum is 27 and their product is 504

(b) The three numbers in a geometrical progression such that their sum 39 and their product is 729.

(c) The sum of the last three terms of a geometrical progression having  $n$  terms is 1024 times the sum of the first three terms of the progression. If the third term is 5, find the last term.

- (d) Prove by induction that  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$  and deduce that
- $$1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots + (2n+1)^3 = (n+1)^2(2n^2 + 4n + 1)$$
6. Expand:
- (a)  $\frac{7+x}{(1+x)(1+x^2)}$  in ascending powers of  $x$  as far as the term in  $x^4$ .
- (b)  $\left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x - x^2\right)^5$  in ascending powers of  $x$  as far as the term in  $x^4$ .
- (c) Find the term independent of  $x$  in the expansion of  $\left(2x + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{12}$  in descending powers of  $x$  and find the greatest term in the expansion when  $x = \frac{2}{3}$ .
- (d) Find by binomial theorem, the coefficient of  $x^8$  in the expansion  $(3 - 5x^2)^{1/2}$  in ascending powers of  $x$ .
- (e) In the binomial expansion of  $(1+x)^{n+1}$ ,  $n$  being an integer greater than two, the coefficient of  $x^4$  is six times the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion  $(1+x)^{n-1}$ . Determine the value of  $n$ .
7. (a) Without using the calculator, simplify  $\frac{\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right)\right)^4}{\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) - i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right)\right)^5}$
- (b) In a quadratic equation  $z^2 + (p+iq)z + 3i = 0$ .  $p$  and  $q$  are real constants. Given that the sum of the squares of the roots is 8. Find all possible pairs of values of  $p$  and  $q$ .
8. (a) How many different arrangements of letters can be made by using all the letters in the word contact? In how many of these arrangements are the vowels separated?
- (b) In how many ways can a team of eleven be picked from fifteen possible players.
9. (a) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - px + q = 0$ , form the equation whose roots are  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha^2}$ .
- (b) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ , form the equation whose roots are  $\frac{1}{\beta^3}$  and  $\frac{1}{\alpha^3}$ . If in the equation above  $\alpha\beta^2 = 1$ , prove that  $a^3 + c^3 + abc = 0$
10. (a) If  $z = x + iy$  and  $\bar{z}$  is the conjugate of  $z$ , find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\frac{1}{z} + \frac{2}{\bar{z}} = 1 + i$
- (b) If  $x, y, a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and if  $x + iy = \frac{a}{b + \cos\theta + i\sin\theta}$ . Show that
- $$(b^2 - 1)(x^2 + y^2) + a^2 = 2abx.$$
- (c) If  $n$  is an integer and  $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ , show that  $2\cos n\theta = z^n + \frac{1}{z^n}$ ,  $2i\sin n\theta = z^n - \frac{1}{z^n}$ .

Use the result to establish the formula  $8\cos^4\theta = \cos 4\theta + 4\cos 2\theta + 3$ .

- (e) If  $z$  is a complex number and  $\left| \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right| = 2$ , find the equation of the curve in the Argand diagram on which the point representing  $z$  lies.

### TRIGONOMETRY

11. If  $\sin\theta + \sin\beta = a$  and  $\cos\theta + \cos\beta = b$ , show that  $\cos^2\left(\frac{\theta-\beta}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}(a^2 + b^2)$
12. Show that  $\sin 7x + \sin x - 2\sin 2x \cos 3x = 4\cos^3 3x$
13. If  $A, B$  and  $C$  are angles of a triangle, show that:
- $\cos A + \cos(B-C) = 2\sin B \sin C$
  - $\cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin \frac{A-B}{2} = 2\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}$
14. Express  $y = 8\cos x + 6\sin x$  in form of  $R\cos(x-\alpha)$  where  $R$  is positive and  $\alpha$  is acute. Hence find the maximum and minimum values of  $\frac{1}{8\cos x + 6\sin x + 15}$  and the corresponding angle respectively.
15. Show that:
- $\tan^{-1} x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}\right)$
  - $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right)$
  - Find  $x$  if  $\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1}(1-x) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$
16. (a) Show that  $\cos 4\theta = \frac{\tan^4 \theta - 6\tan^2 \theta + 1}{\tan^4 \theta + 2\tan^2 \theta + 1}$
- (b) Solve the equation  $8\cos^4 x - 10\cos^2 x + 2 = 0$  for  $x$  in the range of  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$
17. (a) If  $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{p}$  and  $\tan \beta = \frac{1}{q}$  and  $pq = 2p$ , show that  $\tan(\theta + \beta) = p + q$
- (b) Show that  $\sin 2A + \cos 2A = \frac{(1 + \tan A)^2 - 2\tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A}$
18. If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are all greater than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and less than  $2\pi$  and  $\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\tan \beta = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $\cos \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Find the value of  $\tan(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$  in surd form.

19. Solve for  $x$  in the range  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$

(a)  $3\cos^2 x - 3\sin x \cos x + 2\sin^2 x = 1$

(b)  $4\cos x = 3\tan x + 3\sec x$

20. Prove that  $4\cos \theta \cos 3\theta + 1 = \frac{\sin 5\theta}{\sin \theta}$ . Hence find all the values of  $\theta$  in the range  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$  for

which  $\cos \theta \cos 3\theta = \frac{-1}{2}$

### VECTORS

21. The coordinates of the points A and B are (0,2,5) and (-1,3,1) and the equation of the line L is

$$\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-2} = \frac{z-2}{-1}$$

- (i) Find the equation of the plane containing the point A and perpendicular to L and verify that B lies in the plane.
- (ii) Show that the point C in which L meets the plane is (1,4,3) and find the angle between CA and CB

22. (a) A body moves such that its position is given by  $OP = (3\sin t)i + (3\cos t)j$  where O is the origin and  $t$  is the time. Prove that the velocity of the particle when at P is perpendicular to OP.

(b) The lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  have Cartesian equations  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z-5}{-1}$  and  $\frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y+3}{-3} = \frac{z-6}{1}$ .

Show that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  intersect and find the coordinates of the point of intersection.

23. (a) Find the acute angle between the lines whose equations are  $\frac{x-2}{-4} = \frac{y-3}{3} = \frac{z+1}{-1}$  and

$$\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-1}{6} = \frac{z+1}{-5}.$$

(b) The points A and B have coordinates (1,2,3) and (4,6,-2) respectively and the plane has equation  $x + y - z = 24$ . Determine the equation of the line AB, hence the angle this line makes with the plane.

24. (a) Find the perpendicular distance of the line  $\frac{x-5}{1} = \frac{y-6}{2} = \frac{z-3}{4}$  from the point (-6,-4,-5).

(b) Find the shortest distance between the two skew lines  $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{1}$  and

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y+1}{1} = \frac{z-1}{3} \text{ respectively.}$$

(c) Find the perpendicular distance of the plane  $2x - 14z + 5z = 10$  from the origin.

25. (a) Show that the line  $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-1} = \frac{z-3}{3}$  is parallel to the plane  $4x - y - 3z = 4$  and find the perpendicular distance from the line to the plane.

(b) Find the Cartesian equation of the line of intersection of the two planes  $2x - 3y - z = 1$  and  $3x + 4y + 2z = 3$ .

26. (a) Find the Cartesian equation of the plane containing the point (1,3,1) and parallel to the vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$
- (b) Find the Cartesian equation of the plane containing the points (1,2,-1), (2,1,2) and (3,-3,3).
27. Given the points A, B and C with coordinates (2,5,-1), (3,-4,2) and C(-1,2,1). Show that ABC is a triangle and find the area of the triangle ABC
28. (a) Find the angle between the parallel planes  $3x + 2y - z = -4$  and  $6x + 4y - 2z = 6$ .
- (b) Find the acute angle between the planes  $2x + y + 3z = 5$  and  $2x + 3y + z = 7$
29. The points A and B have coordinates (2,1,1) and (0,5,3) respectively. Find the equation of the line AB. If C is the point (5,-4,2). Find the coordinates of D on AB such that CD is perpendicular to AB. Find the equation of the plane containing AB and perpendicular to the line CD.
30. (a) Given that  $OP = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $OQ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , find the coordinates of the point R such that  $\overline{PR} = \overline{PQ} = 1:2$  and the points P, Q and R are collinear.
- (b) A and B are the points (3,1,1) and (5,2,3) respectively, and C is a point on the line  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If angle BAC=90°, find the coordinates of C

### ANALYSIS

31. Differentiate from first principles

- (a)  $y = \tan^{-1} x$
- (b)  $y = ax^n$
- (c)  $y = \sin 3x$

32. Find the derivative of:

- (a)  $y = 5 \sin^{-1}(4x)$
- (b)  $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1 + \tan x}{1 - \tan x}\right)$
- (c)  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x^2 + \cos x}$
- (d)  $y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1+x}}$

33. Find:

(a)  $\int \sin^{-1} x$

(b)  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 4x + 13}$

(c)  $\int \frac{dx}{x \log_e x}$

(d)  $\int \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)\tan^{-1} x}$

(e) Show that  $\int_0^2 \sqrt{\frac{x}{4-x}} dx = \pi - 2$

(f) Show that  $\int_1^{10} x \log_{10} x = 50 - \frac{99}{4 \ln 10}$

34. (a) If  $x = t^3$  and  $y = 2t^2$ . Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $t$  and show that when  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ ,  $x = 2$  or  $x = \frac{10}{27}$

(b) If  $y = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$  and  $x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$ , find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in terms of  $t$

35. Given that:

(a)  $y = \sqrt{4+3\sin x}$ , show that  $2y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + y^2 = 4$

(b)  $y = e^{2x} \cos 3x$ , show that  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 13y = 0$

(c)  $y = (x + \sqrt{1+x^2})^p$ , show that  $(1+x^2)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x\frac{dy}{dx} - p^2y = 0$

(d)  $y = \sin(\log_e x)$ , show that  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

36. (a) Find the volume generated when the area enclosed by the curve  $y = 4x - x^2$  and the line  $y = 2x$  is rotated completely about the  $x$  - axis.

(b) Find the area contained between the two parabolas  $4y = x^2$  and  $4x = y^2$ .

(c) Find the area between the curve  $y = x^3$ , the  $x$  - axis and the lines  $y = 1, y = 8$ .

(d) Find the area of the curve  $x^2 + 3xy + 3y^2 = 1$

(e) Show that in the solid generated by the revolution of the rectangular hyperbola  $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$  about the  $x$  - axis, the volume of the segment of height  $a$  from the vertex is  $\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3$

37. (a) A right circular cone of semi - vertical angle  $\theta$  is circumscribed about a sphere of radius  $R$ . show that the volume of the cone is  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi R^3(1 + \sec \theta)^3 \tan^2 \theta$  and find the value of  $\theta$  when the volume is minimum.

- (b) Water is poured into a vessel, in the shape of a right circular cone of vertical angle  $90^\circ$ , with the axis vertical, at the rate of  $125\text{cm}^3/\text{s}$ . At what rate is the water surface rising when the depth of the water is  $10\text{cm}$ ?
38. Sketch the curve  $y = \frac{x}{x+2}$ . Find the area enclosed by the curve, the lines  $x = 0, x = 1$  and the line  $y = 1$ . Also find the volume generated when this area revolves through  $2\pi$  radians about the line  $y = 1$ .
39. Solve the differential equations below:
- (a)  $\frac{1}{3x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \cos^2 y = 1$ , when  $x = 2$  and  $y = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- (b)  $(x-y) \frac{dy}{dx} = x+y$ , when  $x = 4$  and  $y = \pi$
- (c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = e^{2x}$ , when  $x = 0$  and  $y = \frac{6}{5}$
40. In a certain type of chemical reaction a substance A is continuously transformed into a substance B. throughout the reaction, the sum of the masses of A and B remains constant and equal to  $m$ . The mass of B present at time  $t$  after the commencement of the reaction is denoted by  $x$ . At any instant, the rate of increase of mass of B is  $k$  times the mass of A where  $k$  is a positive constant.
- (a) Write down a differential equation relating  $x$  and  $t$
- (b) Solve this differential equation given that  $x = 0$  and  $t = 0$ . Given also that  $x = \frac{1}{2}m$  when  $t = \ln 2$ , determine the value of  $k$  and show that at time  $t$ ,  $x = m(1 - e^{-t})$ . Hence find:
- (i) The value of  $x$  (in terms of  $m$ ) when  $t = 3\ln 2$
- (ii) The value of  $t$  when  $x = \frac{3}{4}m$

### GEOMETRY

41. (a) Find the equation of a line which makes an angle of  $150^\circ$  with the  $x$  – axis and  $y$  – intercept of  $-3$  units.
- (b) Find the acute angle between the lines  $3y - x = 4$  and  $6y - 3x - 5 = 0$
- (c) OA and OB are equal sides of an isosceles triangle lying in the first quadrant. OA and OB make angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  with  $x$  – axis respectively. Show that the gradient of the bisector of the acute angle AOB is  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta - \cot \theta$  where  $\theta = \theta_1 + \theta_2$
- (d) Find the length of the perpendicular from the point  $P(2,-4)$  to the line  $3x + 2y - 5 = 0$
42. (a) Find the equation of the circle with centre  $(4,-7)$  which touches the line  $3x + 4y - 9 = 0$
- (b) Find the equation of the circle through the points  $(6,1), (3,2), (2,3)$
- (c) Find the equation of the circumcircle of the triangle formed by three lines  $2y - 9x + 26 = 0$ ,  $9y + 2x + 32 = 0$  and  $11y - 7x - 27 = 0$

43. (a) Find the length of the tangent from the point (5,6) to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 4y - 21 = 0$ .  
 (b) Find the equations of the tangents to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 289$  which are parallel to the line  $8x - 15y = 0$   
 (c) Find the equation of the circle of radius  $12\frac{4}{5}$  which touches both the lines  $4x - 3y = 0$  and  $3x + 4y - 13 = 0$  and intersects the positive  $y$  - axis.  
 (d) A circle touches both the  $x$  - axis and the line  $4x - 3y + 4 = 0$ . Its centre is in the first quadrant and lies on the line  $x - y - 1 = 0$ . Prove that its equation is  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 4y + 9 = 0$
44. Find the equations of the parabolas with the following foci and directrices:  
 (i) Focus (2,1), directrix  $x = -3$   
 (ii) Focus (0,0), directrix  $x + y = 4$   
 (iii) Focus (-2,-3), directrix  $3x + 4y - 3 = 0$
45. (a) Show that the curve  $x = 5 - 6y + y^2$  represents a parabola. Find its focus and directrix, hence sketch it.  
 (b) Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y^2 = 4bx$  at the point  $P(bp^2, 2bp)$ . Given that the normal meets the curve again at  $Q(bq^2, 2bq)$ , prove that  $p^2 + pq + 2 = 0$
46. (a) Show that the equation of the normal with gradient  $m$  to the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  is given by  $y = mx - 2am - am^3$ .  
 (b) P and Q are two points on the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  whose coordinates are  $P(ap^2, 2ap)$  and  $Q(aq^2, 2aq)$  respectively. If OP is perpendicular to OQ, show that  $pq = -4$  and that the tangents to the curve at P and Q meet on the line  $x + 4a = 0$
47. (a) A conic is given by  $x = 4\cos\theta$ ,  $y = 3\sin\theta$ . Show that the conic is an ellipse and determine its eccentricity  
 (b) Given that the line  $y = mx + c$  is a tangent to the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ , show that  $c^2 = a^2m^2 + b^2$ . Hence determine the equations of the tangents at the point (-3,3) to the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ .
48. (a) Show that the locus of the point of intersection of the tangents to an ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  which are at right angles to one another is a circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2 + b^2$ .  
 (b) The normal to the ellipse  $x^2 + y^2 = 100$  at the points A(6,4) and B(8,3) meet at N. If P is the mid - point of AB and O is the origin, show that OP is perpendicular to ON.



49. (a) P is a point  $(ap^2, 2ap)$  and Q the point  $(aq^2, 2aq)$  on the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ . The tangents at P and Q intersect at R. Show that the area of triangle  $PQR$  is  $\frac{1}{2}a^2(p-q)^3$
- (b) The normal to the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  at  $P(ap^2, 2ap)$  meets the axis of the parabola at M and MP is produced beyond P to Q so that  $MP = PQ$ . Show that the locus of Q is  $y^2 = 16a(x + 2a)$
50. (a) The normal to the rectangular hyperbola  $xy = 8$  at the point  $(4, 2)$  meets the asymptotes at M and N. Find the length of MN
- (b) The tangent at P to the rectangular hyperbola  $xy = c^2$  meets the lines  $x - y = 0$  and  $x + y = 0$  at A and B and  $\Delta$  denotes the area of triangle OAB where O is the origin. The normal at P meets the x – axis at C and the y – axis at D. if  $\Delta_1$  denotes the area of the triangle ODC. Show that  $\Delta^2 \Delta_1 = 8c^6$

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