

1. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $a = 8$ ,  $b = 12$  and  $c = 10$ . Point  $L$  is on side  $[BC]$  such that  $\angle BAL = \angle CAL$ . Find  $BL$ .

Since  $AL$  is the angle bisector of  $\angle BAC$ , we have:  $\frac{AB}{BL} = \frac{AC}{CL}$ .

So  $\frac{10}{BL} = \frac{12}{8-BL}$ .  $BL = \frac{40}{11}$ .

2. Calculate the values of  $x$  for which the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & x \\ 1 & 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$  is zero.

$$\det A = x(21 - 4x) - 5(7 - x) + (-1)(4 - 3)$$

$$= -4x^2 + 26x - 36$$

$$= 0$$

So  $2x^2 - 13x + 18 = (2x - 9)(x - 2) = 0$ ,  $x = 4.5$  or  $2$ .

3. Consider the group  $(G, *)$  with identity  $e$ . If  $x * x = e$  for all  $x \in G$ , show that  $(G, *)$  is Abelian.

Let  $x$  and  $y$  be elements in  $G$ .

Since  $e = (x * y) * (x * y)$ , we have:  $(x * y)^{-1} = x * y$ .

Also,  $(x * y) * (y * x) = x * y * y * x$  (associativity)  $= x * e * x = e$ .

So  $(x * y)^{-1} = (y * x)$ .

We now have:  $(x * y)^{-1} = x * y = y * x$ , which proves the group to be abelian.

4. Use the integral test, clearly stating the conditions for its use, to show that the harmonic series diverges.

Since  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is continuous, decreasing and positive for all  $x \geq 1$ , we can use the integral test.

We are looking at the convergence of the series  $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$ .

Since  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = [\ln x]_1^{\infty} = \infty$  diverges, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  also diverges.

5. The simple graph  $G$  has the adjacency matrix below. Find the maximum number of edges that can be added to  $G$  so that it remains simple and planar. Be sure to justify your answer.

$$A(G) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the diagram below, you can find graph  $G$  drawn in black. There're three more lines available to add in red. Now, only node 2 and 4 are not connected compared to a complete  $K_5$  graph. Since  $K_5$  is not planar (proved in page 1620, example 26), we know that this is all we can do and the maximum number of edges that can be added is 3.

