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EEE PART I: MEng, BEng and ACGI

**MATHEMATICS 1B (E-STREAM AND I-STREAM)**

Friday, 29 May 10:00 am

Time allowed: 2:00 hours

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There are **FOUR** questions on this paper.

Answer **ALL** questions. All questions carry equal marks (25% each)

Please answer questions from Section A and Section B in separate answer books.

**NO CALCULATORS ALLOWED**

**Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.**

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## Section A

1. a) Given the equations of three planes

$$\underline{r} \cdot (1, -1, 2) = 2, \quad \underline{r} \cdot (0, 1, -3) = \alpha, \quad \underline{r} \cdot (2, 1, -5) = 1$$

show that when  $\alpha = 1$  the three planes do not intersect, but form the sides of a prism. Find the value of  $\alpha$  so that the three planes intersect, and obtain the intersection. [ 6 ]

- b) Show that for any three vectors  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$ ,

$$[(\underline{u} + \underline{v}) \times (\underline{v} - \underline{w})] \cdot (\underline{u} + \underline{w}) = 0. \quad [ 5 ]$$

- c) Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ -6 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Show that  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , and find the other eigenvalues. [ 4 ]

(ii) Find an eigenvector of  $A$ , corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$ . [ 3 ]

- d) Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix, and  $\lambda$  an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

(i) Show that  $\lambda \neq 0$ ; [ 3 ]

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, show that  $1/\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ . [ 4 ]

2. a) i) Evaluate the determinant of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ \alpha & 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and state the value of  $\alpha$  for which  $A$  is singular. [ 3 ]

- ii) Let  $\alpha = 3$ . Use Gauss-Jordan elimination (row operations) to find  $A^{-1}$ . [ 5 ]

- iii) Use the inverse found in (ii) to solve the set of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} -x + 2y + z &= 3 \\ -x + y + 2z &= 0 \\ x + 3y - 5z &= -8 \end{aligned} \quad [ 4 ]$$

- b) Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}}$ ,

- i) Obtain the Maclaurin series for  $f(x)$  up to the term in  $x^3$  and state the remainder term; [ 5 ]

- ii) Find the maximum error incurred in using the series up to the term in  $x^3$  to estimate  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{0.9}}$ .

*[You may leave the answer in terms of a fraction.]* [ 4 ]

- c) Given the power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{2^n - 1}$ , find all values of  $x$  for which the series converges. [ 4 ]

## Section B

3. a) Derive the second order linear ordinary differential equation with constant coefficients whose general solution is

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} + e^{3x}. \quad [6]$$

- b) Find the general solution of the first order ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^{-1} e^{x-y}. \quad [6]$$

- c) Consider the following differential equation:

$$(2xy + e^x) dx + (x^2 + \cos y) dy = 0.$$

- i) Show that the differential equation is exact. [3]
- ii) Hence find the solution of the differential equation. [3]

- d) Consider the following differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} - \frac{3}{x} \frac{dz}{dx} = -3x.$$

- i) Define a suitable transformation to turn the equation to a linear first order differential equation. [3]
- ii) Hence or otherwise, derive the general solution to the equation. [4]

4. a) Evaluate  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  when
- i)  $z(x, y) = (x + y)e^{xy}$ . [ 2 ]
  - ii)  $z(x, y)$  is defined implicitly by  $F(x, y, z) = e^z + z \cos x + \sin y = 0$ . [ 3 ]
  - iii)  $z(x, y) = \int \frac{xy + 1}{x^2 + y^3} dx$ . [ 3 ]

- b) Consider the partial differential equation (PDE)

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

- i) By considering the change of coordinates

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x},$$

and using the chain rule

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \end{bmatrix},$$

write the PDE in terms of the variables  $\rho$  and  $\phi$ . [ 4 ]

- ii) Assume that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} = 0$ . Find the solution of the PDE. [ 4 ]

- c) Let  $f(x, y) = 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 2xy + y^2$ .

- i) Evaluate the gradient of  $f$  and derive its stationary points [ 4 ]
- ii) Evaluate the Hessian of  $f$  and use it to classify the stationary points of  $f$ . Justify your classification. [ 5 ]

