

Answer ALL SIX questions in Section A and THREE questions from Section B.

The numbers in square brackets in the right-hand margin indicate the provisional maximum credit per section of a question.

Section A

[Part marks]

1. Given a general quadratic equation in x ,

[7]

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0,$$

where a , b and c are constants, complete the square to derive the quadratic-solutions formula,

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

State how the number of real roots depends on the value of $b^2 - 4ac$.

2. The parametric equations for the motion of a charged particle released from rest in electric and magnetic fields at right angles to each other take the forms

[7]

$$x = a(\theta - \sin \theta), \quad y = a(1 - \cos \theta),$$

where a is a constant. Show that the tangent to the curve has a slope, i.e. $\frac{dy}{dx}$, of $\cot \frac{\theta}{2}$.

3. A classical wave propagating in the x -direction has a dependency

[6]

$$y(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

where y may be e.g. a linear displacement; the amplitude, A , is a constant; ω , the angular frequency, is related to the frequency by $\omega = 2\pi f$; and k , the wavenumber, is related to the wavelength by $k = 2\pi/\lambda$. Show that this satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

where v is the velocity of the wave.

[Part marks]

4. For vectors, $\mathbf{a} = a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j} + a_z \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = b_x \mathbf{i} + b_y \mathbf{j} + b_z \mathbf{k}$, write down the vector product, $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$, in terms of the components. [6]

For a particle moving in a circular orbit

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} r \cos \omega t + \mathbf{j} r \sin \omega t,$$

- (a) evaluate $\mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}$;
(b) evaluate $\ddot{\mathbf{r}} + \omega^2 \mathbf{r}$.

The radius, r , and angular velocity, ω , are constant.

5. (a) Given two complex numbers, $z_1 = 3 + 7i$ and $z_2 = -6i$, determine [6]

(i) $z_1 + z_2$ (ii) $z_1 - z_2$ (iii) $z_1 z_2$ (iv) z_1/z_2 .

(b) Determine the real and imaginary parts of the following :

(i) $\frac{1}{i^5}$ (ii) $\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)^2$.

6. Write down the general form of the Taylor series for a function $f(x)$. [8]

Determine the Taylor series up to the cubic power of the following :

- (a) $\ln x$, about $x = 1$,
(b) $\tan x$, about $x = \pi$.

Section B

7. (a) Write down the product rule of differentiation. [1]
(b) Use the product rule to derive the equation for integration by parts. [2]
(c) Hence or otherwise, integrate the following : [6]

$$(i) \int x^2 e^{ax} dx, \quad (ii) \int x^n \ln x dx.$$

- (d) Set up a reduction formula for [7]

$$I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx$$

in order to find a relationship between I_n and I_{n-2} .

- (e) Hence evaluate : [4]

$$(i) \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^4 x dx, \quad (ii) \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3 x dx.$$

8. (a) From

[3]

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta ,$$

express $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$ in terms of exponentials.

(b) Write down the definitions of $\sinh x$ and $\cosh x$ in terms of exponentials. [4]

Using these and the relationships derived in (a), express $\sinh ix$ in terms of $\sin x$ and $\cosh ix$ in terms of $\cos x$.

(c) Express $\sinh(x + iy)$ in the form $u + iv$, where x, y, u and v are all real, and show that [7]

$$|\sinh(x + iy)|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\cosh 2x - \cos 2y) .$$

(d) Show that $y = (\sinh^{-1} x)^2$ satisfies the equation [6]

$$(1 + x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 .$$

[Part marks]

9. (a) For two vectors, \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , define the scalar and vector products in terms of the magnitudes of the vectors and angle between the vectors. [3]
- (b) For two vectors, $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$, determine the angle between them using both scalar and vector products. [3]
- (c) Find the distance, d , from the point $P = (1, 1, 1)$ to the line, L , which passes through the points, $P_1 = (-3, 1, 4)$ and $P_2 = (4, 4, -6)$. [6]
- (d) The magnetic induction, \mathbf{B} , is defined by the Lorentz force equation [8]

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}).$$

Carrying out two experiments, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i}, \quad \frac{\mathbf{F}}{q} &= 2\mathbf{k} - 4\mathbf{j}, \\ \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{j}, \quad \frac{\mathbf{F}}{q} &= 4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}. \end{aligned}$$

From the results of these two experiments, calculate the magnetic field induction, \mathbf{B} , and verify that it agrees with a third experiment where

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{k}, \quad \frac{\mathbf{F}}{q} = \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{i}.$$

10. (a) Write down the general expression for the Maclaurin series expansion of a function $f(x)$ (i.e. the Taylor series expansion about $x = 0$). [4]
Determine the Maclaurin series for $f(x) = \ln(1 + x)$.
- (b) Write down the binomial expansion for $(1 + x)^n$. [2]
- (c) The Klein–Nishina formula for the scattering of photons by electrons contains a term of the form [6]

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{1 + \epsilon}{\epsilon^3} \left[\frac{2\epsilon(1 + \epsilon)}{1 + 2\epsilon} - \ln(1 + 2\epsilon) \right],$$

where $\epsilon = h\nu/mc^2$ is the ratio of the photon's energy to the electron's rest mass energy. Using the series from (a) and (b), determine

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} f(\epsilon).$$

- (d) In a head-on proton-proton collision, the ratio of the kinetic energy in the centre-of-mass system to the incident kinetic energy is [8]

$$R = \frac{\sqrt{2mc^2(E_k + 2mc^2)} - 2mc^2}{E_k},$$

where m and c are the mass of the proton and speed of light. Find the value of this ratio for :

$$(i) \ E_k \ll mc^2 \qquad (ii) \ E_k \gg mc^2.$$

11. (a) We have a function $f(x, y)$ where $x = x(s, t)$ and $y = y(s, t)$. Given [7]

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

show that we can change variables to get :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}.$$

- (b) We have a function $u = f(x, y)$, where x and y are rectangular Cartesian coordinates which can also be expressed in polar coordinates (r, θ) as $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$. Determine $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$ and hence show that solving for $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ gives [6]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence in Cartesian coordinates given that $u = f(x, y)$ satisfies Laplace's equation [7]

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

show that the form of this equation in polar coordinates is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = 0.$$