

## Review Package

## Notes

## 1 Sets, Relations, and Groups

- In order to prove  $A = B$ :
  - ① Use operation rules
  - ② Let  $x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A \Rightarrow B \subseteq A$   
Similarly prove  $A \subseteq B$
- For  $R$  to be reflexive,  $xRx$  needs to be true  $\forall x \in S$
- To find the order of a permutation, use lcm.
- $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  is cyclic only when  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ .

## 2 Linear Algebra

- The characteristic equation:

$$\lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + ad - bc = 0$$

In other words,

$$\lambda^2 - \text{tr}A + \det A = 0$$

- The 3-step subspace test:
  1.  $\vec{0} \in S$ ;
  2.  $S$  is closed under addition
  3.  $S$  is closed under scalar multiplication
- The rank of a matrix is defined as the number of independent rows/columns.
- Does spanning imply linear independence?  
Answer: Because of spanning, the system  $\mathbf{A}x = b$  must be consistent for all  $b$ , so  $\text{rref}(\mathbf{A})$  must have a leading 1 in each row and column, so there are no free variables. Therefore the system  $\mathbf{A}x = 0$  has a unique solution  $x = 0 \Rightarrow$  linearly independent.
- Using the discriminant  $b^2 - 4ac$  of the conic to classify:
  - $\Delta_{\text{ellipse}} < 0$
  - $\Delta_{\text{parabola}} = 0$
  - $\Delta_{\text{hyperbola}} > 0$

### **3   Calculus**

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### **4   Number theory**

## Questions

### 1 Sets, Relations, and Groups

1. Prove:  $A \cup B = A \iff B \subset A$
2. Prove De Morgan's law
3. Prove:  $A \Delta B = A \cup B \iff A \cap B = \emptyset$
4. Prove that if  $G$  is a group then each element of  $G$  will appear exactly once in every row and every column of its Cayley table.
5. Prove that if  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic,  $G$  is cyclic  $\iff H$  is cyclic.
6. Prove that there is a cyclic group of order  $n$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
7. Prove: for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , all cyclic groups of order  $n$  are isomorphic to each other.
8. Prove: given a non-empty subset  $H$  of  $G$ ,  $H \leq G$  if  $a * b^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$
9. Prove: if  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic then any subgroup of  $G$  will be isomorphic to some subgroup of  $H$ .
10. Prove: for a finite group  $G$  of order  $n$ , if  $\exists$  an element  $g \in G$  with order  $m$  where  $2 \leq m \leq n$ , then the set  $H = \{e, g, g^2, \dots, g^{m-1}\}$  forms a cyclic subgroup of  $G$ .
11. Prove: the order of a finite group is divisible by the order of any element.
12. Consider the set  $J = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  under the binary operation multiplication.  
Consider  $a + b\sqrt{2} \in G$ , where  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .  
Show that the subset,  $G$ , of elements of  $J$  which have inverses, forms a group of infinite order. [QB]
13. The set  $S_n = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-2, n-1\}$ , where  $n$  is a prime number greater than 2, and  $\times_n$  denotes multiplication modulo  $n$ .
  - (a) Show that there are no elements  $a, b \in S_n$  such that  $a \times_n b = 0$ .
  - (b) Show that, for  $a, b, c \in S_n$ ,  $a \times_n b = a \times_n c \Rightarrow b = c$ .
  - (c) Show that  $G_n = \{S_n, \times_n\}$  is a group. Associativity may be assumed.
14. Prove that a cyclic group with exactly one generator cannot have more than two elements.

## 2 Linear Algebra

- Describe the transformation  $T$  represented by the matrix  $PQ$ , where  $P$  is the  $2 \times 2$  matrix for a reflection in the line  $y = (\tan\theta)x$ , and  $Q$  is the  $2 \times 2$  matrix for an anticlockwise rotation of  $\theta$  about the origin. [QB]
- Prove: let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix that is not a multiple of the identity matrix. Show that the eigenvectors of  $A$  are orthogonal. [NT]
- Prove: if  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix, then  $A$  can be factorized as  $A = QDQ^T$ , where  $Q^T = Q^{-1}$  is an orthogonal matrix. [NT]
- Give a geometric description of the transformation with the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

[QB]

- List the 6 elements of  $S_3$  in cycle form;
  - Show that it is not Abelian;
  - Hence deduce that  $S_n$  is not Abelian for  $n \geq 3$ . [QB]
- Write down the matrices  $\mathbf{M}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{M}_2$  representing the permutations  $(1\ 2)$ ,  $(2\ 3)$ , respectively;
  - Find  $\mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2$  and state the permutation represented by the matrix;
  - Find  $\det(\mathbf{M}_1)$ ,  $\det(\mathbf{M}_2)$ , and deduce the value of  $\det(\mathbf{M}_1\mathbf{M}_2)$ . [QB]
- Deduce that every permutation can be written as a product of cycles of length 2. [QB]
- Show that the set of position vectors of points whose coordinates satisfy  $x - y - z = 0$  forms a vector subspace,  $V$ , of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - Determine an orthogonal basis for  $V$  of which one member is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
  - Augment this basis with an orthogonal vector to form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- Prove, using mathematical induction, that

$$\mathbf{B}^n = 8^{n-2}\mathbf{B}^2 \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \geq 3.$$

- The non-zero vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  form an orthogonal set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - By considering  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \alpha_3 v_3 = 0$ , show that  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linearly independent.
  - Explain briefly why  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  form a basis of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $\mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$ , where  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a, b, c, d$  are all non-zero.  
Show that  $f$  is a bijection if  $\mathbf{A}$  is non-singular.

12. Suppose that  $m = ab$  where  $a, b$  are unequal prime numbers greater than 2. Show that  $\{S, +_m\}$  has two proper subgroups and identify them.
13. The set  $S$  contains the eight matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a, b, c$  can each take one of the values  $+1$  or  $-1$ .
  - (a) Show that any matrix of this form is its own inverse.
  - (b) Giving a reason, state whether or not this group is cyclic.
14. Given that the elements of a  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrix are real, show that
  - (a) the eigenvalues are real;
  - (b) the eigenvectors are orthogonal if the eigenvalues are distinct.
15. A linear transformation satisfies  $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
Find  $T \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ , and the matrix for  $T$ . [NT]

### 3 Calculus

1. Find the general solution of the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$ , where  $xy \neq 0$ .
  - (a) Find the particular solution passing through the point  $(1, \sqrt{2})$ .
  - (b) Sketch the particular solution.
  - (c) The graph of the solution only contains points with  $|x| > a$ . Find the exact value of  $a, a > 0$ .
2. Find the range of values of  $n$  for which  $\int_1^\infty x^n dx$  exists.

### 4 Number theory

1. Prove that the number 14641 is the fourth power of an integer in any base greater than 6.

## Answer Key

### 1 Sets, Relations, and Groups

14. Hint: if  $a$  is a generator of a group then so is  $a^{-1}$

### 2 Linear Algebra

1.  $T$  is a reflection in the line  $y = (\tan \frac{1}{2}\theta)x$
6. (b)  $(1\ 3\ 2)$   
(c)  $1$
7. Hint: note that a cycle of length  $k \geq 2$  can be written as a product of  $k-1$  transpositions as follows:  
 $(a_1 \dots a_{k-1} a_k) = (a_1 a_k)(a_1 a_{k-1}) \dots (a_1 a_2)$ .  
Every permutation is a product of cycles. Since every cycle is a product of cycles of length 2, every permutation can be written as a product of cycles of length 2.
10. Hint: multiply both sides by  $v_1$ , we can deduce that  $\alpha_1 = 0$ .
12.  $\{1, a, 2a, \dots, (b-1)a\}$   
 $\{1, b, 2b, \dots, (a-1)b\}$
15. Hint: use the fundamental linear properties.

### 3 Calculus

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### 4 Number theory

1.  $14641 \text{ (base } a > 6) = a^4 + 4a^3 + 6a^2 + 4a + 1 = (a+1)^4$