

Section A: Pure Mathematics

- 1 (i) Use the substitution $x = \frac{1}{1-u}$, where $0 < u < 1$, to find in terms of x the integral

$$\int \frac{1}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} dx \quad (\text{where } x > 1).$$

- (ii) Find in terms of x the integral

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}(x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} dx \quad (\text{where } x > 2).$$

- (iii) Show that

$$\int_2^\infty \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(3x-2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} dx = \frac{1}{3}\pi$$

- 2 The curves C_1 and C_2 both satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{kxy - y}{x - kxy}$$

where $k = \ln 2$.

All points on C_1 have positive x and y co-ordinates and C_1 passes through $(1, 1)$. All points on C_2 have negative x and y co-ordinates and C_2 passes through $(-1, -1)$.

- (i) Show that the equation of C_1 can be written as $(x-y)^2 = (x+y)^2 - 2^{x+y}$.

Determine a similar result for curve C_2 .

Hence show that $y = x$ is a line of symmetry of each curve.

- (ii) Sketch on the same axes the curves $y = x^2$ and $y = 2^x$, for $x \geq 0$. Hence show that C_1 lies between the lines $x + y = 2$ and $x + y = 4$.

Sketch curve C_1 .

- (iii) Sketch curve C_2 .

- 3** A sequence u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n of positive real numbers is said to be unimodal if there is a value k such that

$$u_1 \leq u_2 \leq \dots \leq u_k$$

and

$$u_k \geq u_{k+1} \geq \dots \geq u_n$$

So the sequences $1, 2, 3, 2, 1$; $1, 2, 3, 4, 5$; $1, 1, 3, 3, 2$ and $2, 2, 2, 2, 2$ are all unimodal, but $1, 2, 1, 3, 1$ is not.

A sequence u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n of positive real numbers is said to have property L if $u_{r-1}u_{r+1} \leq u_r^2$ for all r with $2 \leq r \leq n-1$.

- (i) Show that, in any sequence of positive real numbers with property L

$$u_{r-1} \geq u_r \implies u_r \geq u_{r+1}.$$

Prove that any sequence of positive real numbers with property L is unimodal.

- (ii) A sequence u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n of real numbers satisfies $u_r = 2\alpha u_{r-1} - \alpha^2 u_{r-2}$ for $3 \leq r \leq n$ where α is a positive real constant. Prove that, for $2 \leq r \leq n$

$$u_r - \alpha u_{r-1} = \alpha^{r-2} (u_2 - \alpha u_1)$$

and, for $2 \leq r \leq n-1$,

$$u_r^2 - u_{r-1}u_{r+1} = (u_r - \alpha u_{r-1})^2.$$

Hence show that the sequence consists of positive terms and is unimodal, provided $u_2 > \alpha u_1 > 0$

In the case $u_1 = 1$ and $u_2 = 2$, prove by induction that $u_r = (2-r)\alpha^{r-1} + 2(r-1)\alpha^{r-2}$.

Let $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{N}$, where N is an integer with $2 \leq N \leq n$.

In the case $u_1 = 1$ and $u_2 = 2$, prove that u_r is largest when $r = N$.

- 4 (i) Given that a, b and c are the lengths of the sides of a triangle, explain why $c < a + b$, $a < b + c$ and $b < a + c$.
- (ii) Use a diagram to show that the converse of the result in part (i) also holds: if a, b and c are positive numbers such that $c < a + b$, $a < b + c$ and $b < c + a$ then it is possible to construct a triangle with sides of length a, b and c .
- (iii) When a, b and c are the lengths of the sides of a triangle, determine in each case whether the following sets of three lengths can
- always
 - sometimes but not always
 - never

form the sides of a triangle. Prove your claims.

(a) $a + 1, b + 1, c + 1$.

(b) $\frac{a}{b}, \frac{b}{c}, \frac{c}{a}$.

(c) $|a - b|, |b - c|, |c - a|$.

(d) $a^2 + bc, b^2 + ca, c^2 + ab$.

- (iv) Let f be a function defined on the positive real numbers and such that, whenever $x > y > 0$,

$$f(x) > f(y) > 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \frac{f(x)}{x} < \frac{f(y)}{y}.$$

Show that, whenever a, b and c are the lengths of the sides of a triangle, then $f(a), f(b)$ and $f(c)$ can also be the lengths of the sides of a triangle.

- 5 If x is a positive integer, the value of the function $d(x)$ is the sum of the digits of x in base 10. For example, $d(249) = 2 + 4 + 9 = 15$.

An n -digit positive integer x is written in the form $\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} a_r \times 10^r$, where $0 \leq a_r \leq 9$ for all $0 \leq r \leq n-1$ and $a_{n-1} > 0$.

- (i) Prove that $x - d(x)$ is non-negative and divisible by 9.
- (ii) Prove that $x - 44d(x)$ is a multiple of 9 if and only if x is a multiple of 9.
Suppose that $x = 44d(x)$. Show that if x has n digits, then $x \leq 396n$ and $x \geq 10^{n-1}$ and hence that $n \leq 4$.
Find a value of x for which $x = 44d(x)$. Show that there are no further values of x satisfying this equation.
- (iii) Find a value of x for which $x = 107d(d(x))$. Show that there are no further values of x satisfying this equation.

- 6** A 2×2 matrix \mathbf{M} is real if it can be written as $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, where a, b, c and d are real. In this case, the *trace* of matrix \mathbf{M} is defined to be $\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}) = a + d$ and $\det(\mathbf{M})$ is the determinant of matrix \mathbf{M} . In this question, \mathbf{M} is a real 2×2 matrix.

- (i) Prove that

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}^2) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{M})^2 - 2\det(\mathbf{M}).$$

- (ii) Prove that

$$\mathbf{M}^2 = \mathbf{I} \text{ but } \mathbf{M} \neq \pm\mathbf{I} \iff \text{tr}(\mathbf{M}) = 0 \text{ and } \det(\mathbf{M}) = -1.$$

and that

$$\mathbf{M}^2 = -\mathbf{I} \iff \text{tr}(\mathbf{M}) = 0 \text{ and } \det(\mathbf{M}) = 1.$$

- (iii) Use part (ii) to prove that

$$\mathbf{M}^4 = \mathbf{I} \iff \mathbf{M}^2 = \pm\mathbf{I}$$

Find a necessary and sufficient condition on $\det(\mathbf{M})$ and $\text{tr}(\mathbf{M})$ so that $\mathbf{M}^4 = -\mathbf{I}$.

- (iv) Give an example of a matrix \mathbf{M} for which $\mathbf{M}^8 = \mathbf{I}$, but which does not represent a rotation or reflection. [Note that the matrices $\pm \mathbf{I}$ are both rotations.]

- 7** In this question, $w = \frac{2}{z-2}$.

- (i) Let z be the complex number $3 + t i$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that $|w - 1|$ is independent of t . Hence show that, if z is a complex number on the line $\text{Re}(z) = 3$ in the Argand diagram, then w lies on a circle in the Argand diagram with centre 1.

Let V be the line $\text{Re}(z) = p$, where p is a real constant not equal to 2. Show that, if z lies on V , then w lies on a circle whose centre and radius you should give in terms of p . For which z on V is $\text{Im}(w) > 0$?

- (ii) Let H be the line $\text{Im}(z) = q$, where q is a non-zero real constant. Show that, if z lies on H , then w lies on a circle whose centre and radius you should give in terms of q . For which z on H is $\text{Re}(w) > 0$?

- 8** In this question, $f(x)$ is a quartic polynomial where the coefficient of x^4 is equal to 1, and which has four real roots, 0, a , b and c , where $0 < a < b < c$.

$F(x)$ is defined by $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \, dt$.

The area enclosed by the curve $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis between 0 and a is equal to that between b and c , and half that between a and b .

- (i) Sketch the curve $y = F(x)$, showing the x co-ordinates of its turning points.

Explain why $F(x)$ must have the form $F(x) = \frac{1}{5}x^2(x-c)^2(x-h)$, where $0 < h < c$.

Find, in factorised form, an expression for $F(x) + F(c-x)$ in terms of c , h and x .

- (ii) If $0 \leq x \leq c$, explain why $F(b) + F(x) \geq 0$ and why $F(b) + F(x) > 0$ if $x \neq a$. Hence show that $c - b = a$ or $c > 2h$.

By considering also $F(a) + F(x)$, show that $c = a + b$ and that $c = 2h$.

- (iii) Find an expression for $f(x)$ in terms of c and x only.

Show that the points of inflection on $y = f(x)$ lie on the x -axis.

Section B: Mechanics

- 9 Point A is a distance h above ground level and point N is directly below A at ground level. Point B is also at ground level, a distance d horizontally from N . The angle of elevation of A from B is β . A particle is projected horizontally from A , with initial speed V . A second particle is projected from B with speed U at an acute angle θ above the horizontal. The horizontal components of the velocities of the two particles are in opposite directions. The two particles are projected simultaneously, in the vertical plane through A, N and B .

Given that the two particles collide, show that

$$d \sin \theta - h \cos \theta = \frac{Vh}{U}$$

(i) $\theta > \beta$;

(ii) $U \sin \theta \geq \sqrt{\frac{gh}{2}}$;

(iii) $\frac{U}{V} > \sin \beta$.

Show that the particles collide at a height greater than $\frac{1}{2}h$ if and only if the particle projected from B is moving upwards at the time of collision.

- 10 A particle P of mass m moves freely and without friction on a wire circle of radius a , whose axis is horizontal. The highest point of the circle is H , the lowest point of the circle is L and angle $PHL = \theta$. A light spring of modulus of elasticity λ is attached to P and to H natural length of the spring is l , which is less than the diameter of the circle.

- (i) Show that, if there is an equilibrium position of the particle at $\theta = \alpha$, where $\alpha > 0$ then $\cos \alpha = \frac{\lambda l}{2(a\lambda - mgl)}$.

Show also that there will only be such an equilibrium position if $\lambda > \frac{2mgl}{2a - l}$.

When the particle is at the lowest point L of the circular wire, it has speed u .

- (ii) Show that, if the particle comes to rest before reaching H , it does so when $\theta = \beta$ where $\cos \beta$ satisfies

$$(\cos \alpha - \cos \beta)^2 = (1 - \cos \alpha)^2 + \frac{mu^2}{2a\lambda} \cos \alpha$$

where $\cos \alpha = \frac{\lambda l}{2(a\lambda - mgl)}$

Show also that this will only occur if $u^2 < \frac{2a\lambda}{m}(2 - \sec \alpha)$.

Section C: Probability and Statistics

- 11** A coin is tossed repeatedly. The probability that a head appears is p and the probability that a tail appears is $q = 1 - p$.

- (i) A and B play a game. The game ends if two successive heads appear, in which case A wins, or if two successive tails appear, in which case B wins.

Show that the probability that the game never ends is 0.

Given that the first toss is a head, show that the probability that A wins is $\frac{p}{1 - pq}$.

Find and simplify an expression for the probability that A wins.

- (ii) A and B play another game. The game ends if three successive heads appear, in which case A wins, or if three successive tails appear, in which case A wins. Show that

$$P(\text{A wins} \mid \text{the first toss is a head}) = p^2 + (q + pq)P(\text{A wins} \mid \text{the first toss is a tail})$$

and give a similar result for $P(\text{A wins} \mid \text{the first toss is a tail})$.

Show that

$$P(\text{A wins}) = \frac{p^2(1 - q^3)}{1 - (1 - p^2)(1 - q^2)}$$

- (iii) A and B play a third game. The game ends if a successive heads appear, in which case A wins, or if b successive tails appear, in which case B wins, where a and b are integers greater than 1. Find the probability that A wins this game. Verify that your result agrees with part (i) when $a = b = 2$.

- 12** The score shown on a biased n -sided die is represented by the random variable X which has distribution $P(X = i) = \frac{1}{n} + \varepsilon_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where not all the ε_i are equal to 0.

- (i) Find the probability that, when the die is rolled twice, the same score is shown on both rolls. Hence determine whether it is more likely for a fair die or a biased die to show the same score on two successive rolls.

- (ii) Use part (i) to prove that, for any set of n positive numbers x_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$)

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} x_i x_j \leq \frac{n-1}{2n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2.$$

- (iii) Determine, with justification, whether it is more likely for a fair die or a biased die to show the same score on three successive rolls.