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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

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Paper 2 Further Pure Mathematics 2

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2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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- 1 Find the Maclaurin's series for $e^{\left(\frac{1}{x+2}\right)}$ up to and including the term in x^2 . [5]





2 (a) Starting from the definitions of \tanh and sech in terms of exponentials, prove that

$$\tanh^2 t + \operatorname{sech}^2 t = 1.$$

[3]

- (b) The curve C has parametric equations

$$x = \ln(\cosh t), \quad y = \tan^{-1}(\sinh t), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Find the length of C .

[5]





3 The curve C has equation

$$9y^2 - 3 \sinh^{-1}(xy) = 1 - 3 \ln 3.$$

- (a) Show that, at the point $(4, \frac{1}{3})$ on C , $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}$. [4]

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(b) Find the value of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point $(4, \frac{1}{3})$.

[5]





- 4** Find the particular solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{dx}{dt} - 2x = 2t^2 + t - 1,$$

given that, when $t = 0$, $x = \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$.

[10]





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- 5 (a)** Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sec 5\theta = \frac{\sec^5 \theta}{5 \sec^4 \theta - 20 \sec^2 \theta + 16}. \quad [6]$$





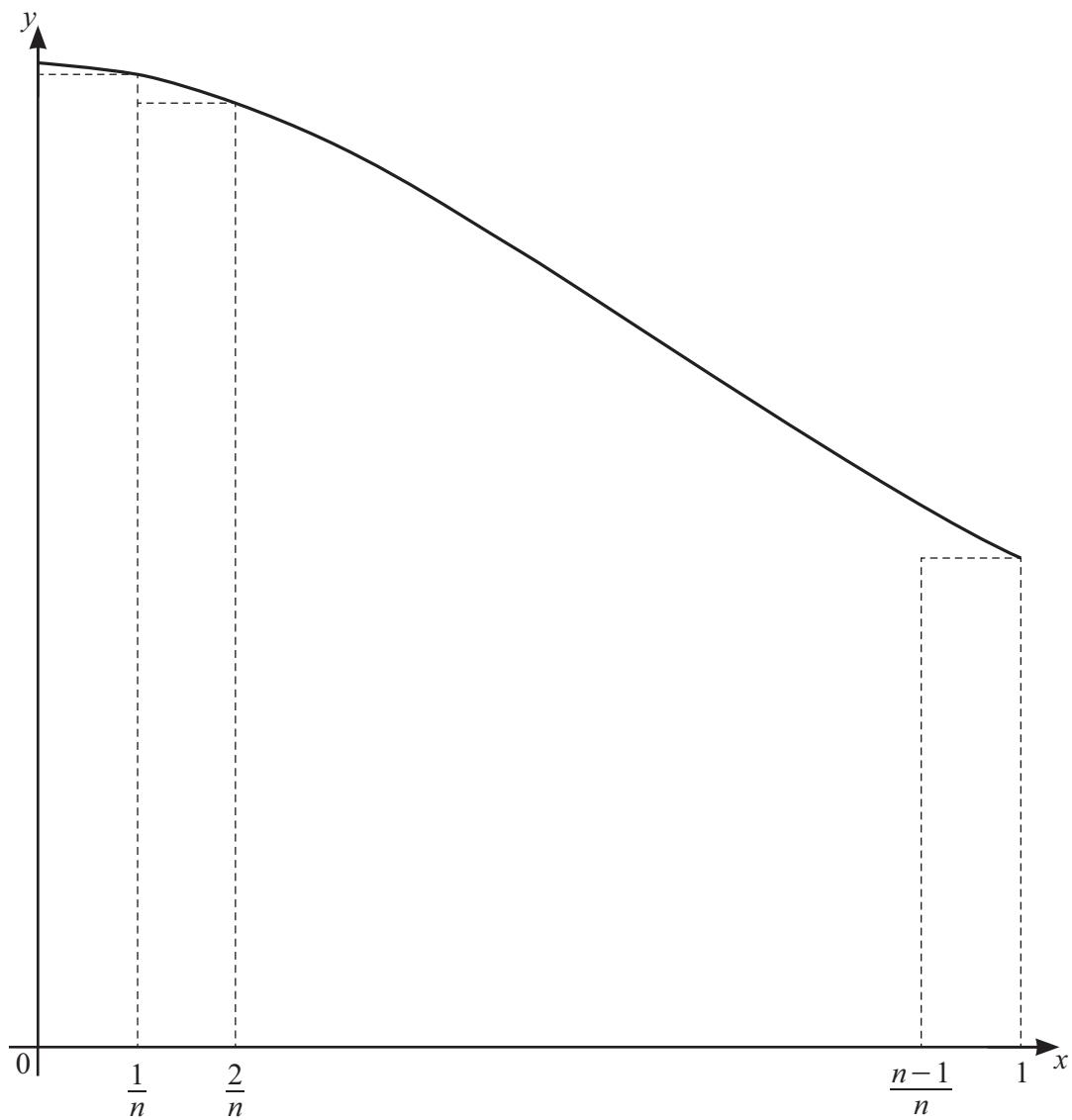
(b) Hence, obtain the roots of the equation

$$\sqrt{3}x^5 - 10x^4 + 40x^2 - 32 = 0$$

in the form $\sec(q\pi)$, where q is rational.

[4]





The diagram shows the curve with equation $y = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, together with a set of n rectangles of width $\frac{1}{n}$.

- (a) By considering the sum of the areas of these rectangles, show that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n}{n^2 + r^2} < \frac{1}{4}\pi. \quad [5]$$

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- (b) Use a similar method to find a lower bound for $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n}{n^2 + r^2}$. Give your answer in terms of n and π . [4]

[4]

- (c) Deduce the exact value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{n}{n^2 + r^2}$. [1]





- 7 Find the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2x+6}{x^2+6x+5}y = 4,$$

given that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$. Give your answer in an exact form.

[9]





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- 8 (a) Find the values of a for which the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{2}x + 3y + 8z &= 1, \\ ax + 3y + 4z &= 2, \\ ay - z &= 3,\end{aligned}$$

does not have a unique solution.

[3]

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The matrix \mathbf{A} is given by

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Given that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$, use the characteristic equation of \mathbf{A} to show that $\mathbf{B}^2 = p\mathbf{I} + q\mathbf{A}$, where p and q are constants to be determined.

[4]

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- (c) Find a matrix \mathbf{P} and a diagonal matrix \mathbf{D} such that $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$.

[7]





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