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- [8] 1. Use the principle of mathematical induction on the positive integers  $n \geq 1$  to prove that

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4n + 1) = (2n + 1)^2.$$

**Solution:** Let  $P(n)$  be the statement  $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4n + 1) = (2n + 1)^2$ .

Show  $P(1)$  is true.

$LHS = 1 + 3 + 5 = 9$  and  $RHS = (2(1) + 1)^2 = 3^2 = 9$ . Therefore the  $LHS = RHS$  and so  $P(1)$  is true.

Suppose  $P(k)$  is true for an integer  $n = k \geq 1$ . That is

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4k + 1) = (2k + 1)^2.$$

We need to show  $P(k + 1)$  is true. That is

$$1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4(k + 1) + 1) = (2(k + 1) + 1)^2 = (2k + 3)^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= 1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4(k + 1) + 1) \\ &= 1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (4k + 1) + (4k + 3) + (4k + 5) \\ &= (2k + 1)^2 + (4k + 3) + (4k + 5) \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + (4k + 3) + (4k + 5) \\ &= 4k^2 + 12k + 9 \\ &= (2k + 3)^2 \\ &= RHS. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $P(k + 1)$  is true. Therefore by the principle of mathematical induction,  $P(n)$  is true for  $n \geq 1$ .

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- [6] 2. Find all fourth roots of  $-2 - 2\sqrt{3}i$ . Leave your answer(s) in exponential form.

**Solution:**

We first put the complex number into exponential form

$$\left| -2 - 2\sqrt{3}i \right| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-2\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{4 + 12} = \sqrt{16} = 4.$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2k\pi.$$

since  $x, y < 0$

Hence  $-2 - 2\sqrt{3}i = 4e^{(-2\pi/3+2k\pi)i}$ . Therefore the fourth roots of  $-2 - 2\sqrt{3}i$  are of the form

$$\left( 4e^{(-2\pi/3+2k\pi)i} \right)^{1/4} = \sqrt{2}e^{\left( -\pi/6+k\pi/2 \right)i}.$$

By the fundamental theorem of algebra, we know there are four fourth roots and therefore we let  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . Hence the solutions are

$$k = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}e^{-\pi i/6}$$

$$k = 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}e^{\pi i/3}$$

$$k = 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}e^{5\pi i/6}$$

$$k = 3 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}e^{4\pi i/3}$$

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- [6] 3. Find, in Cartesian form  $x + yi$ , the complex number  $z$  that satisfies the equation

$$(1 + i)^2 + \overline{(3 + i)}z = 1 + 4i.$$

**Solution:**

$$(1 + i)^2 = (1 + i)(1 + i) = 1 + 2i + i^2 = 1 + 2i - 1 = 2i. \text{ and}$$

$$\overline{(3 + i)} = 3 - i. \text{ Hence the equation becomes}$$

$$2i + (3 - i)z = 1 + 4i$$

$$(3 - i)z = 1 + 2i$$

$$z = \frac{1 + 2i}{3 - i}.$$

Multiplying the top and the bottom of the fraction by the conjugate of the denominator leads to

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{(1 + 2i)(3 + i)}{(3 - i)(3 + i)} \\ &= \frac{(1 + 2i)(3 + i)}{(3 - i)(3 + i)} \\ &= \frac{3 + i + 6i + 2i^2}{9 + 3i - 3i - i^2} \\ &= \frac{3 + 7i - 2}{9 + 3i - 3i + 1} \\ &= \frac{1 + 7i}{10} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{7}{10}i \end{aligned}$$

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4. Consider the polynomial equation of  $P(x) = 0$  where

$$P(x) = 4x^4 - 9x^3 + 24x^2 - 9x + 10.$$

- [3] (a) What are the possible rational zeros of  $P(x)$ ?

**Solution:**

The rational solutions must be of the form  $\frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  divides  $a_0 = 10$  and  $q$  divides  $a_n = 4$ . Hence  $p$  is one of  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10$  and  $q$  is one of  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$ . Therefore the possible rational solutions are

$$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{4}, \pm \frac{5}{4}.$$

- [3] (b) Use Descartes' rule of signs to find the possible number of positive and negative roots of  $P(x)$ .

**Solution:**

$P(x)$  has 4 sign changes and therefore there are an even number less than or equal to 4 of positive solutions. Therefore there are 4, 2 or 0 positive solutions.

$P(-x) = 4(-x)^4 - 9(-x)^3 + 24(-x)^2 - 9(-x) + 10 = 4x^4 + 9x^3 + 24x^2 + 9x + 10$  has no sign changes and therefore there are no negative solutions.

- [2] (c) Use the Bounds Theorem to find a bound on the roots of  $P(x)$ .

**Solution:**

The solutions must satisfy

$$|z| < \frac{M}{|a_n|} + 1 = \frac{24}{4} + 1 = 7.$$

- [1] (d) Update the list from part (a) using the information from parts (b) and (c).

**Solution:**

$$1, 2, 5, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{4}.$$

- [6] (e) Given that  $1 + 2i$  is a root of  $P(x)$ , find all the roots of  $P(x)$ .

**Solution:**

Since  $P(x)$  has real coefficients, we know since  $1 + 2i$  is a solution, so is the the conjugate  $1 - 2i$ . By the factor theorem, we know that both  $(x - (1 + 2i))$  and  $(x - (1 - 2i))$  are factors. Multiplying them together shows that

$$(x - (1 + 2i))(x - (1 - 2i)) = x^2 - 2x + 5$$

is a factor. Long division can show that

$$P(x) = (x^2 - 2x + 5)(4x^2 - x + 2)$$

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Solving for  $4x^2 - x + 2 = 0$  leads to

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(4)(2)}}{2(4)} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-31}}{8}$$

Hence the roots of  $P(x)$  are

$$1 + 2i, 1 - 2i, \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{31}i}{8}, \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{31}i}{8}.$$

5. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Calculate the following if they are defined. If they are not defined, state why not. Be specific.

[2] (a)  $2A - B$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 2A - B &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 & -6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 5 & -4 & 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

[2] (b)  $A^2$

**Solution:**

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since the number of columns of the first matrix doesn't match the number of rows of the second matrix, the product is not defined.

[3] (c)  $AB^T - I$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} AB^T - I &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T - I \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - I \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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- [4] 6. Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle$ . Calculate the smallest positive angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\theta$  be the angle between the two vectors. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}}{|\mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{w}|} \\ &= \frac{\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle}{|\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle| |\langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle|} \\ &= \frac{1(2) + 1(-1) + 2(1)}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{6}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

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- [9] 7. Consider the point  $P(2, 3, -2)$  and the two planes  $\Pi_1 : x + 3y - z = 0$  and  $\Pi_2 : -x + y + 2z = 0$ .

- (a) Find parametric equations of the line through the point  $P$  and parallel to the line of intersection of the planes  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$ .

**Solution:**

We need to find a vector parallel to the line and parallel to both planes. Hence the vector must be perpendicular to both normal vectors

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \langle 1, 3, -1 \rangle \text{ and } \mathbf{n}_2 = \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle.$$

Hence the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \langle 1, 3, -1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ &= (6 - (-1))\hat{\mathbf{i}} - (2 - 1)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (1 - (-3))\hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ &= 7\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 1\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the parametric equations through the point  $P(2, 3, -2)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2 + 7t \\ y &= 3 - t \\ z &= -2 + 4t \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find an equation of the plane through  $P$  and perpendicular to both  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$ .

**Solution:**

We need to find the normal to the plane. Since the plane must be perpendicular to both  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$ , the normal vector must be perpendicular to

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \langle 1, 3, -1 \rangle \text{ and } \mathbf{n}_2 = \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle.$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{n} = \langle 1, 3, -1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle = \langle 7, -1, 4 \rangle.$$

Hence the equation of the plane through the point  $P(2, 3, -2)$  is

$$7(x - 2) - 1(y - 3) + 4(z - (-2)) = 0$$

or

$$7x - y + 4z + 3 = 0$$

or

$$7x - y + 4z = -3.$$