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M1F Foundations of Analysis

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1. (a) Define what it means for a real number to be irrational.
- (b) Stating clearly any facts you assume, decide (with proof) which of the following numbers are rational and which are irrational. (You may assume that  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational.)
- (i)  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3/2}$
  - (ii)  $2 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3/2}$
  - (iii)  $2\sqrt{18} - 3\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{4}$

- (c) Consider the following relation on the set  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$a \sim b \iff 2ab \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

Stating your reasons clearly, decide if this relation is

- (i) symmetric,
  - (ii) transitive,
  - (ii) reflexive.
- (d) Let  $x$  be the real number whose decimal expansion is

$$x = 0 \cdot a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots$$

where  $a_n = 8$  if  $n$  is divisible by 3 and  $a_n = 0$  otherwise. **Either** prove that  $x$  is irrational, **or** express it as a fraction.

- (e) Let  $I = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid 0 < x < 1\}$  and  $J = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid 0 < x < 2\}$ . Describe an injective (1-to-1) function  $f : J \rightarrow I$ .

2. (a) Define the *modulus* (absolute value)  $|z|$  of a complex number  $z$ .
- (b) Write  $(1 + i)(\sqrt{3} + i)$  in the form  $x + iy$  and in the form  $re^{i\theta}$ .
- (c) Deduce the exact value of  $\sin(5\pi/12)$ .
- (d) Draw a clear sketch showing the sets of complex numbers  $C_1 = \{z : |z| = 1\}$  and  $C_2 = \{z : |z - \sqrt{2}| = 1\}$ .
- (e) Show that if  $z \in C_1 \cap C_2$  then  $z^8 = 1$ .

3. (a) Define what it means for an integer  $p \geq 2$  to be *prime*.
- (b) Prove that there are infinitely many prime numbers.  
[You may assume the existence of prime factorisation.]
- (c) Find all pairs of positive integers  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x^3 = 8y^5$  and  $y$  is odd.  
[You may quote the fundamental theorem of arithmetic without proof.]
- (d) Let  $A = \{\frac{1}{p} \mid p \text{ prime}\}$ , let  $B = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 < 4\}$ , let  $C = A \cup B$  and  $D = A \cap B$ . Find the least upper bound (LUB) and greatest lower bound (GLB) for both  $C$  and  $D$ .

4. (a) State the principle of induction.
- (b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $n^3 + (n+1)^3 + (n+2)^3$  is divisible by 9.
- (c) The Fibonacci sequence  $(F_n)$  is defined as follows:

$$F_1 = F_2 = 1 \text{ and } F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

Prove that

$$F_n = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{5})^n - (1 - \sqrt{5})^n}{2^n \sqrt{5}}$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

[Hint: In the inductive step, you'll need to note that  $(3 \pm \sqrt{5}) = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{5})^2$ .]

5. (a) Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Define what it means to say that  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$ , written  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .
- (b) Prove that if  $\text{hcf}(a, m)$  divides  $b$  then there exists an integer  $x$  such that  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .
- (c) Find an integer  $x > 100$  such that  $75x \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$ .
- (d) Calculate the remainder when  $7^{81}$  is divided by 15.
- (e) Use the fact that  $999 = 27 \times 37$  to calculate the remainder when 6005004003002001 is divided by 37.