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MATH199



THE UNIVERSITY
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SUMMER 2003 EXAMINATIONS

Bachelor of Engineering : Year 1
Bachelor of Science : Year 1
Master of Engineering : Year 1

MATHEMATICAL TECHNIQUES FOR ENGINEERS

TIME ALLOWED : Three Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You may attempt all questions. All answers to Section A and to the best **THREE** questions from Section B will be taken into account. Section A carries 55% of the available marks.

Your attention is drawn to the formula list which accompanies this exam paper.



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SECTION A

1. Given $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ find $2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$. Hence, determine to three decimal places, the magnitude of $2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$ and to the nearest degree, the angle between $2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$ and the y -axis.

[4 marks]

2. Find the value of the number n such that $3\mathbf{i} + n\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ is orthogonal to $-4\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$.

[3 marks]

3. Differentiate the following with respect to x , simplifying your answer,

(i) $4x^3 \cos(3x)$, (ii) $\frac{6x}{(x-7)^2}$.

[5 marks]

4. Sketch the graph of $y = (x^2 - 1)^2$. Include in your graph the coordinates of the points where the graph crosses the x - and y - axes and the coordinates of the stationary points.

[5 marks]

5. Sketch the level curves $w = -1, 0$ and 1 of the function $w = (y - 3)/x^2$.

[4 marks]

6. Given that $w = 3x^2y^5 - 2x$, find

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} , \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} , \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} .$$

[4 marks]

7. The number of defects, n , in a material of volume V at temperature T is $n = cT^3/V^2$ where c is a constant. The volume fluctuates by $\pm 0.2\%$ and the temperature (independently) by $\pm 0.3\%$. Find the approximate resultant percentage fluctuation of n .

[4 marks]



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SECTION B

12. The coordinates of the points A , B and C are $(3, 2, 4)$, $(5, -1, 2)$ and $(7, -1, -3)$ respectively.

(i) Write down the line vectors \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{BC} .

[3 marks]

(ii) Hence, find to the nearest degree the angle between the lines AB and BC .

[4 marks]

(iii) Find the vector form of the equation of the straight line which passes through the points B and C .

[3 marks]

(iv) Determine the point where the line $\mathbf{r} = (-1, 1, 16) + \mu(2, -2, -4)$ intersects with the line through B and C , where μ is a parameter.

[5 marks]

13. Given

$$y = \frac{3x^2}{(x^2 - 9)}$$

show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{54x}{(x^2 - 9)^2}.$$

[4 marks]

Sketch the graph of y . Include on your graph the coordinates of all stationary points, the coordinates of any points where the graph crosses the axes and the equations of all the asymptotes.

[11 marks]



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14. Given that $w = 2x^2 - y^2 - 6xy - 4x - 2$ find

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y}.$$

[5 marks]

Find and classify any stationary points of w .

[6 marks]

Find the rate of change of w at the point $(1, 2)$ in the direction of the point $(3, 7)$.

[4 marks]

15. (i) Sketch the region $|z - 2 + 3i| = 4$ on the complex plane where $z = x + iy$.

[3 marks]

(ii) Find two polar forms and two exponential forms for $(1 + 2i)$.

[7 marks]

(iii) Given

$$z = 2 \left[\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right] \quad \text{and} \quad w = 3 \left[\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right]$$

find a polar and an exponential form for z^2 and w/z^3 .

[5 marks]

16. (i) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 7y + \sin(3x).$$

[9 marks]

(ii) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -81y$$

given that $y = 3$ and $dy/dx = -4$ when $x = 0$.

[6 marks]