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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:–

B.Sc. *M.Sci.*

Mathematics M14B: Mathematical Methods 2

COURSE CODE : MATHM14B

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 28–APR–06

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

All questions may be attempted but only marks obtained on the best **four** solutions will count.

The use of an electronic calculator is **not** permitted in this examination.

1. (a) State, without proof, the general formula for a Fourier series on $(-\pi, \pi)$ for a function $f(x)$, giving the expressions for the coefficients.
- (b) Find the Fourier series of $f(x) = \text{sign}(x)$ on $(-\pi, \pi)$.
- (c) State and prove Parseval's identity for a function on $(-\pi, \pi)$.
- (d) Hence, or otherwise, prove that

$$\frac{\pi^2}{8} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2m-1)^2}.$$

2. (a) Using subscript notation, what is the expression for

$$\varepsilon_{ijk}\varepsilon_{klm}$$

in terms of δ_{il} , δ_{jm} , etc.?

- (b) Using subscript notation, prove

$$\text{grad}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B} \times (\text{curl } \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \times (\text{curl } \mathbf{B}).$$

3. (a) State Stokes' theorem carefully.
- (b) Show that Stokes' theorem implies that an integral of the following form is independent of path C , provided that the end points of C are fixed:

$$\int_C \text{grad } \phi \cdot d\mathbf{r},$$

where ϕ is assumed to be smooth and defined everywhere.

- (c) Hence or otherwise find

$$\int_C \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^3} + x\mathbf{i} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{r},$$

where C is the straight line from $(0, 1, 2)$ to $(1, 2, 3)$.

4. (a) Define the Jacobian

$$\frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)},$$

where $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ are smooth functions.

- (b) By changing the order of integration, or otherwise, find

$$\int_0^\infty \int_{\sqrt{y}}^\infty \exp(-\mu x^3) dx dy,$$

where μ is a positive constant. Show, by means of a sketch, the region of integration.

- (c) By a suitable change of variables, or otherwise, find

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \exp(-(x^2 + y^2)) dx dy.$$

Show, by means of a sketch, the region of integration.

5. (a) State the divergence theorem carefully.

- (b) Verify the divergence theorem for the vector field

$$\mathbf{A} = (x + y)\mathbf{i} + (x^2 + xy)\mathbf{j} + z^2\mathbf{k},$$

and a unit radius ball centred at $(1, 1, 1)$. *Hint: You might find it helpful to move the ball so its centre is at the origin, as then it will be easy to use symmetry arguments for the integrals.*

6. (a) State carefully Green's theorem in the plane.

- (b) Show that Green's theorem in the plane is a special case of Stokes' theorem, defining all your symbols carefully.

- (c) Verify Green's theorem in the plane for

$$\oint_C (y dx + x(2 + y) dy),$$

where C is the unit circle. *Hint: Use symmetry arguments where possible.*