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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualifications:–

*B.Sc.*      *M.Sci.*

**Mathematics A3: Mathematics For Physical Science**

COURSE CODE            :   **MATHA003**

UNIT VALUE             :   **0.50**

DATE                     :   **14–MAY–04**

TIME                     :   **14.30**

TIME ALLOWED         :   **2 Hours**

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

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

1. (a) If  $z_1 = 2 + i$ ,  $z_2 = -2 + 4i$  and

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z_1} + \frac{1}{z_2},$$

find  $z$  in the form  $a + bi$ . Also, find the modulus and the argument of  $z$ .

- (b) State de Moivre's theorem, and then use it to find the double-angle formulae ( $\sin(2\theta) = \dots$ ,  $\cos(2\theta) = \dots$ ).
- (c) Find the cartesian form of the equation

$$(z - \bar{z})^2 = -8(z + \bar{z}),$$

where  $z = x + iy$ . Sketch the graph of the equation.

2. (a) Consider a triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $M$  and  $N$  be respectively the midpoints of sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ . Using vectors, prove that  $MN$  is parallel to  $BC$  and has half its length.
- (b) Consider a quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , whose vertices are  $A = (\alpha, 6, 3\alpha + 1)$ ,  $B = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  $C = (0, 6, 1)$  and  $D = (-7, 11, -15)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a non-zero real number. Check that  $A, B, C, D$  all lie on the same plane, and give the equation of this plane in cartesian form. Use vectors to find for which value of  $\alpha$  the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is a rectangle.
3. (a) Find the equation of the plane normal to  $\underline{n} = (1, -2, -1)$  passing through  $(2, 4, -3)$ .
- (b) Find a parametric equation for the line passing through  $(1, -1, 2)$  parallel to the vector  $\underline{b} = (1, 2, 1)$ .
- (c) Find the point where the line in (b) meets the plane in (a).
- (d) Find the cosine of the angle between  $\underline{n}$  and  $\underline{b}$ .

4. (a) Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$ :

$$y = \cos^{-1}(x^4), \quad y = \tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{x}), \quad y = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{x}\right).$$

- (b) Calculate the following integrals,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+x^4} dx, \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{3+2\sin\theta} d\theta, \quad \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos^4\theta d\theta.$$

5. Find Maclaurin series up to and including  $x^5$  for  $e^x$ ,  $\cos x$  and  $\sin x$ . Use these series to verify that

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

as far as terms in  $\theta^5$ .

6. Use Gaussian elimination to find the solution of the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - x_2 - 4x_3 &= 1, \\2x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 &= 2, \\3x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 &= -1.\end{aligned}$$

Explain briefly how different real number values of  $c$  determine the type of solution of the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 &= c, \\2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 &= 3, \\2x_1 - 6x_2 + 2x_3 &= 6.\end{aligned}$$

7. An object is thrown horizontally from the top of a building (100 metres high) with initial speed  $v = 20$  (metres/second). Determine the path of the object. When and where does it hit the ground? (The acceleration  $g$  due to gravity is taken to be  $9.81m/s^2$ ).