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Module Name: Mathematical Fundamentals for Engineers

[Three hours]

[Answer all questions, each question carries twelve marks]

Q1. a) Given that

$$z = \frac{\sqrt{-26 - 6\sqrt{3}i}}{2 + \sqrt{3}i}$$

- Express  $z$  in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in R$  and  $a > 0$ .
- Convert  $z$  into polar form.
- Write down the modulus and the argument of  $z$ .

[3 Marks]

b) Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and

$$w_k = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

Show that

- $w_k$  is a one of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity.
- If  $w$  is the primitive root of unity then  $w_k = w^k$
- For  $n > 1$ , summation of all the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity is zero.

[4 Marks]

c) If  $\omega$  is a complex cubic root of unity, without computing  $\omega$ , show that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega & \omega^2 & -1 \\ \omega^2 & -1 & \omega \\ -1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix}^2 = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

[2 Marks]

d) Express  $\cos^5 \theta$  in terms of multiples of  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$ .  
Hence, find

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^5 \theta d\theta$$

[3 Mark]

- Q2. a) i.) Briefly explain singular and non-singular matrices by giving an example for each.  
 ii.) Write down five properties of the determinant of a matrix.

[4 Marks]

- b) Define  
 i.) a minor  
 ii.) a cofactor  
 iii.) the adjoint  
 of a matrix.

Find the adjoint of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

[4 Marks]

- c) Determine the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , which the system

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

has

- i.) unique solution  
 ii.) infinitely many solutions  
 iii.) no solutions

Solve the system for  $\alpha = -6$  and  $\beta = 3$ .

[4 Marks]

- Q3 a) i.) Explain what is meant by the statement, ' $f(x)$  is continuous at a point  $a$ '.  
 ii.) Discuss the continuity of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 1 & x < -2 \\ x + 1 & -2 \leq x < 1 \\ 5 - 3x & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

- iii.) Sketch the graph of  $y = |2x - 1| - 2|x + 1| + |x - 2|$

[5 Marks]

- b) i.) Show that  $f(x) = |x - 2|$  continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 2$ .  
 ii.) If  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable functions show that  $f \circ g$  is also differentiable.  
 iii.) Let  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $g(x) = \tan x$ . Determine  $(f \circ g)'$  by using ii.) in above.

[5 Marks]

c) Evaluate the following limits, if they exist.

i.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - e^{1/x}}{2 + e^{1/x}}$

ii.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + x - 1) + x^2 - 3}{x - 1}$

[2 Marks]

Q4. a) i.) State the Mean Value Theorem.

ii.) Let  $f$  and  $f'$  be continuous and differentiable functions on an open interval  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha/2 < a < b < \beta/2$ . If the second derivative of  $f$  is zero on  $(\alpha, \beta)$  for all  $x$  in the given interval, by applying Mean Value Theorem twice in the intervals  $[2a, a + b]$  and  $[a + b, 2b]$ , show that

$$f(2a) + f(2b) = 2f(a + b).$$

[3 Marks]

b) i.) If  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$  then show that there exists  $c \in (a, b)$ , such that

$$\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}$$

ii.) State the L'Hospital's Rule

iii.) Use L'Hospital's Rule to evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin x - \sin 2x}{x - \sin x}$$

iv.) Obtain the power series expansion of  $\log(1 + x)$  about  $x = 0$ .

[5 Marks]

c) i.) Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a continuous and differentiable function on  $R^2$ . Show that

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy$$

ii.) If  $z = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = e^r \cos \theta$  and  $y = e^r \sin \theta$ , show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 \neq e^{2r} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 \right]$$

[4 Marks]

- Q5. a) i.) Briefly explain what is meant by 'Unit vector' and 'Position vector'.
- ii.)  $OAB$  is a triangle such that  $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{a}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{b}$ . Find  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
- If  $P$  is the point on  $AB$  such that  $AP:PB = 2:3$ , show that  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  is parallel to the vector,  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$ .

[4 Marks]

- b) A rigid body is spinning with angular velocity 9 radians/sec about an axis  $OR$ , where  $R$  is  $(2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$  and  $O$  is the origin. Find the velocity of the point  $(-3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$  on the body.

[3 Marks]

- c) i.) The temperature at any point in space is given by  $T = 2xy + yz + zx$ . Determine the derivative of  $T$ , (i.e.  $\nabla T$ ), in the direction of the vector  $(4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k})$  at the point  $(1,1,1)$ .
- ii.) Given the vector field,

$$\mathbf{V} = (x^2 - y^2 + 2xz)\mathbf{i} + (xz - xy + yz)\mathbf{j} + (x^2 + z^2)\mathbf{k}.$$

Find  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{V})$ .

Show that the vectors given by  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{V})$  at  $P_0(0, 2, -1)$  and  $P_1(-2, -3, 13)$  are orthogonal.

[5 Marks]