# Accelerated Algebra & Calculus

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Candidates must answer *four* questions in total, and must answer *at least one* question from *each* section.

# SECTION 1.

- (1) (a) Prove that  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .
  - (b) Consider the function

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \phi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} & \to & \mathbb{R} \\ (a,b) & \mapsto & a + b\sqrt{2}. \end{array}$$

Prove that  $\phi$  is an injection.

[3 marks]

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- (c) Find the number of injective functions from the set  $\{1, 2\}$  to the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . [3 marks]
- (d) Recall that a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is called *strictly decreasing* if f(x) < f(y) whenever x < y.
  - (i) Prove that if f is strictly decreasing, then f is injective. [2 marks]
  - (ii) If f is strictly decreasing, is f surjective? Justify your answer. [2 marks]
- (e) Recall that a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is called *decreasing* if  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  whenever  $x \leq y$ . Is a decreasing function always injective? Justify your answer.

[2 marks]

- (2) (a) Determine whether the following are TRUE or FALSE. If they are true, give a short proof. If they are false, give a counterexample.
  - (i) If X is a set containing n elements, then its power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  contains n! elements. [2 marks]
  - (ii) If X and Y are sets, then  $X \cap Y$  is always a subset of  $X \cup Y$ . [2 marks]
  - (iii) Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a function. Then f is surjective if and only if there exists a function  $g: Y \to X$  such that  $f \circ g = id_Y$ , where  $id_Y$  denotes the identity function on Y. [4 marks]
  - (b) Describe the solution set of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that:
    - (i) |x| > x. [2 marks]
    - (ii) |x+1| + |x-1| < 1. [2 marks]

(c) Give an example of a surjective function  $\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z}$ . Justify your answer.

[3 marks]

# SECTION 2.

- (3) (a) Define what we mean by a *series*, and what it means for a series to *converge to* a *limit*. [2 marks]
  - (b) Determine whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. If they are true give a (short) proof, if they are false give a counterexample.

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(i) The series 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$$
 does not have a limit. [2 marks]

- (ii) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  has a limit, then  $a_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . [2 marks]
- (iii) If  $a_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  has a limit. [2 marks]

(c) For 
$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$
, consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n$ 

(i) Denote  $s_k := \sum_{n=1}^k (n+1)x^n$ . Show that

$$(1-x)s_k = \frac{1-x^{k+1}}{1-x} - (k+1)x^{k+1}.$$

 $[2 \,\,\mathrm{marks}]$ 

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, show that when |x| < 1,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$ . [3 marks]

(d) Determine the rational number which has decimal expansion 0.12121212.... [2 marks]

- (4) (a) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \ge 2$ .
  - (i) Show by induction that the product of n-1 terms

$$\left(1-\frac{1}{2^2}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{3^2}\right)\dots\left(1-\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}.$$

[3 marks]

(ii) Hence or otherwise determine the limit of the sequence

$$a_n := \prod_{i=2}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{i^2}\right).$$

You may use any result from lectures, provided that it is clearly stated.

[3 marks]

- (b) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be an infinitely differentiable function. Define the Maclaurin series of f. [1 mark]
- (c) Determine the Maclaurin series for each of the following functions:
  - (i)  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \cos x$ . [3 marks]

(ii) 
$$g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$$
 defined by  $g(x) = e^{5x} + 1.$  [2 marks]

(d) For the function f defined in (c)(i), determine the values of x for which the Maclaurin series converges to f(x). In your answer, you may use any theorems or results from lectures, provided that they are clearly stated. [3 marks]

### SECTION 3.

(5) (a) Give an example of:

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- (i) A  $3 \times 3$  matrix B such that  $B^3 = B$ .
- (ii) A  $3 \times 3$  matrix B such that  $B^3 \neq B$ .
- (iii) A  $3 \times 3$  matrix B such that  $B^{\mathrm{T}} = B$ .
- (iv) A  $3 \times 3$  matrix B with determinant 4 and trace 3.

[5 marks]

- (b) Suppose that A is an  $n \times n$  real matrix. Define what we mean by the *eigenvalues* of A, and the *eigenvectors* of A. [2 marks]
- (c) Determine whether the following are TRUE or FALSE. If they are true give a (short) proof. If they are false, provide a counterexample.
  - (i) Every real matrix has a real eigenvalue.
  - (ii) Every  $2 \times 2$  matrix has two distinct eigenvalues.
  - (iii) 0 is an eigenvalue of every matrix.

[5 marks]

(d) Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the following matrix:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{array}\right).$$

[3 marks]

(6) (a) (i) By Gaussian elimination or otherwise, find the inverses of the following matrices:

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad B := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[6 marks]

(ii) Hence determine the inverse of the matrix

$$C := \left( \begin{array}{rrrrr} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

[4 marks]

(b) Find the solution set of the following linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x - y + z &= 12\\ 3x - 2y + 2z &= 1\\ x + 5y + z &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]

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