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ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IB

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**Paper 7**

**MATHEMATICAL METHODS**

*Answer not more than **four** questions.*

*Answer not more than **two** questions from each section.*

*The **approximate** number of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Answers to questions in each section should be tied together and handed in separately.*

*Write your candidate number **not** your name on the cover sheet.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

Single-sided script paper

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAM**

CUED approved calculator allowed

Engineering Data Book

**10 minutes reading time is allowed for this paper at the start of the exam.**

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

**SECTION A**

Answer not more than **two** questions from this section.

- 1 (a) Consider the vector field

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{y\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j}}{x^2 + y^2}$$

- (i) Find the equation of the field lines of  $\mathbf{u}$  and illustrate them with a sketch indicating the field direction. [4]

- (ii) Calculate directly the line integral

$$\oint \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

over the circle of radius 1 centered at  $(0,0)$  in the anticlockwise direction. [4]

- (iii) Calculate  $\nabla \times \mathbf{u}$ , and hence evaluate the line integral

$$\oint \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

over the circle of radius 1 centered at  $(0,2)$ . [4]

- (iv) Show that  $\mathbf{u}$  can be written in cylindrical polar coordinates as  $\mathbf{u} = f(r)\mathbf{e}_\theta$ , where  $f(r)$  is a function of  $r$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_\theta$  the unit vector in the azimuthal direction. Find  $f(r)$ . [4]

- (b) Calculate the double integral

$$\iint y \, dx dy$$

over the triangle  $ABC$  in Fig. 1, where  $A = (0,0)$ ,  $B = (1,2)$  and  $C = (-1,1)$ . [9]

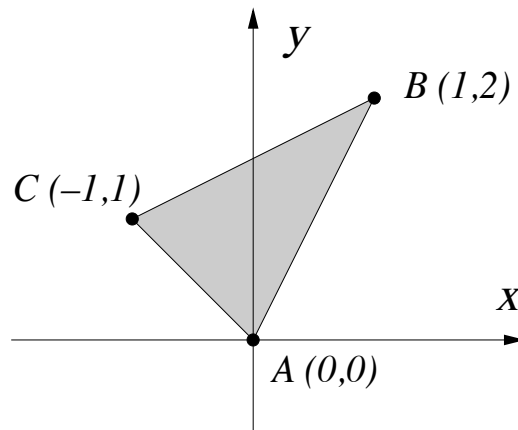


Fig. 1

2 (a) Figure 2 shows a quarter-circle  $S_1$  of radius  $R$  in the first quadrant ( $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ ). Express the integral

$$I = \int \int_{S_1} (x^2 + y^2) \, dx dy$$

in polar coordinates, and evaluate  $I$  in terms of  $R$ . [3]

(b) Consider a volume  $V$  bounded by the cone  $x^2 + y^2 = (1 - z)^2$  in the region  $x \geq 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq z \leq 1$ . Evaluate the volume integral

$$\int \int \int_V (x^2 + y^2) \, dx dy dz$$

[7]

(c) The vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  is defined by  $\mathbf{F} = y^2 x \mathbf{i} + x^2 y \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ , where  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are the unit Cartesian vectors.

(i) Is  $\mathbf{F}$  a solenoidal field? Justify your answer. [3]

(ii) The flux integral of  $\mathbf{F}$  through a surface  $S$ , with unit outward normal  $\mathbf{n}$ , is defined by  $\int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$ . Calculate the fluxes of  $\mathbf{F}$  through the three faces of  $V$  on  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $z = 0$ , where  $V$  is as previously defined in part (b). [4]

(iii) Hence evaluate the flux through the face of  $V$  on the cone. [4]

(iv) Evaluate the flux  $\int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{F}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS$  over the whole boundary of  $V$ .

[4]

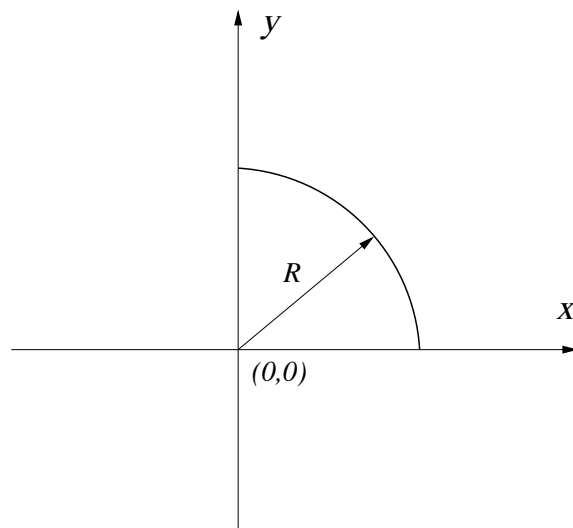


Fig. 2

- 3 (a) Consider Laplace's equation in the polar coordinate system

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

in the disk  $r \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Show that if  $f$  and  $g$  are solutions of the equation,  $f + g$  is also a solution. [3]

(b) Assume a solution of the form  $f = R(r)X(\theta)$ . Use the method of separation of variables to deduce differential equations for  $R$  and  $X$ . [6]

(c) Show that solutions of the form  $R(r) = r^\beta$  can satisfy the equation for  $R$ . Find the corresponding solution for  $X(\theta)$ . Explain why  $R(r) = r^\beta$  is not admissible for  $\beta < 0$  in the disk. [7]

(d) Find the solution of the equation in part (a) with the boundary condition  $f(2, \theta) = 2 \cos \theta$ . [4]

(e) Find the solution of the equation in part (a) with the boundary condition  $f(2, \theta) = 2 \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta$ . [5]

**SECTION B**

Answer not more than **two** questions from this section.

4 (a) Let

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 10^{-6} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 10^{-6} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Round all intermediate calculation results to 7 significant decimal digits (the precision afforded by a 32-bit float representation in programme code).

(i) Find the vector  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  that minimises the expression  $\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}\|^2$  using the following QR decomposition of  $\mathbf{S}$ :

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 10^{-6} \end{pmatrix}$$

[3]

(ii) Now attempt to find  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  by directly solving the normal equation  $\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{v}$ . Explain the problem with this approach.

[3]

(b) Let

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $\mathbf{X}$  and the sum of its eigenvalues. [3]

(ii) Derive the rank of  $\mathbf{X}$  and the basis for the null space of  $\mathbf{X}$ . [3]

(iii) Which  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $\mathbf{Y}$  result in  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{0}_{3,3}$ ? Explain your reasoning. [4]

(iv) Which matrices  $\mathbf{Z}$  have the form  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}$  for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$ ? [4]

(c) If  $\alpha \neq \beta$  are vectors in the row space of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , are  $\mathbf{A}\alpha \neq \mathbf{A}\beta$  in the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ ? Justify your answer. What is the implication of this result? [5]

5 (a) Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -7 & -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -4 & 0 & -5 \\ -9 & 5 & -5 & 12 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) Find an LU decomposition of  $\mathbf{A}$ . [3](ii) Solve  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ . [3]

(b) Let

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & a & b & a & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & a & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) Derive the basis for the null space of  $\mathbf{X}$  and state its dimensions. [3](ii) Derive all singular values of  $\mathbf{X}$  when  $a = 1$  and  $b = 1$ . [3](iii) Derive all eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$  when  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$ . [3]

(c) Let

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{2} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(i) Derive an orthonormal set of eigenvectors for  $\mathbf{YY}^T$ . [4](ii) Find a singular value decomposition of  $\mathbf{Y}$ . [6]



6 A random variable  $X$  with support  $[0, 1]$  is distributed as a Beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  for the probability density function

$$P(X = x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

where  $B(\alpha, \beta)$  is called the Beta function and is defined as

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the Gamma function.

(a) Verify that  $P(X = x; \alpha, \beta)$  satisfies the fundamental requirements for a probability density function. It may be helpful to know that  $B(\alpha, \beta)$  is strictly positive. [4]

(b) Using the fact that  $\Gamma(1) = \Gamma(2) = 1$ , or otherwise, derive an expression for the probability distribution that arises when  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  for the Beta distribution. What is the name of this probability distribution? [4]

(c) Using the fact that  $y\Gamma(y) = \Gamma(y + 1)$ , or otherwise:

(i) Starting with the definition of  $E[X]$ , provide a step-by-step derivation of the mean of the Beta distribution:  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$ . [4]

(ii) Starting with the definition of  $\text{Var}[X]$ , provide a step-by-step derivation of the variance of the Beta distribution:  $\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta + 1)(\alpha + \beta)^2}$ . [5]

(d) The probability of a subsystem failure is to be modelled with a Beta distribution. Data reveals that the mean proportion of subsystem failures is 5% with a standard deviation of 3%. Derive the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for the Beta distribution. [8]

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