

EGT0  
ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IA

---

Tuesday 11 June 2024 9 to 12.10

---

**Paper 4**

**MATHEMATICAL METHODS**

Answer *all* questions.

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**

Section A: multiple choice supplementary booklet

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.**

**You may not remove any stationery from the Examination Room.**

Version JS/BBS/2

**SECTION A**

Questions 1–8: see multiple choice supplementary booklet.

**SECTION B**

9 (**long**) The bilinear transform is used in digital signal processing and maps the variable  $z$  to the variable  $s$  as

$$s = 2 \left( \frac{z - 1}{z + 1} \right)$$

where both  $s$  and  $z$  are complex variables. For example, the point  $z = 0$  is “transformed” to the point  $s = -2$  in the complex plane.

(a) Show that the inverse transform expressing  $z$  in terms of  $s$  is  $z = \frac{1+s/2}{1-s/2}$ . [3]

(b) By expressing  $s$  as  $s = ix$  for a real variable  $x$ , show that  $z$  is on the unit circle if  $s$  is on the imaginary axis. [8]

(c) Now expressing  $z$  as  $z = e^{i\theta}$  for an angle  $\theta$ , give an expression for the corresponding  $s$  and confirm that it is on the imaginary axis. [8]

(d) Find the doubling points of the bilinear transform, i.e., the points  $z$  for which  $s = 2z$ . [5]

(e) The inverse bilinear transform is an approximation for the exponential transform  $z = e^s$ . Show that this approximation is accurate up to the quadratic term. [6]

10 (**long**) Consider the following non-homogeneous second order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + p\frac{dx}{dt} + qx = f(t)$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are real coefficients and  $f(t)$  is a real function of time  $t$ .

(a) For  $f(t) = 0$ , find the general solution for the following three cases:

(i)  $p^2 - 4q > 0$

(ii)  $p^2 - 4q = 0$

(iii)  $p^2 - 4q < 0$

[10]

(b) Find the specific solution when  $f(t) = 2\sin(t) + \sin(2t)$ ,  $p = 0$ ,  $q = 4$  and  $x = dx/dt = 0$  at  $t = 0$ .

[20]

**SECTION C**

11 (**long**) The height  $z$  of some terrain is given by the equation

$$z = (x + 1)(x + 2y - 2)(3x - 4y - 1)$$

(a) Sketch contours of constant  $z$  for the region  $-2 < x < 2$  and  $-2 < y < 2$ . [8]

(b) Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} &= 9x^2 + 8y + 4xy - 8y^2 - 8x - 5 \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= 2(x + 1)(x - 8y + 3)\end{aligned}\quad [6]$$

(c) Find the stationary points of  $z$  and classify them by inspection, without computing second derivatives. [8]

(d) In which direction does the contour of constant  $z$  pass through the origin? [4]

(e) Find the rate of change of  $z$  at the point  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$  in the direction  $(-1, -1)$ . [4]

12 (**long**) Consider the circuit in Fig. 1 comprising a voltage source  $V$ , a switch, a resistor  $R$ , an inductor  $L$  and a capacitor  $C$ . The switch is open at times  $t < 0$  and closed for  $t \geq 0$ . The function  $i(t)$  represents the current through the circuit and the function  $v(t)$  represents the potential difference across the capacitor.

(a) Explain why  $i(t)$  and  $v(t)$  satisfy the differential equations

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$Ri + L \frac{di}{dt} + v = VH(t)$$

where  $H(t)$  is the Heaviside step function, i.e.  $H(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$  and  $H(t) = 1$  for  $t \geq 0$ . [2]

(b) Show that the Laplace transform  $\bar{i}(s)$  of  $i(t)$  satisfies

$$\bar{i}(s) = \frac{V/L}{s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC}}$$

noting that  $i(0) = 0$  A and  $v(0) = 0$  V. [6]

(c) Derive an expression for  $i(t)$  when  $LC = 1$  and  $RC = 2.5$ . [7]

*Remark:* the unit for  $LC$  is seconds squared and the unit for  $RC$  is seconds, but we omit units in order not to risk confusing units with the variable  $s$  used in the Laplace transform.

(d) Derive an expression for  $v(t)$  when  $LC = 0.8$  and  $RC = 0.8$ . [8]

(e) Given  $LC = 1$ , for what value of  $RC$  does  $i(t) = \beta te^{-at}$  for some constants  $a$  and  $\beta$ ? What are  $a$  and  $\beta$ ? [7]

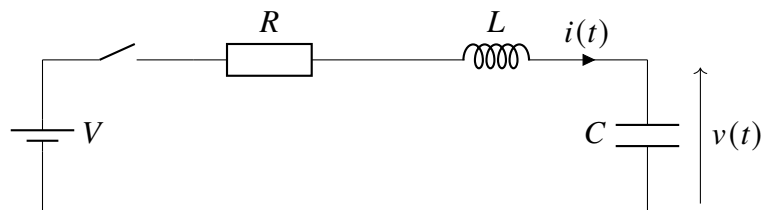


Fig. 1

**END OF PAPER**