

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.*

*All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*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.*

*Attachments: There are no attachments to this paper.*

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Single-sided script paper

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Engineering Data Book

CUED approved calculator allowed

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

**SECTION A**

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

1 In two dimensions and with a source, the steady-state heat equation for the temperature  $T$  is

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = g(x,y)$$

We seek solutions for  $T(x,y)$  in the domain  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ . The boundary conditions are  $T(0,y) = T_0$ ,  $T(1,y) = T_0$ ,  $T(x,1) = T_0$ , and  $T(x,0) = T_0[1 + \sin(2\pi x)]$ .

(a) Use separation of variables to find an analytical expression for  $T(x,y)$  if  $g(x,y) = 0$ . [12]

(b) The heat flow is defined as  $\mathbf{q} = -\nabla T$ . If  $g(x,y) = \sin(2\pi x)\sin(2\pi y)$ , find the total heat flow  $\oint \mathbf{q} \cdot d\mathbf{n}$ , where the integral is taken along the whole boundary of the domain and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit vector normal to domain's boundary. [8]

2 The electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  can be written as  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$ , where  $V$  is the potential. The force on a charge  $q$  is given by  $q\mathbf{E}$ .

(a) The potential around a point charge  $Q$  is given by  $V = Q/(4\pi\epsilon r)$ , where  $r$  is the distance from the point charge and  $\epsilon$  is a constant. Find  $\mathbf{E}$  in the region  $r > 0$  and show that the field is solenoidal. [5]

(b) If  $\mathbf{E} = (K/r)\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$ , with  $K$  a positive constant and  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$  the unit vector in the radial direction, show that the work needed to move a point charge  $q$  from  $r$  to  $2r$  is independent of  $r$ . [5]

(c) Consider the volume  $\Psi$  enclosed by the sphere  $r = R$  and the cone whose apex is the origin, its axis is aligned with the  $z$ -axis, and its contained angle is  $\pi/2$ . If  $\mathbf{E} = (r^3 - r^2)\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$ , with  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$  the unit vector in the radial direction, evaluate directly the flux of  $\mathbf{E}$  through the surface bounding the volume  $\Psi$  and then show that the Divergence Theorem is satisfied. [10]

3 Consider the region  $\mathfrak{R}$  bounded by the curves  $xy = 1$ ,  $xy = 4$ ,  $xy^3 = 4$ , and  $xy^3 = 16$ .

(a) Sketch  $\mathfrak{R}$ . [4]

(b) Evaluate the area of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . [8]

(c) If  $d\mathbf{l}$  is the infinitesimal line element along the boundary of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , find  $\oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$  if  $\mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{4}xy^4 \mathbf{i} + x^2y^3 \mathbf{j}$ . [8]

**SECTION B**

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

4 Over a population, a blood test gives a score  $Y$ , which obeys a normal distribution with mean  $\mu = 6$  and variance  $\sigma^2 = 2.25$ . The test is used to diagnose a disease, with the diagnosis deemed positive if  $Y > 9$ . For a patient with the disease, the test is positive with probability 0.98. The probability of having the disease given that the test is positive is 0.6.

- (a) What is the probability that  $Y$  exceeds 9? [4]
- (b) What is the proportion of the population that has the disease? [5]
- (c) What is the false positive rate of the test? [5]
- (d) A lab receives on average 200 blood samples per day. What is the probability that it gets more than three positive test results in a day? [6]

- 5 (a) By performing LU decomposition on the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

find the value of  $a$  that makes the rank of  $\mathbf{A}$  equal to 2.

[8]

- (b) For this value of  $a$ , find the general solution of the equation

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

[4]

(c) By expressing  $\mathbf{A}$  as an outer product of the columns and rows of  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{U}$ , express  $\mathbf{A}$  as the product of two matrices,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{BC}$ , where  $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix and  $\mathbf{C}$  is a  $2 \times 4$  matrix.

[4]

- (d) How are the column spaces of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  related to those of  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{U}$ ?

[4]

6 (a) Two  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are said to be *similar* if there is a non-singular  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}^{-1}.$$

Show that similar matrices have the same eigenvalues and find the relationship between their eigenvectors that correspond to the same eigenvalue. [4]

(b) Find the eigenvalues and the *normalised* eigenvectors of the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$ , where

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, express  $\mathbf{B}$  in the form  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix. [10]

(c) Find the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ , expressing your answer in terms of  $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3$ , the vectors representing the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$ . [6]

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