



Why did Count Dracula go to the doctor ?  
He couldn't stop coffin !

*Any solution based entirely on graphical  
or numerical methods is not acceptable*

Marks Available : 42

**Question 1**

*FM A-Level Examination Question from November 2021, Paper Core 2, Q1 (OCR)*

Two matrices, **A** and **B** are given by,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ a & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 3 & -4 \\ -1 & 6 & -4 \\ 8 & -8 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } a \text{ is a constant.}$$

Find the value of  $a$  for which  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$

[ 3 marks ]

**Question 2**

*FM A-Level Examination Question from June 2021, Paper 2, Q5 (AQA)*

The equation  $z^3 + 2z^2 - 5z - 3 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$

Find a cubic with roots  $\frac{1}{2}\alpha - 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}\beta - 1$  and  $\frac{1}{2}\gamma - 1$

[ 5 marks ]

**Question 3**

*FM A-Level Examination Question from June 2017, Paper FP2, Q4 (Edexcel)*

$$y = \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-2x}\right), \quad |x| < \frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  and  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$

[ 4 marks ]

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, find the series expansion of  $\ln\left(\frac{1}{1-2x}\right)$  about  $x=0$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ . Give each coefficient in its simplest form.

[ 3 marks ]

- (c) Use your expansion to find an approximate value for  $\ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$  giving your answer to 3 decimal places.

[ 3 marks ]

**Question 4**

*FM AS-Level Examination Question from May 2019, Paper Core, Q4 (OCR)*

**In this question you must show detailed reasoning.**

You are given that  $f(z) = 4z^4 - 12z^3 + 41z^2 - 128z + 185$  and that  $2 + i$  is a root of the equation  $f(z) = 0$

(a) Express  $f(z)$  as the product of two quadratic factors with integer coefficients.

[ 5 marks ]

(b) Solve  $f(z) = 0$

[ 3 marks ]

Two loci on an Argand diagram are defined by

$$C_1 = \{z : |z| = r_1\} \text{ and } C_2 = \{z : |z| = r_2\} \text{ where } r_1 > r_2$$

You are given that two of the points representing the roots of  $f(z) = 0$

(which you worked out in part (b)) are on  $C_1$  and two are on  $C_2$

Let  $R$  be the region on the Argand diagram between  $C_1$  and  $C_2$

(c) Find the exact area of  $R$

[ 4 marks ]

(d)  $\omega$  is the sum of all the roots of  $f(z) = 0$

Determine whether or not the point on the Argand diagram which represents  $\omega$  lies in  $R$ .

[ 2 marks ]

**Question 5**

*Further Mathematics Examination Question from January 2012, Q7 (ii) (OCR)*

It is given that  $x$  satisfies the equation  $\operatorname{arsinh} x - \operatorname{arcosh} x = \ln 2$

- (i) Use the logarithmic forms for  $\operatorname{arsinh} x$  and  $\operatorname{arcosh} x$  to show that,

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - 2\sqrt{x^2 - 1} = x$$

[ 2 marks ]

- (ii) Hence, by squaring this equation, find the exact value of  $x$

[ 3 marks ]

**Question 6**

*FM AS-Level Examination Question from May 2019, Paper Core, Q6 (OCR)*

A transformation  $T$  is represented by the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  where,

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + 1 & -4 \\ 3 - 2x^2 & x^2 + 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

A quadrilateral  $Q$ , whose area is 12 units, is transformed by  $T$  to  $Q'$

Find the smallest possible value of the area of  $Q'$

[ 5 marks ]