

Algebra

Question.1 [36 marks]

(a) Expand $(3 + \sqrt{x})^{-2}$ by the binomial series, state the convergence condition on x .

(b) Use mathematical induction to prove that for any positive integer n ,

$$4^1 + 4^2 + 4^3 + \dots + 4^n = \frac{4(4^n - 1)}{3}.$$

(c) Decompose the fraction $\frac{x-1}{x^2(x^2+x+1)}$ into its partial fractions.

(d) Find the equation whose roots are those of equation $x^4 + 8x^3 + 24x^2 + 32x = 0$ and each increased by 2, and then solve the two equations.

Question.2 [36 marks]

(a) Suppose A is 3×3 orthogonal matrix. If $B = 2A^{-1}$, find a value of $\det B$?

(b) Find A^{-1} for $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ using row operations method. Hence, or by any other

method, solve the system $AX + 2B = C$, where $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$.

Differential Calculus

Question 3. (36 marks)

a) For $\ln y = \sin^{-1} x$ prove that

$$(1 - x^2)y^{(n+2)} = (2n + 1)xy^{(n+1)} + (n^2 + 1)y^{(n)}$$

b) Find

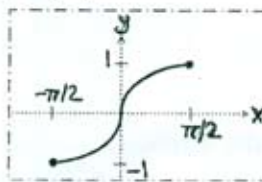
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cosh x)^{1/(e^x - 1)}$$

c) For the function $f(x) = \sin x$, $-\pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi/2$,

given in the figure

i) Sketch $f^{-1}(x)$, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$, and $f'(x)$

ii) Verify Mean value theorem for $f(x)$



d) Prove that the solution of the equation $\sinh x = \sin \csc^{-1} e^x$

is $x = \ln \sqrt{3}$

Question 4. (36 marks)

a) Find y' if $x^y = \frac{3^x \sin^3 x}{e^{\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x}}} + \operatorname{sech} \cosh^{-1} x$

b) What value should m assigned to make the function $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 0$,

$$\text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} x \operatorname{cosec} x, & x < 0 \\ \ln(x + m), & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

c) Find the Taylor series pansion of $f(x) = e^{\cos x}$ about $x = \pi/2$.

d) Prove that $\tanh^{-1} x = \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \right)$, $|x| < 1$.