

1. a) Simplify  $\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}$ . [3 marks]

b) Solve the equation  $\log_2(x^2 + 2) = 1 + \log_2(x + 5)$ . [4 marks]

2. Find the solution set of the inequalities  $x + |3x + 4| \leq 6$  [5 marks]

3. Given the complex number  $z$  and its conjugate  $\bar{z}$  satisfy the equation  $z\bar{z} + 2zi = 12 + 6i$ .  
Find  $z$ . [7 marks]

4. Solve the equations of  $\sqrt{8x+17} - \sqrt{2x} = \sqrt{2x+9}$ . [7 marks]

5. a) If the second term and the fifth term of the geometric progression are  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{32}$  respectively, find the first term and the common ratio. [5 marks]

b) Expand  $(1 + 3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^3$ .

State the range of values of  $x$  for which the expansion is valid. Hence, evaluate

$\sqrt[3]{1.03}$  correct to four decimal places. [7 marks]

6. Given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 & 5 \\ -1 & -6 & 8 \\ 3 & 13 & -14 \end{pmatrix}$

a) Find  $AB$  as a single matrix.

b) By using the result in (a), solve the following system linear equations.

$$4x + y + 2z = 13$$

$$-2x + 3y + z = -9$$

$$-x + 3y + z = -7$$

[12 marks]

**Final Answers**

1. a)  $2\sqrt{15} + 2\sqrt{10}$   
b)  $x = 4$  or  $-2$
2.  $\{x : -5 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$
3.  $z = 3 + 3i$ ,  $z = 3 - i$
4.  $x = 8$
5. a)  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $a = \frac{1}{2}$   
b)  $1 + x - x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x^3 + \dots$ , the expansion is valid if  $-\frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{1}{3}$ , 1.0099 (4 dp)
6. a)  $5I$   
b)  $x = 2$ ,  $y = -3$ ,  $z = 4$

Answer Scheme

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \text{ a) } \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}} &= \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= \frac{2\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2})}{3-2} \\
 &= 2\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}) \\
 &= 2\sqrt{15} + 2\sqrt{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

b)  $\log_2(x^2 + 2) - \log_2(x + 5) = 1$

$$\log_2\left(\frac{x^2 + 2}{x + 5}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2 + 2}{x + 5} = 2^1$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = 4 \text{ or } -2$$

2.  $x + |3x + 4| \leq 6$

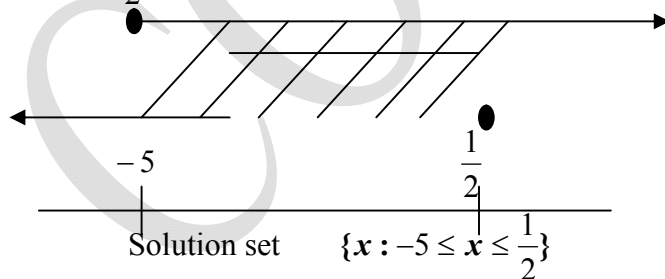
$$|3x + 4| \leq 6 - x$$

Using basic definition,

$$3x + 4 \leq 6 - x \quad \text{AND} \quad 3x + 4 \geq -(6 - x)$$

$$4x \leq 2 \qquad 2x \geq -10$$

$$x \leq \frac{1}{2} \qquad x \geq -5$$



3. Let  $z = x + iy$ ,  $\bar{z} = x - iy$

$$\bar{z}z + 2zi = 12 + 6i$$

$$(x + iy)(x - iy) + 2i(x + iy) = 12 + 6i$$

$$x^2 - y^2i^2 + 2xi + 2i^2y = 12 + 6i$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2y + 2xi = 12 + 6i$$

Comparing real parts

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2y = 12 \text{ -----(1)}$$

compare imaginary parts

$$2x = 6, \quad x = 3 \text{ -----(2)}$$

Substitute (2) into (1)

$$(3)^2 + y^2 - 2y = 12$$

$$y^2 - 2y - 3 = 0$$

$$(y - 3)(y + 1) = 0$$

$$y = 3 \text{ or } -1$$

$$z = 3 + 3i, \quad z = 3 - i$$

4.  $\sqrt{8x+17} - \sqrt{2x} = \sqrt{2x+9}$

Squaring both sides

$$8x + 17 - 2(\sqrt{8x+17})(\sqrt{2x}) + 2x = 2x + 9$$

$$8x + 8 = 2\sqrt{(8x+17)(2x)}$$

$$4x + 4 = \sqrt{16x^2 + 34x}$$

$$16x^2 + 32x + 16 = 16x^2 + 34x$$

$$2x = 16, \quad x = 8.$$

5. a)  $T_2 = ar = \frac{1}{4} \text{ -----(1)}$ ,  $T_5 = ar^4 = \frac{1}{32} \text{ -----(2)}$

$$(2) \div (1), \quad \frac{ar^4}{ar} = \frac{1}{32} \div \frac{1}{4}$$

$$r^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2}$$

By substituting  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  into (1),

$$\frac{1}{2}a = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } (1+3x)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= 1 + \frac{1}{3}(3x) + \frac{\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{3}-1\right)}{2!}(3x)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{3}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}-2\right)}{3!}(3x)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + x - x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The expansion is valid if  $|3x| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |x| &< \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} &< x < \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{1.03} &= (1+0.03)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (1+3(0.01))^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

So, we can use the above expansion by substituting  $x = 0.01$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{1.03} &= 1 + 0.01 - (0.01)^2 + \frac{5}{3}(0.01)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + 0.01 - 0.0001 + 0.00000167 \\ &= 1.00990167 \\ &= 1.0099 \text{ ( 4 decimal places)} \end{aligned}$$

$$6. \quad \text{a) } AB = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 & 5 \\ -1 & -6 & 8 \\ 3 & 13 & -14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 5I$$

$$\text{b) } AB = 5I$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} B$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 & 5 \\ -1 & -6 & 8 \\ 3 & 13 & -14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -9 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}AX &= B \\X &= A^{-1}B \\&= \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -5 & 5 \\ -1 & -6 & 8 \\ 3 & 13 & -14 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -9 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \\&= \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 0+45-35 \\ -13+54-56 \\ 39-117+98 \end{pmatrix} \\&= \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -15 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} \\&= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\x &= 2, y = -3, z = 4\end{aligned}$$

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