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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL NEEDS)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

SPH 103: MATHEMATICS FOR PHYSICS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

- The paper consists of **TWO** sections.
- Section A is **COMPULSORY** (30 marks).
- Answer any **TWO** questions from section B (each 20 marks).

Table 1

Common Derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) = \sec x \tan x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) = -\csc x \cot x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = -\csc^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \ln(a)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x > 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln|x|) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x \neq 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a(x)) = \frac{1}{x \ln a}, \quad x > 0$$

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Convert $(1001001100)_2$ to the decimal number equivalent. [3 marks]
- b) Solve for x , given that $e^{x+2} = 5e^{2x}$ [3 marks]
- c) Express in polar form (r, θ) , the complex number $z = \sqrt{3} + i$. [3 marks]
- d) Determine the exponential function $f(x) = a^x$ that passes through the points $(3, 8)$ [3 marks]
- e) Find the **inverse** of the function $f(x) = \ln(x - 5)$ [3marks]
- f) Determine the unit vector parallel to the sum of vectors $a = 2i + 4j - 5k$ and $b = i + 2j - 3k$. [3 marks]
- g) Find the range and the domain of the function $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$ (*sketch a graph representing the domain and range*) [3 marks]
- h) A bag contains 4 red and 3 blue balls. Two draws of 2 balls each are made. Calculate the chance that the first gives 2 red balls and the second draw gives 2 balls if the balls are not returned. [3 marks]
- i) Compute the third derivative y''' of the function $y = 5x^3 + 3x^2$. [3 marks]
- j) Integrate $\int \ln x dx$. [3 marks]

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Solve for x given that $\log_2 y + \log_2 (3y + 4) = 2\log_2 (3y - 4)$. [4 marks]
- b) Solve for x in the equation $6^{3x} = 2^{2x-3}$. [3 marks]
- c) Find the derivative of the function using chain rule. [4 marks]
$$\frac{d}{dx} [(x^2 + 10)^3 + 6]^{10}.$$
- d) Obtain the first derivative y' of the function. [4 marks]
$$y = x^2 e^{2x^2}.$$
- e) Find the slope and an equation of the normal line to the graph of $f(x) = 2x + 3x^2 + 2$ at a point $(1, 7)$. [5 marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Express **sin 3x** in terms of **sin x**. [6 marks]
- b) Differentiate the function $y = x^3 \sin^2 3x$ with respect to **x** [5 marks]
- c) Convert the decimal fraction **4.47** to binary number to **5** decimal places. [4 marks]
- d) Given that $z_1 = 2 - i$, $z_2 = 1 + 2i$ and $z_3 = 1 - 2i$. Calculate the magnitude of $\left| \frac{z_2 z_1}{z_3} \right|$. [5 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) The Celsius and Fahrenheit temperature scales are related by $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$. [3 marks]
Where C reading is in degrees and F reading is in Fahrenheit solve for F. and hence solve for F if C is 25 °C.
- b) Evaluate the integral $\int \cos 7x \sin 3x dx$ [5 marks]
- c) Evaluate the improper fraction integral $\int \frac{3x^2 - 7x}{3x + 2} dx$ [6 marks]
- d) Find the partial differentials $\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial R}{\partial y}$ for the function $R_{(x,y)} = \frac{x^2}{y^2 + 1} - \frac{y^2}{x^2 + y}$ [6 marks]

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Integrate the function using substitution method [6 marks]
- $$\int_{-1}^1 (\sqrt{1+x^3}) 3x^2 dx$$
- b) Evaluate using integration by parts $\int x \cos x dx$ [4 marks]
- c) Calculate the triple product $|(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C}|$, given that $\vec{A} = -2\hat{i} + 5\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$ and $\vec{C} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ [6 marks]
- d) Determine the probability of throwing a total of 7 points or less with two dices. [4 marks]

Table 2

Common Integrals		
$\int k \, dx = k \, x + c$	$\int \cos u \, du = \sin u + c$	$\int \tan u \, du = \ln \sec u + c$
$\int x^n \, dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$	$\int \sin u \, du = -\cos u + c$	$\int \sec u \, du = \ln \sec u + \tan u + c$
$\int x^{-1} \, dx = \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln x + c$	$\int \sec^2 u \, du = \tan u + c$	$\int \frac{1}{a^2+u^2} \, du = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{a} \right) + c$
$\int \frac{1}{ax+b} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \ln ax+b + c$	$\int \sec u \tan u \, du = \sec u + c$	$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-u^2}} \, du = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{a} \right) + c$
$\int \ln u \, du = u \ln(u) - u + c$	$\int \csc u \cot u \, du = -\csc u + c$	
$\int e^u \, du = e^u + c$	$\int \csc^2 u \, du = -\cot u + c$	

Table 3

Co-function Identities

$$\sin \theta = \cos (\pi/2 - \theta)$$

$$\sec \theta = \csc (\pi/2 - \theta)$$

$$\tan \theta = \cot (\pi/2 - \theta)$$

Negative Angle Identities

$$\sin (-\theta) = -\sin \theta \quad \csc (-\theta) = -\csc \theta$$

$$\cos (-\theta) = \cos \theta \quad \sec (-\theta) = \sec \theta$$

$$\tan (-\theta) = -\tan \theta \quad \cot (-\theta) = -\cot \theta$$

Addition and Subtraction Identities

$$\sin (A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos (A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan (A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\sin (A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos (A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan (A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B}$$

Double-Angle Identities

$$\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta \cos\theta$$

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= 2\cos^2 \theta - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$$

Product Identities

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\sin (A + B) + \sin (A - B))$$

$$\cos A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} (\sin (A + B) - \sin (A - B))$$

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos (A + B) + \cos (A - B))$$

$$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos (A - B) - \cos (A + B))$$

Supplement Angle Identities

$$\sin (\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta \quad \csc (\pi - \theta) = \csc \theta$$

$$\cos (\pi - \theta) = -\cos \theta \quad \sec (\pi - \theta) = -\sec \theta$$

$$\tan (\pi - \theta) = -\tan \theta \quad \cot (\pi - \theta) = -\cot \theta$$

$$\sin (\pi + \theta) = -\sin \theta \quad \csc (\pi + \theta) = -\csc \theta$$

$$\cos (\pi + \theta) = -\cos \theta \quad \sec (\pi + \theta) = -\sec \theta$$

$$\tan (\pi + \theta) = \tan \theta \quad \cot (\pi + \theta) = \cot \theta$$

Quotient Identities

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

Pythagorean Identities

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\cot^2 \theta + 1 = \csc^2 \theta$$

Half-Angle Identities

$$\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}}$$

<https://trigidentities.info>

Sum Identities

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2\sin \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2\cos \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2\cos \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2\sin \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)$$