

UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
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SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION 2019/2020
ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS
MODULE NO: MSP4017

Date: Tuesday 14th January 2020

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

There are FIVE questions.

Answer ALL FIVE questions.

The maximum marks possible for each part is shown in brackets

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1. Let f denote the quadratic function defined by:

$$f(x) = x^2 - 12x + 45.$$

- (a) Show that $x_1 = 6 + 3i$ and $x_2 = 6 - 3i$ are roots of $f(x) = 0$. (6 marks)
- (b) Plot the complex numbers x_1 , x_2 and $x_1 - x_2$ on an Argand diagram. (6 marks)
- (c) Simplify $\frac{1}{x_2}$ and write it in the form $a + bi$ for some real numbers a and b . (6 marks)
- (d) Convert $x_1 = 6 + 3i$ to polar form. (6 marks)

2. Let \underline{u} , \underline{v} be vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 defined by

$$\underline{u} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{v} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the standard Cartesian basis vectors, for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (a) Find the value of λ for which the vectors \underline{u} and \underline{v} are *orthogonal*. (6 marks)
- (b) With $\lambda = 1$, find a unit vector in \mathbb{R}^3 that is perpendicular to both \underline{u} and \underline{v} . (8 marks)
- (c) With $\lambda = 2$, find the angle between the vectors \underline{u} and \underline{v} to 3 decimal places. (8 marks)
3. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 10$. Find the derivative of f with respect to x from *first principles*. (8 marks)

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4. Testing of the tensile strength of a composite material yields the following results:

Tensile strength (Pa)					
220	234	244	219	256	211
231	232	216	250	244	227

- (a) Find the mean, median and mode of the tensile strength data. (6 marks)
- (b) Find the standard deviation of the tensile strength data. (8 marks)
- (c) Draw a box-and-whiskers plot displaying the tensile strength data. (8 marks)
5. (a) The probability that a tyre on a car will burst whilst racing on a particular circuit is 0.06. Find the probability that amongst 22 drivers:
- (i) exactly one tyre will burst; (6 marks)
- (ii) three or more will burst. (6 marks)
- (b) The lifetime of a particular car tyre is known to follow a normal distribution with mean $\mu = 41000$ miles and standard deviation $\sigma = 1600$ miles. Find the probability that such a car tyre chosen at random will:
- (i) last between 39000 and 45000 miles; (6 marks)
- (ii) last more than 45400 miles. (6 marks)

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