



*Option 1: Vectors*

- 1 The point A has coordinates (2, 5, 4) and the line BC has equation

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 25 \\ 43 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 15 \\ 25 \end{pmatrix}.$$

You are given that  $AB = AC = 15$ .

- (i) Show that the coordinates of one of the points B and C are (4, 10, 18). Find the coordinates of the other point. These points are B and C respectively. [6]
- (ii) Find the equation of the plane ABC in cartesian form. [4]
- (iii) Show that the plane containing the line BC and perpendicular to the plane ABC has equation  $5y - 3z + 4 = 0$ . [4]

The point D has coordinates (1, 1, 3).

- (iv) Show that  $|\overrightarrow{BC} \times \overrightarrow{AD}| = \sqrt{7667}$  and hence find the shortest distance between the lines BC and AD. [7]
- (v) Find the volume of the tetrahedron ABCD. [3]

*Option 2: Multi-variable calculus*

2 A surface has equation  $z = 3x^2 - 12xy + 2y^3 + 60$ .

(i) Show that the point A (8, 4, -4) is a stationary point on the surface. Find the coordinates of the other stationary point, B, on this surface. [5]

(ii) A point P with coordinates (8 + h, 4 + k, p) lies on the surface.

(A) Show that  $p = -4 + 3(h - 2k)^2 + 2k^2(6 + k)$ . [3]

(B) Deduce that the stationary point A is a local minimum. [3]

(C) By considering sections of the surface near to B in each of the planes  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , investigate the nature of the stationary point B. [4]

(iii) The point Q with coordinates (1, 1, 53) lies on the surface.

Show that the equation of the tangent plane at Q is

$$6x + 6y + z = 65. \quad [4]$$

(iv) The tangent plane at the point R has equation  $6x + 6y + z = \lambda$  where  $\lambda \neq 65$ .

Find the coordinates of R. [5]

## Option 3: Differential geometry

- 3 Fig. 3 shows an ellipse with parametric equations  $x = a \cos \theta$ ,  $y = b \sin \theta$ , for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , where  $0 < b \leq a$ .

The curve meets the positive  $x$ -axis at A and the positive  $y$ -axis at B.

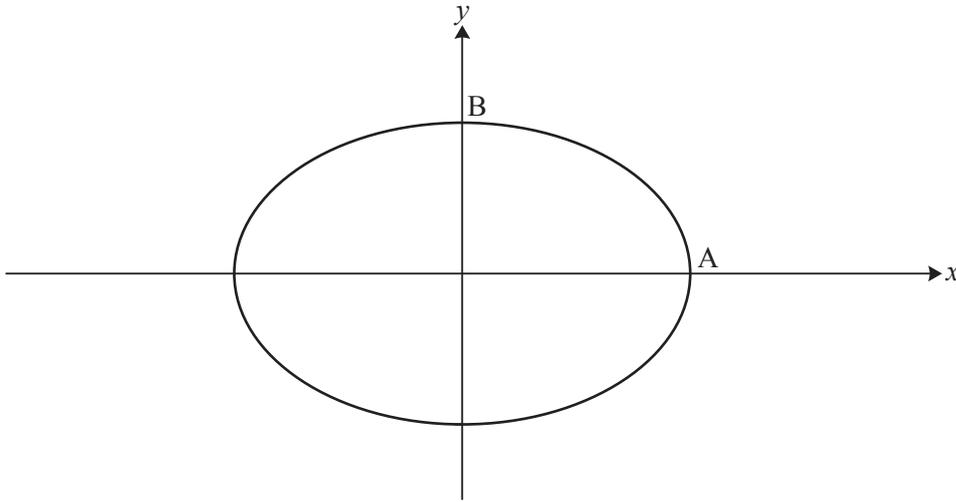


Fig. 3

- (i) Show that the radius of curvature at A is  $\frac{b^2}{a}$  and find the corresponding centre of curvature. [7]
- (ii) Write down the radius of curvature and the centre of curvature at B. [2]
- (iii) Find the relationship between  $a$  and  $b$  if the radius of curvature at B is equal to the radius of curvature at A. What does this mean geometrically? [1]
- (iv) Show that the arc length from A to B can be expressed as

$$b \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{1 + \lambda^2 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta,$$

where  $\lambda^2$  is to be determined in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Evaluate this integral in the case  $a = b$  and comment on your answer. [7]

- (v) Find the cartesian equation of the evolute of the ellipse. [7]

## Option 4: Groups

4 M is the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $m(a,b)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational numbers and

$$m(a,b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & \frac{1}{a} \end{pmatrix}, a \neq 0.$$

(i) Show that under matrix multiplication M is a group. You may assume associativity of matrix multiplication. [7]

(ii) Determine whether the group is commutative. [3]

The set  $N_k$  consists of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $m(k,b)$  where  $k$  is a fixed positive integer and  $b$  can take any integer value.

(iii) Prove that  $N_k$  is closed under matrix multiplication if and only if  $k = 1$ . [4]

Now consider the set P consisting of the matrices  $m(1,0)$ ,  $m(1,1)$ ,  $m(1,2)$  and  $m(1,3)$ . The elements of P are combined using matrix multiplication but with arithmetic carried out modulo 4.

(iv) Show that  $(m(1,1))^2 = m(1,2)$ . [2]

(v) Construct the group combination table for P. [4]

The group R consists of the set  $\{e, a, b, c\}$  combined under the operation  $*$ . The identity element is  $e$ , and elements  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are such that

$$a*a = b*b = c*c \quad \text{and} \quad a*c = c*a = b.$$

(vi) Determine whether R is isomorphic to P. [4]

*Option 5: Markov chains*

**This question requires the use of a calculator with the ability to handle matrices.**

5 An inspector has three factories, A, B, C, to check. He spends each day in one of the factories. He chooses the factory to visit on a particular day according to the following rules.

- If he is in A one day, then the next day he will never choose A but he is equally likely to choose B or C.
- If he is in B one day, then the next day he is equally likely to choose A, B or C.
- If he is in C one day, then the next day he will never choose A but he is equally likely to choose B or C.

(i) Write down the transition matrix, **P**. [2]

(ii) On Day 1 the inspector chooses A.

(A) Find the probability that he will choose A on Day 4. [3]

(B) Find the probability that the factory he chooses on Day 7 is the same factory that he chose on Day 2. [4]

(iii) Find the equilibrium probabilities and explain what they mean. [4]

The inspector is not satisfied with the number of times he visits A so he changes the rules as follows.

- If he is in A one day, then the next day he will choose A, B, C, with probabilities 0.8, 0.1, 0.1, respectively.
- If he is in B or C one day, then the probabilities for choosing the factory the next day remain as before.

(iv) Write down the new transition matrix, **Q**, and find the new equilibrium probabilities. [3]

(v) On a particular day, the inspector visits factory A. Find the expected number of consecutive further days on which he will visit factory A. [3]

Still not satisfied, the inspector changes the rules as follows.

- If he is in A one day, then the next day he will choose A, B, C, with probabilities 1, 0, 0, respectively.
- If he is in B or C one day, then the probabilities for choosing the factory the next day remain as before.

The new transition matrix is **R**.

(vi) On Day 15 he visits C. Find the first subsequent day for which the probability that he visits B is less than 0.1. [3]

(vii) Show that in this situation there is an absorbing state, explaining what this means. [2]

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