

## Qualifying Exam Pure Mathematics Part I.

**Problem 1.**

Prove that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

has two positive and two negative eigenvalues (counting multiplicities).

**Problem 2.**

Prove that there exists only one automorphism of the field of real numbers; namely the identity automorphism.

**Problem 3.**

Let  $G$  be the abelian group on generators  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , subject to the relations

$$\begin{aligned} 32x + 33y + 26z &= 0 \\ 29x + 31y + 27z &= 0 \\ 27x + 28y + 26z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

How many elements does  $G$  have? Is  $G$  cyclic?

**Problem 4.**

Let  $x_0 = 0$  and

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2 + x_n}$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Prove that  $x_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  exists and find its value.

**Problem 5.**

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix with all diagonal entries  $s$  and all off-diagonal entries  $t$ . For which complex values of  $s$  and  $t$  is this matrix not invertible? For each of these values, describe the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  (including its dimension).

**Problem 6.**

Evaluate

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin 3x dx}{x^2 + 2x + 3}.$$

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**Problem 7.**

Determine the Jordan canonical form of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Problem 8.**

How many zeros does the function  $f(z) = 3z^{100} - e^z$  have inside the unit circle (counting multiplicities)? Are the zeros distinct?

**Problem 9.**

Prove that  $\cos 72^\circ$  is algebraic and find its minimal polynomial.

**Problem 10.**

Let the function  $f$  be analytic in the entire complex plane, and suppose that  $f(z)/z \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that  $f$  is constant.

**Problem 11.**

Prove that any group of order 77 is cyclic.

**Problem 12.**

Suppose  $f$  is a differentiable real valued function such that  $f'(x) > f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(0) = 0$ . Prove that  $f(x) > 0$  for all positive  $x$ .