

# Practice Paper 3

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1 (a) This question uses De Moivre's theorem to derive an exact form for the value of  $\sin \frac{\pi}{5}$ .

For a complex number with modulus  $r=1$ , De Moivre's theorem is given by

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\theta$  is measured in radians.

Show that the theorem is true for  $n=1$ .

(1 mark)

(b) Consider the case when  $n=2$ .

- (i) Expand  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2$ .
- (ii) By equating real parts from both sides of De Moivre's theorem, show that  $\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos 2\theta$ .
- (iii) By equating imaginary parts, write down an identity for  $\sin 2\theta$  in terms of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$ .

(6 marks)

(c) Consider the case when  $n=3$  and let  $c = \cos \theta$  and  $s = \sin \theta$ .

- (i) Expand  $(c + is)^3$ .
- (ii) By considering real parts, write down an identity for  $\cos 3\theta$  in terms of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$ .
- (iii) Use the Pythagorean identity  $\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$  to rewrite the identity from part (c)(ii) in terms of  $\cos \theta$  only, giving your answer in the form

$$p \cos^3\theta - q \cos \theta = \cos 3\theta$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers to be found.

**(7 marks)**

- (d)** The identity for  $\sin 5\theta$  is found by equating the imaginary parts of De Moivre's theorem when  $n = 5$ , then writing the result in terms of  $\sin \theta$  only. The identity is given by

$$\sin 5\theta = 16 \sin^5\theta - 20 \sin^3\theta + 5 \sin \theta$$

You may use this identity without proof for the rest of the question.

- (i) By substituting  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{5}$  into both sides of the identity for  $\sin 5\theta$ , show that  $x = \sin \frac{\pi}{5}$  satisfies the polynomial equation  $16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x = 0$ .
- (ii) Showing clear algebraic working, solve the polynomial equation in part (d)(i), giving all your solutions as exact values.

- (iii) Using a sketch of  $y = \sin x$  for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , explain why  $0 < \sin \frac{\pi}{5} < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .
- (iv) Justifying your choice of solution from part (d)(ii), prove that the exact value of  $\sin \frac{\pi}{5}$  is given by

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{2}}$$

**(11 marks)**

2 (a) This question explores the sequence of functions

$f_n(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4 \dots + (-1)^n x^{2n}$  on the domain  $-1 < x < 1$  and uses them to find bounds on the value of  $\pi$ .

Consider the sequence of functions given by

$$f_n(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4 \dots + (-1)^n x^{2n}$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $-1 < x < 1$ .

The first three functions in the sequence are given below:

$$f_1(x) = 1 - x^2 \quad f_2(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4 \quad f_3(x) = 1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6$$

- (i) Write down the function  $f_4(x)$ .
- (ii) Use your graphic display calculator to explore the stationary points on the graphs of  $y = f_n(x)$  over the domain  $-1 < x < 1$ . Hence copy and complete the following table:

$n$	Number of local maximum points	Number of local minimum points
1		
2		
3		
4		

- (iii) Use your table to predict the numbers of each type of stationary point that will occur on the graphs of  $y = f_n(x)$  for all odd values of  $n$ .
- (iv) Use  $f'_2(x)$  to find the exact coordinates of the stationary points for  $n = 2$ , stating clearly which coordinates correspond to which types of stationary point.

(9 marks)

(b) As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the graph of the limit of the sequence of functions  $f_n(x)$  is a smooth curve  $y = h(x)$  over the domain  $-1 < x < 1$ .

(i) By considering  $f_n(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  as the infinite geometric series

$$1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots$$

where  $-1 < x < 1$ , use an appropriate series summation formula to show that

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}.$$

(ii) Use your graphic display calculator to sketch, on the same set of axes for  $-1 < x < 1$ , the graphs of  $y = f_3(x)$ ,  $y = f_4(x)$  and  $y = h(x)$ .

**(6 marks)**

- (c) Show that the area under the curve  $y = h(x)$  between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$  is equal to  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  square units.

**(3 marks)**

- (d)
- (i) By considering the sketch from part (b)(ii), state with a reason which out of  $y = f_3(x)$  or  $y = f_4(x)$  would provide an underestimate of the area in part (c) when integrated between 0 and 1, and which would provide an overestimate.
  - (ii) Calculate the values of  $\int_0^1 f_3(x) \, dx$  and  $\int_0^1 f_4(x) \, dx$ , showing your working and giving your answers as exact fractions.
  - (iii) Hence use the results above to give a lower and upper bound on  $\pi$ , giving your answer in the form  $a < \pi < b$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are correct to 2 decimal places.

**(8 marks)**

**(e)** Starting from the result that

$$1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 + x^2},$$

derive the MacLaurin series for  $\arctan x$  (as given in the Formula Booklet). You may assume that an infinite series can be integrated term-by-term, although the value of any constant of integration will need to be found.

**(4 marks)**