

**M1M1 (January Test)**  
**Mathematical Methods I**

- Write your name, College ID, Personal Tutor, and the question number prominently on the front of each answer book.
- Write answers to each question in a separate answer book.
- Credit will be given for all questions attempted, but extra credit will be given for complete or nearly complete answers.
- The question in Section A will be worth  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times as many marks as either question in Section B.
- Calculators may not be used.

## SECTION A

1. **Introduction:** *A certain lecturer's handwriting is so bad, that it is difficult to tell whether they have written  $\sin(\cos x)$  or  $\cos(\sin x)$ . Having nothing else to do for the next half hour, you wonder whether there are any values of  $x$  for which it doesn't matter:*

- (a) The four functions  $\cos(\cos x)$ ,  $\cos(\sin x)$ ,  $\sin(\cos x)$  and  $\sin(\sin x)$ , are plotted in the figure. The bottom left corner is at  $(0, 0)$ .

Determine which curve corresponds to which function, and identify the points where the curves cross each other.

- (b) Express  $\cos(\sin x)$  as a power series about  $x = 0$ , giving terms up to and including  $x^4$ .
- (c) If  $\cos x = \cos \alpha$  write down all possible real values of  $x$  in terms of  $\alpha$ .  
Noting that  $\sin t = \cos(\frac{1}{2}\pi - t)$ , show that if

$$\cos(\sin x) = \sin(\cos x), \quad \text{then}$$

$$\cos(x \pm \frac{1}{4}\pi) = \frac{(4n+1)\pi}{2\sqrt{2}},$$

where  $n$  is an integer. Hence find all real values of  $x$  such that  $\cos(\sin x) = \sin(\cos x)$ , and verify this agrees with the sketch in part (a).

- (d) Find all complex numbers  $z$  such that if  $\beta$  is real with  $\beta > 1$ ,

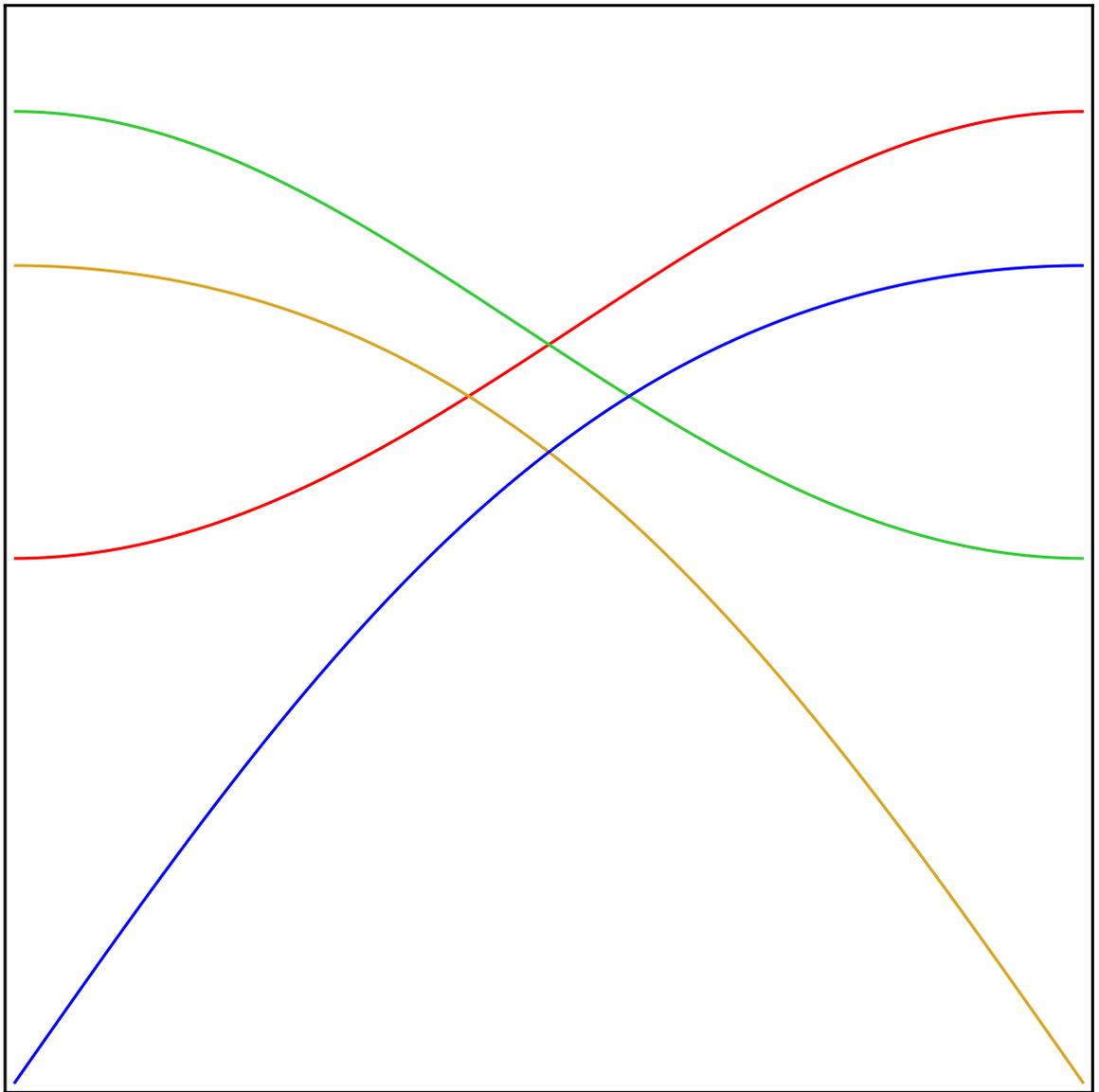
$$\cos z = \beta.$$

- (e) Deduce that if  $x$  takes the complex value

$$x = \frac{1}{4}\pi + i \log \left[ \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{8} - 1} \right]$$

then

$$\cos(\sin x) = \sin(\cos x).$$



## SECTION B

2. The *Bessel* function,  $J_0(x)$ , is infinitely differentiable, and satisfies  $J_0(0) = 1$ ,  $J_0'(0) = 0$  and for all values of  $x$

$$x^2 J_0'' + x J_0' + x^2 J_0 = 0.$$

By differentiating this equation  $n$  times, obtain an expression for  $J_0^{(n)}(0)$  in terms of lower derivatives. Hence obtain the expansion

$$J_0(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{1}{64}x^4 + \dots$$

and find an expression for the general term in this series.

Use the ratio test to determine the radius of convergence of the infinite series.

Show that

$$J_0(2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k!)^2}.$$

3.

- (a) Define what it means for a function  $f(x)$  to be differentiable at  $x = a$ .

Using this definition, prove that if  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable, then

$$(fg)' = fg' + f'g.$$

- (b) Use the chain rule and the fundamental theorem of calculus to evaluate

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{x^2} f(t) dt.$$

Find also

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{x^3}^{x^2} f(t) dt.$$

Verify your answer for the case when  $f(x) = \log x$  by evaluating the integral directly.

## Solutions

1.(a) At  $x = 0$ ,  $\sin(\sin x) = 0$ ,  $\cos(\sin x) = 1$ ,  $\sin(\cos x) = \sin 1$  and  $\cos(\cos x) = \cos 1$ . As  $1 > \pi/4$  we know  $\sin 1 > \cos 1$  and so this determines which curve is which. (There are other ways, of doing this of course.)

$\sin(\cos x) = 0$  when  $x = \frac{1}{2}\pi$ .  $\cos x = \sin x$  when  $x = \pi/4$ , and the other values follow.

[Identifying respectively curves and intersections

**[2 and 2 marks]**

(b)

$$\cos(\sin x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\sin^2 x) + \frac{1}{24}\sin^4 x = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \dots)^2 + \frac{1}{24}(x^4 + \dots) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{24}x^4 + O(x^6)$$

**[3 marks]**

(c) If  $\cos x = \cos \alpha$ , then  $x = 2n\pi \pm \alpha$

**[1 marks]**

If  $\cos(\sin x) = \sin(\cos x) = \cos(\frac{1}{2}\pi - \cos x)$  then we have  $\frac{1}{2}\pi - \cos x = 2n\pi \pm \sin x$ .

Thus  $\cos x \pm \sin x = \frac{1}{2}\pi - 2n\pi$  (or similar).

**[2 marks]**

Now  $\cos(x \pm \frac{1}{4}\pi) = \cos x \cos \frac{1}{4}\pi \mp \sin x \sin \frac{1}{4}\pi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\cos x \mp \sin x)$  Hence (as  $n$  is any integer we can replace  $n$  by  $-n$  without loss of generality)

$$\cos(x \pm \frac{1}{4}\pi) = \frac{(4n + 1)\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

**[2 marks]**

as required.

Now  $\pi > 3$  and so  $\pi^2 > 8$  and  $|\pi/2\sqrt{2}| > 1$ . Furthermore  $|4n + 1| \geq 1$ . We conclude there are no real values of  $x$  satisfying  $\cos(\sin x) = \sin(\cos x)$ . Which agrees with the two curves not intersecting in part (a).

**[2 marks]**

(d) If  $\cos z = \beta$ , then writing  $\zeta = e^{iz}$ ,

$$2\beta = e^{iz} + e^{-iz} \implies \zeta^2 - 2\beta\zeta + 1 = 0 \implies \zeta = \beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^2 - 1}$$

Thus

$$iz = \log \zeta = \pm \log \left( \beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 1} \right) + 2n\pi i$$

$$\text{so that } z = 2n\pi \pm i \log \left( \beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - 1} \right)$$

**[5 marks]**

(e) Combining the above, putting  $\beta = \pi/2\sqrt{2}$  we get as one of our solutions

$$x = \frac{1}{4}\pi + i \log \left( \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{8} - 1} \right)$$

**[1 marks]**

2. Using Leibniz' rule,

$$x^2 J_0^{(n+2)} + 2nx J_0^{(n+1)} + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)2J_0^{(n)} + xJ_0^{(n+1)} + nJ_0^{(n)} + x^2 J_0^{(n)} + 2nx J_0^{(n-1)} + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)2J_0^{(n-2)} = 0. \quad \text{[3 marks]}$$

So that when  $x = 0$ ,

$$n^2 J_0^{(n)}(0) = -n(n-1)J_0^{(n-2)}(0). \quad \text{[2 marks]}$$

Thus if  $n$  is odd,  $J_0^{(n)}(0) = 0$ ,

[2 marks]

while  $J_0''(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $J_0^{(4)} = -\frac{3}{4}J_0''(0) = \frac{3}{8}$  and in general

$$\frac{J_0^{(2k)}(0)}{(2k)!} = \frac{1}{(2k)^2} \frac{J_0^{(2k-2)}(0)}{(2k-2)!}.$$

Thus

$$J_0(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{1}{64}x^4 + \dots \quad \text{[3 marks]}$$

The general term of this series is

$$J_0(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^k}{(2^2)(4^2)(6^2)\dots(2k)^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^k}{2^{2k}(k!)^2}. \quad \text{[5 marks]}$$

(Only one form required.) The ratio test examines the ratio of adjacent terms

$$\left| \frac{x^n J_0^{(n)}(0)/n!}{x^{n+2} J_0^{(n+2)}(0)/(n+2)!} \right| = \left| \frac{(n+2)^2}{x^2} \right|.$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , this is infinite no matter how big  $x$  is. We conclude that the series converges for all  $x$ , i.e. the radius of convergence is infinite. [4 marks]

Substituting in the above formula gives  $J_0(2)$  as required. (This was included as a hint for the power series. [1 marks]

3. If  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , if and only if the following limit exists:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(a + \varepsilon) - f(a)}{\varepsilon} \right] \equiv f'(a). \quad \text{[2 marks]}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)' &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x + \varepsilon)g(x + \varepsilon) - f(x)g(x)}{\varepsilon} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x + \varepsilon)g(x + \varepsilon) - f(x + \varepsilon)g(x) + f(x + \varepsilon)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{\varepsilon} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x + \varepsilon)g(x + \varepsilon) - f(x + \varepsilon)g(x)}{\varepsilon} \right] + \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x + \varepsilon)g(x) - f(x)g(x)}{\varepsilon} \right] \\ &= f(x) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{g(x + \varepsilon) - g(x)}{\varepsilon} \right] + g(x) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x + \varepsilon) - f(x)}{\varepsilon} \right] = fg' + gf' \quad \text{[6 marks]} \end{aligned}$$

(b) If we write  $u = x^2$ , then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{x^2} f(t) dt = \frac{du}{dx} \frac{d}{du} \int_1^u f(t) dt = 2x f(u) = 2x f(x^2) \quad \text{[3 marks]}$$

Now

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{x^3}^{x^2} f(t) dt = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_1^{x^2} f(t) dt - \int_1^{x^3} f(t) dt \right] = 2x f(x^2) - 3x^2 f(x^3). \quad \text{[4 marks]}$$

If  $f(x) = \log x$ , then this simplifies to

$$2x \log(x^2) - 3x^2 \log(x^3) = (4x - 9x^2) \log x. \quad \text{[2 marks]}$$

Proceeding directly, we have, integrating by parts

$$\int_{x^3}^{x^2} \log t dt = \left[ t \log t - t \right]_{x^3}^{x^2} = x^2 \log(x^2) - x^2 - x^3 \log(x^3) + x^3 = (2x^2 - 3x^3) \log x + x^3 - x^2.$$

Differentiating this with respect to  $x$ , we have

$$(4x - 9x^2) \log x + (2x^2 - 3x^3)/x + 3x^2 - 2x = (4x - 9x^2) \log x. \quad \text{[3 marks]}$$

This agrees with the earlier result.