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1 Let  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the vector space consisting of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrices. For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , we define a map  $L : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$L(X) = \text{Tr}(AX) \quad (\text{the trace of } AX)$$

and a subset  $W$  of  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  by

$$W = \{X \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid L(X) = 0\}.$$

We also define a map  $T : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$  by

$$T(X) = {}^tX \quad (\text{the transpose of } X).$$

Then, answer the following questions.

(1) Prove that  $L$  is linear and that  $W$  is a linear subspace of  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

(2) Prove that the restriction  $T|_W$  of  $T$  to  $W$  is a linear map between  $W$ .

(3) For  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & c \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , find real numbers  $a, b, c$  so that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of  $W$ .

(4) For  $a, b, c$  determined in (3), find the representation matrix of  $T|_W$  with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B}$ .

2 For real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , set  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b \\ b & a & b \\ b & b & a \end{pmatrix}$ .

(1) Diagonalize  $A$  by an orthogonal matrix.

(2) Find a necessary and sufficient condition on  $a$  and  $b$  which assures that  ${}^t\mathbf{x}A\mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

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Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real constants. Define a domain  $D$  in the plane by

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid x > 0, y > x^a\}.$$

Answer the following questions.

(1) Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan x \right) = 1$ . Here  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \arctan x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

(2) Find a necessary and sufficient condition in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  for the improper integral

$$I = \iint_D \frac{x^2 e^{-bx}}{x^2 + y^2} dx dy$$

to be convergent.

(3) Find the value (possibly  $+\infty$ ) of the above  $I$  when  $a = b = 1$ .

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Let  $f(x)$  be a real-valued continuous function on the interval  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that  $f$  is monotonically non-increasing on  $[0, \infty)$  and satisfies

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T f(x) dx = +\infty.$$

Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be the sequence defined by

$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

(1) Prove that  $f(x) > 0$  for every  $x \geq 0$ .

(2) Prove the inequalities

$$\int_1^{n+1} f(x) dx \leq a_n \leq \int_0^n f(x) dx \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

(3) Compute the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\int_1^n f(x) dx}$ .

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Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and let  $F = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Define a map  $d: F^n \times F^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |\{i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, x_i \neq y_i\}|,$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in F^n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in F^n$ , and  $|S|$  denotes the cardinality of a finite set  $S$ .

(1) Show that the inequality  $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \geq d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$  holds for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in F^n$ .

(2) Let  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , and let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in F^n, \\ \mathbf{y} &= (\underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{n-k}, \underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_k) \in F^n. \end{aligned}$$

Find  $|\{\mathbf{z} \in F^n \mid d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = 1\}|$  and  $|\{\mathbf{z} \in F^n \mid d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = k, d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = 1\}|$ .

(3) Let  $k, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  be the same as in (2). Find the number of pairs  $(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}) \in F^n \times F^n$  satisfying

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = k, d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) = 1, d(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}) = 2.$$

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Choose a random point  $A$  from the unit disc  $\Omega = \{(u, v) \mid u^2 + v^2 \leq 1\}$  equipped with the uniform distribution. Express the coordinates of  $A$  by  $(R \cos \Theta, R \sin \Theta)$ , where  $0 \leq R \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \Theta < 2\pi$ .

(1) Find a function  $f_R$  specified by

$$P(R \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_R(t) dt$$

for all  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ . ( $f_R$  is called the probability density function of  $R$ .)

(2) Calculate the mean value  $\mathbf{E}[R]$  and the variance  $\mathbf{V}[R]$ .

(3) For  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y < 2\pi$ , find the conditional probability  $P(R \leq x \mid \Theta \leq y)$ .

- (4) Answer whether the random variables  $R$  and  $\Theta$  are independent or not, together with a reason.

7 Let  $\alpha$  be a positive real number, and let  $y = f(x)$  be the solution of the initial value problem

$$y' = -\frac{y}{(1-x)^\alpha} \quad (0 < x < 1), \quad y(0) = 1.$$

- (1) Find the solution  $f(x)$ .
- (2) Compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1-0} f'(x)$ .
- (3) Find a necessary and sufficient condition on  $\alpha$  which assures that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1-0} f^{(n)}(x) = 0$  for all nonnegative integers  $n$ . Here,  $f^{(n)}(x)$  stands for the derivative of  $f(x)$  of order  $n$ , and  $f^{(0)}(x) = f(x)$ .

8 Let  $n$  be a natural number and let  $a$  be a real number with  $0 < a < 1$ . Answer the following questions.

- (1) Find all the poles and their residues for the meromorphic function

$$f(z) = \frac{z^n}{1 - a(z + z^{-1}) + a^2}$$

on the complex plane.

- (2) Compute the integral

$$I = \int_C f(z) dz$$

for the function  $f(z)$  given in the previous question. Here,  $C$  denotes the unit circle  $|z| = 1$  oriented anticlockwise.

- (3) Find a value of the definite integral

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 5\theta}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta.$$

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Let  $\mathbb{C}^2$  be the complex 2-space equipped with the metric

$$d(z, w) = \sqrt{|z_1 - w_1|^2 + |z_2 - w_2|^2}, \quad z = (z_1, z_2), \quad w = (w_1, w_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2.$$

For  $z = (z_1, z_2), w = (w_1, w_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , define an equivalence relation  $z \sim w$  by

$$(z_1, z_2) = (w_1, w_2) \quad \text{or} \quad (z_1, z_2) = (w_2, w_1),$$

and consider its quotient space  $\mathbb{C}^2/\sim$ . Then, answer the following questions.

(1) For the map  $\varphi : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2, (z_1, z_2) \mapsto (z_1 + z_2, z_1 z_2)$ , prove existence and uniqueness of a map  $\tilde{\varphi} : \mathbb{C}^2/\sim \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  satisfying  $\tilde{\varphi} \circ P = \varphi$ . Here,  $P$  stands for the natural projection  $P : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2/\sim$

(2) Prove that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is a continuous map.

(3) Prove that  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^2/\sim$ .

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Let  $F_5$  denote the finite field consisting of five elements. Let  $X$  be an indeterminate, and for  $a, b \in F_5$ , set

$$f_{a,b}(X) = X^2 + aX + b.$$

(1) Prove that for each  $a \in F_5$ , there exist exactly two elements  $b \in F_5$  such that  $f_{a,b}(X)$  is irreducible over  $F_5$ .

(2) Find all irreducible polynomials  $f_{a,b}(X)$  over  $F_5$ .

(3) Express the product of all  $f_{a,b}(X)$  in (2) as a sum of monomials.