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Introduction

The IB 7-Scorer's Ultimate Guide — April 2025 Edition is thoughtfully designed for IB DP Mathematics students striving to excel in IB DP Mathematics AA SL/HL, with a special emphasis on Algebra and conceptual mastery. This guide offers a wealth of expertly crafted high-level Algebra problems, conceptual challenges, and much more.

Explore examiner-style solutions, detailed marking scheme breakdowns, and insightful commentary on common errors to refine your problem-solving skills. Each problem is designed to test your grasp of Algebra concepts.

This guide goes beyond the IB syllabus, offering enrichment problems that challenge your mathematical thinking and prepare you for Olympiads and university-level mathematics. The solutions are presented with step-by-step clarity, expert insights, and advanced techniques, ensuring a comprehensive and engaging learning experience.

For answers or detailed solutions, keep following me — they will be available soon! For personalized learning, book a one-on-one mentorship session with me to receive customized guidance on mastering IB DP Mathematics AA/AI SL/HL Algebra, or even Olympiad-level problems. Together, we will build the confidence and skills you need to excel.

Check Your Understanding!

1 Standard Form

Problem 1.1: Input and Interpret Numbers in Standard Form on a Calculator

Problem Statement

1. Write the following numbers in standard form:

1. $123,000$
2. 0.00045
3. $7,890,000$
4. 0.00000032

2. Use your calculator to input the following numbers in standard form and verify the results:

1. 4.56×10^3
2. 3.2×10^{-4}
3. 1.23×10^6

3. Explain how to input numbers in standard form on a scientific calculator and interpret the results.

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Problem 1.2: Adding and Subtracting Numbers in Standard Form

Problem Statement

1. Add or subtract the following numbers in standard form:

1. $(3.2 \times 10^5) + (4.5 \times 10^5)$
2. $(6.7 \times 10^{-3}) - (2.3 \times 10^{-3})$
3. $(1.2 \times 10^4) + (3.4 \times 10^3)$
4. $(5.6 \times 10^{-2}) - (1.1 \times 10^{-1})$

2. Factorize the following expressions to simplify addition or subtraction:

1. $(2.5 \times 10^6) + (3.5 \times 10^5)$
2. $(4.8 \times 10^{-4}) - (1.2 \times 10^{-5})$

3. Explain why it is necessary to express numbers with the same power of 10 before adding or subtracting them.

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Problem 1.3: Multiplying and Dividing Numbers in Standard Form

Problem Statement

1. Multiply the following numbers in standard form:

1. $(2.3 \times 10^4) \times (4.5 \times 10^3)$
2. $(6.7 \times 10^{-2}) \times (3.2 \times 10^{-3})$
3. $(1.2 \times 10^6) \times (5 \times 10^{-2})$

2. Divide the following numbers in standard form:

1. $\frac{4.5\times10^5}{1.5\times10^2}$
2. $\frac{6.4\times10^{-3}}{2\times10^{-5}}$
3. $\frac{1.8\times10^7}{3\times10^3}$

3. Use the laws of exponents to simplify the following expressions:

1. $(2.5 \times 10^3)^2$
2. $\frac{(4.8\times10^6)}{(1.2\times10^2)}$
3. $(3.2 \times 10^{-4}) \times (1.5 \times 10^2)$

4. Explain the laws of exponents used when multiplying or dividing numbers in standard form.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

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1. **Standard Form**: A number is in standard form if it is written as:

$$a \times 10^k, \quad \text{where } 1 \leq a < 10 \text{ and } k \text{ is an integer.}$$

2. **Adding and Subtracting in Standard Form**:
   - Express all numbers with the same power of 10.
   - Add or subtract the coefficients.

3. **Multiplying in Standard Form**:

$$(a \times 10^m) \times (b \times 10^n) = (a \times b) \times 10^{m+n}$$

4. **Dividing in Standard Form**:

$$\frac{a \times 10^m}{b \times 10^n} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \times 10^{m-n}$$

5. **Laws of Exponents**:
   - $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$
   - $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
   - $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 1.1: Input and Interpret Numbers in Standard Form on a Calculator

- Correct conversion to standard form [2 marks per part]
- Accurate input and interpretation on the calculator [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the process [2 marks]

Problem 1.2: Adding and Subtracting Numbers in Standard Form

- Correct alignment of powers of 10 [2 marks per part]
- Accurate addition or subtraction of coefficients [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the process [2 marks]

Problem 1.3: Multiplying and Dividing Numbers in Standard Form

- Correct application of the laws of exponents [2 marks per part]
- Accurate multiplication or division of coefficients [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the laws of exponents [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Correct use of standard form notation [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

2 Arithmetic Sequences and Series

Problem 2.1: Finding the nth Term of an Arithmetic Sequence

Problem Statement

1. Find the nth term of the following arithmetic sequences:

1. $2, 5, 8, 11, \ldots$
2. $10, 7, 4, 1, \ldots$
3. $-3, -1, 1, 3, \ldots$

2. For the sequence $u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d$, find the nth term if:

- $u_1 = 4,\ d = 3$
- $u_1 = -2,\ d = -5$

3. Explain how the formula $u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d$ is derived.

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Problem 2.2: Determining the Number of Terms in an Arithmetic Sequence

Problem Statement

1. Determine the number of terms in the following arithmetic sequences:

1. $2, 5, 8, \ldots, 50$
2. $100, 95, 90, \ldots, 10$
3. $-3, -1, 1, \ldots, 15$

2. For the sequence $u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d$, find n if:

- $u_1 = 3,\ d = 2,\ u_n = 25$
- $u_1 = 10,\ d = -3,\ u_n = -20$

3. Explain how to rearrange the formula $u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d$ to solve for n.

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Problem 2.3: Solving for the First Term and Common Difference

Problem Statement

1. Set up simultaneous equations to find the first term u_1 and the common difference d for the following sequences:

1. $u_5 = 20$, $u_{10} = 35$
2. $u_3 = 12$, $u_7 = 24$
3. $u_2 = -5$, $u_6 = 7$

2. Verify your results by substituting u_1 and d back into the formula for u_n.

3. Explain how simultaneous equations are used to find u_1 and d.

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Problem 2.4: Finding the Sum of n Terms of an Arithmetic Sequence

Problem Statement

1. Find the sum of the first n terms of the following sequences using the formula $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2u_1 + (n-1)d)$:

1. $2, 5, 8, \ldots$ for $n = 10$
2. $10, 7, 4, \ldots$ for $n = 15$
3. $-3, -1, 1, \ldots$ for $n = 20$

2. Find the sum of the first n terms of the following sequences using the formula $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(u_1 + u_n)$:

1. $2, 5, 8, \ldots, 50$
2. $100, 95, 90, \ldots, 10$
3. $-3, -1, 1, \ldots, 15$

3. Explain the difference between the two formulas for S_n and when each is more convenient to use.

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Problem 2.5: Sigma Notation and Applications

Problem Statement

1. Evaluate the following sums using sigma notation:

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{10}(2k+1)$
2. $\sum_{k=1}^{15}(3k-2)$
3. $\sum_{k=1}^{20}(5k+4)$

2. Recognize the following as arithmetic sequences and find their sums:

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{10}(3k+2)$
2. $\sum_{k=1}^{12}(4k-1)$

3. Explain how sigma notation relates to arithmetic sequences and how to evaluate sums using it.

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Problem 2.6: Applications of Arithmetic Sequences

Problem Statement

1. Recognize the following as arithmetic sequences and find the common difference:

1. A person saves \$100 in the first month, \$120 in the second month, \$140 in the third month, and so on.
2. A car depreciates in value by \$2,000 each year, starting at \$20,000.

2. A bank account earns simple interest at a rate of 5% per year on an initial deposit of \$1,000. Show that the total interest earned over n years forms an arithmetic sequence and find the total interest earned after 10 years.

3. Explain how to find the common difference as an average of the differences between terms in a real-life sequence that is not perfectly arithmetic.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

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1. **nth Term of an Arithmetic Sequence**:

$$u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d$$

2. **Sum of n Terms of an Arithmetic Sequence**:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2u_1 + (n-1)d) \quad \text{or} \quad S_n = \frac{n}{2}(u_1 + u_n)$$

3. **Sigma Notation**:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n$$

4. **Applications**:
   - Simple interest is an arithmetic sequence where the common difference is the interest earned each year.
   - The common difference can be found as the average of the differences between consecutive terms.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 2.1: Finding the nth Term of an Arithmetic Sequence

- Correct use of the formula $u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d$ [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of u_n [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the formula [2 marks]

Problem 2.2: Determining the Number of Terms in an Arithmetic Sequence

- Correct rearrangement of the formula to solve for n [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of n [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the process [2 marks]

Problem 2.3: Solving for the First Term and Common Difference

- Correct setup of simultaneous equations [2 marks per part]
- Accurate solution for u_1 and d [2 marks per part]
- Valid verification of results [2 marks]

Problem 2.4: Finding the Sum of n Terms of an Arithmetic Sequence

- Correct use of the appropriate formula for S_n [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of S_n [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the difference between the two formulas [2 marks]

Problem 2.5: Sigma Notation and Applications

- Correct recognition of arithmetic sequences [2 marks per part]
- Accurate evaluation of sums using sigma notation [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of sigma notation [2 marks]

Problem 2.6: Applications of Arithmetic Sequences

- Correct identification of the common difference [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of sums in real-life contexts [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the method for finding the common difference [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]

- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

3 Geometric Sequences and Series

Problem 3.1: Finding the nth Term of a Geometric Sequence

Problem Statement

1. Find the nth term of the following geometric sequences:

1. $2, 6, 18, 54, \ldots$
2. $5, -10, 20, -40, \ldots$
3. $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \ldots$

2. For the sequence $u_n = u_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$, find the nth term if:

- $u_1 = 3,\ r = 2$
- $u_1 = 5,\ r = -3$

3. Explain how the formula $u_n = u_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$ is derived.

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Problem 3.2: Determining the Number of Terms in a Geometric Sequence

Problem Statement

1. Determine the number of terms in the following geometric sequences:

1. $2, 6, 18, \ldots, 1458$
2. $100, 50, 25, \ldots, \frac{25}{16}$
3. $1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \ldots, \frac{1}{729}$

2. For the sequence $u_n = u_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$, find n if:

- $u_1 = 2,\ r = 3,\ u_n = 486$
- $u_1 = 5,\ r = \frac{1}{2},\ u_n = \frac{5}{32}$

3. Explain how to rearrange the formula $u_n = u_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$ to solve for n.

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Problem 3.3: Solving for the First Term and Common Ratio

Problem Statement

1. Set up simultaneous equations to find the first term u_1 and the common ratio r for the following sequences:

1. $u_3 = 18$, $u_5 = 162$
2. $u_2 = 12$, $u_4 = 48$
3. $u_1 = 4$, $u_3 = 16$

2. Verify your results by substituting u_1 and r back into the formula for u_n.

3. Explain how simultaneous equations are used to find u_1 and r.

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Problem 3.4: Finding the Sum of n Terms of a Geometric Sequence

Problem Statement

1. Find the sum of the first n terms of the following sequences using the formula:

$$S_n = \frac{u_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}, \quad r \neq 1$$

1. $2, 6, 18, \ldots$ for $n = 5$
2. $5, -10, 20, \ldots$ for $n = 6$
3. $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \ldots$ for $n = 8$

2. Find the sum of the first n terms of the following sequences using the formula:

$$S_n = \frac{u_1(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}, \quad r \neq 1$$

1. $2, 6, 18, \ldots$ for $n = 5$
2. $5, -10, 20, \ldots$ for $n = 6$
3. $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \ldots$ for $n = 8$

3. Explain the difference between the two formulas for S_n and when each is more convenient to use.

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Problem 3.5: Sigma Notation and Applications

Problem Statement

1. Evaluate the following sums using sigma notation:

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{5} 2 \cdot 3^{k-1}$
2. $\sum_{k=1}^{6} 5 \cdot (-2)^{k-1}$
3. $\sum_{k=1}^{8} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1}$

2. Recognize the following as geometric sequences and find their sums:

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{5} 3 \cdot 2^{k-1}$
2. $\sum_{k=1}^{4} 4 \cdot (-3)^{k-1}$

3. Explain how sigma notation relates to geometric sequences and how to evaluate sums using it.

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Problem 3.6: Applications of Geometric Sequences

Problem Statement

1. Recognize the following as geometric sequences and find the common ratio:

1. A population of bacteria doubles every hour, starting with 100 bacteria.
2. A car's value decreases by 20% each year, starting at $20,000.

2. A bank account earns compound interest at a rate of 5% per year on an initial deposit of $1,000. Show that the total amount in the account after n years forms a geometric sequence and find the total amount after 10 years.

3. Explain how to recognize geometric sequences in real-life scenarios and how to apply the formulas for u_n and S_n.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

Key Formulas and Definitions

1. **nth Term of a Geometric Sequence**:

$$u_n = u_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$$

2. **Sum of n Terms of a Geometric Sequence**:

$$S_n = \frac{u_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}, \quad r \neq 1$$

or

$$S_n = \frac{u_1(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}, \quad r \neq 1$$

3. **Sigma Notation**:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} u_k = u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_n$$

4. **Applications**:
   - Compound interest is a geometric sequence where the common ratio is $1 +$ interest rate.
   - The common ratio can be found as the ratio between consecutive terms.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 3.1: Finding the nth Term of a Geometric Sequence

- Correct use of the formula $u_n = u_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$ [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of u_n [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the formula [2 marks]

Problem 3.2: Determining the Number of Terms in a Geometric Sequence

- Correct rearrangement of the formula to solve for n [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of n [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the process [2 marks]

Problem 3.3: Solving for the First Term and Common Ratio

- Correct setup of simultaneous equations [2 marks per part]
- Accurate solution for u_1 and r [2 marks per part]
- Valid verification of results [2 marks]

Problem 3.4: Finding the Sum of n Terms of a Geometric Sequence

- Correct use of the appropriate formula for S_n [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of S_n [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the difference between the two formulas [2 marks]

Problem 3.5: Sigma Notation and Applications

- Correct recognition of geometric sequences [2 marks per part]
- Accurate evaluation of sums using sigma notation [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of sigma notation [2 marks]

Problem 3.6: Applications of Geometric Sequences

- Correct identification of the common ratio [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of sums in real-life contexts [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the method for recognizing geometric sequences [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

4 Financial Applications of Geometric Sequences

Problem 4.1: Compound Interest

Problem Statement

1. Calculate the future value (FV) of the following investments using the formula:

$$FV = PV \times \left(1 + \frac{r}{100k}\right)^{kn}$$

1. \$5,000 invested for 5 years at an annual interest rate of 6% compounded annually.
2. \$10,000 invested for 3 years at an annual interest rate of 4% compounded quarterly.
3. \$2,000 invested for 10 years at an annual interest rate of 8% compounded monthly.

2. Explain how the formula for compound interest relates to geometric sequences.

3. Use a financial calculator or software to verify the results for part 1.

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Problem 4.2: Calculating Interest Rates for Particular Outcomes

Problem Statement

1. Find the annual interest rate required for the following outcomes:

1. \$5,000 grows to \$6,500 in 4 years with annual compounding.
2. \$10,000 grows to \$15,000 in 6 years with quarterly compounding.
3. \$1,000 grows to \$2,000 in 8 years with monthly compounding.

2. Rearrange the compound interest formula to solve for r and explain the steps.

3. Use a financial calculator or software to verify the results for part 1.

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Problem 4.3: Calculating the Number of Periods for a Particular Outcome

Problem Statement

1. Find the number of years required for the following outcomes:

1. \$5,000 grows to \$10,000 at an annual interest rate of 5% compounded annually.
2. \$2,000 grows to \$4,000 at an annual interest rate of 6% compounded quarterly.
3. \$1,000 grows to \$3,000 at an annual interest rate of 8% compounded monthly.

2. Rearrange the compound interest formula to solve for n and explain the steps.

3. Use a financial calculator or software to verify the results for part 1.

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Problem 4.4: Depreciation of Goods

Problem Statement

1. Calculate the value of goods suffering from depreciation using the formula:

$$FV = PV \times \left(1 - \frac{r}{100}\right)^n$$

1. A car worth \$20,000 depreciates at an annual rate of 10% for 5 years.
2. A machine worth \$50,000 depreciates at an annual rate of 15% for 8 years.
3. A phone worth \$1,000 depreciates at an annual rate of 20% for 3 years.

2. Explain how the formula for depreciation relates to geometric sequences.

3. Use a financial calculator or software to verify the results for part 1.

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Problem 4.5: Real Value of Investments After Inflation

Problem Statement

1. Calculate the real value of investments after inflation using the formula:

$$\text{Real Value} = \frac{FV}{(1 + \frac{i}{100})^n}$$

where i is the annual inflation rate.

1. An investment grows to \$10,000 in 5 years, but the annual inflation rate is 3%.
2. An investment grows to \$20,000 in 10 years, but the annual inflation rate is 2%.
3. An investment grows to \$5,000 in 8 years, but the annual inflation rate is 4%.

2. Explain how inflation affects the real value of investments.

3. Use a financial calculator or software to verify the results for part 1.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

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1. **Compound Interest**:

$$FV = PV \times \left(1 + \frac{r}{100k}\right)^{kn}$$

where:

- FV = future value
- PV = present value
- r = annual interest rate (percentage)
- k = number of compounding periods per year
- n = number of years

2. **Depreciation**:

$$FV = PV \times \left(1 - \frac{r}{100}\right)^{n}$$

3. **Real Value After Inflation**:

$$\text{Real Value} = \frac{FV}{(1 + \frac{i}{100})^n}$$

where i is the annual inflation rate.

4. **Rearranging the Compound Interest Formula**:

- To solve for r:

$$r = 100k\left(\left(\frac{FV}{PV}\right)^{\frac{1}{kn}} - 1\right)$$

- To solve for n:

$$n = \frac{\log\left(\frac{FV}{PV}\right)}{k \cdot \log\left(1 + \frac{r}{100k}\right)}$$

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 4.1: Compound Interest

- Correct use of the compound interest formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of FV [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the relationship to geometric sequences [2 marks]

Problem 4.2: Calculating Interest Rates for Particular Outcomes

- Correct rearrangement of the formula to solve for r [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of r [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the process [2 marks]

Problem 4.3: Calculating the Number of Periods for a Particular Outcome

- Correct rearrangement of the formula to solve for n [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of n [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the process [2 marks]

Problem 4.4: Depreciation of Goods

- Correct use of the depreciation formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of FV [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the relationship to geometric sequences [2 marks]

Problem 4.5: Real Value of Investments After Inflation

- Correct use of the real value formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of the real value [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the effect of inflation [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

5 Exponents and Logarithms

Problem 5.1: Laws of Exponents with Integer Exponents

Problem Statement

1. Simplify the following expressions using the laws of exponents:

1. $2^3 \times 2^4$
2. $\frac{5^6}{5^2}$
3. $(3^2)^3$
4. 4^{-2}
5. $(2 \cdot 3)^4$
6. $\frac{(2^3)^2}{4^3}$

2. Simplify the following algebraic expressions:

1. $x^3 \cdot x^5$
2. $\frac{y^7}{y^3}$
3. $(a^2b^3)^4$
4. $\frac{(2x^3)^2}{4x^4}$

3. Explain the following laws of exponents and provide an example for each:

- $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$
- $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
- $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$
- $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$
- $(ab)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$
- $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$

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Problem 5.2: Simplifying Algebraic Expressions Using Exponent Rules

Problem Statement

1. Simplify the following expressions:

1. $\frac{x^5y^3}{x^2y}$
2. $(2a^3b^2)^2 \cdot \frac{b^3}{a^4}$
3. $\frac{(3x^2y)^3}{9x^4y^2}$
4. $(x^2y^{-1})^3 \cdot \frac{y^2}{x^4}$

2. Simplify and express the following in terms of positive exponents:

1. $x^{-3} \cdot y^2$
2. $\frac{1}{a^{-2}b^3}$
3. $\frac{(2x^{-1})^3}{y^{-2}}$

3. Explain why expressions with negative exponents can be rewritten as fractions.

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Problem 5.3: Introduction to Logarithms with Base 10 and e

Problem Statement

1. Rewrite the following exponential equations in logarithmic form:

1. $10^3 = 1000$
2. $2^5 = 32$
3. $e^2 = 7.389$
4. $5^x = 125$

2. Rewrite the following logarithmic equations in exponential form:

1. $\log_{10} 100 = 2$
2. $\log_2 16 = 4$
3. $\ln e = 1$
4. $\log_5 25 = 2$

3. Explain the relationship between logarithms and exponents, and provide an example to illustrate this relationship.

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Problem 5.4: Numerical Evaluation of Logarithms Using Technology

Problem Statement

1. Use your calculator to evaluate the following logarithms:

1. $\log_{10} 1000$
2. $\log_{10} 50$
3. $\ln 7$
4. $\ln 2.718$

2. Solve the following equations using logarithms and a calculator:

1. $10^x = 500$
2. $e^x = 20$
3. $2^x = 15$

3. Explain how to use a scientific calculator to evaluate logarithms to base 10 and e.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

Key Formulas and Definitions

1. **Laws of Exponents**:
   - $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$
   - $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
   - $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$
   - $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$
   - $(ab)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$
   - $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$
2. **Logarithms**:
   - $a^x = b \iff \log_a b = x$
   - $\ln x = \log_e x$, where $e \approx 2.718$
3. **Using a Calculator**:
   - $\log_{10} x$: Use the $\log$ button.
   - $\ln x$: Use the $\ln$ button.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 5.1: Laws of Exponents with Integer Exponents

- Correct application of exponent laws [2 marks per part]
- Accurate simplification of expressions [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of exponent laws [2 marks]

Problem 5.2: Simplifying Algebraic Expressions Using Exponent Rules

- Correct simplification of expressions [2 marks per part]
- Accurate use of positive exponents [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of negative exponents [2 marks]

Problem 5.3: Introduction to Logarithms with Base 10 and e

- Correct conversion between exponential and logarithmic forms [2 marks per part]
- Accurate explanation of the relationship between logarithms and exponents [2 marks]

Problem 5.4: Numerical Evaluation of Logarithms Using Technology

- Correct use of a calculator to evaluate logarithms [2 marks per part]
- Accurate solutions to equations using logarithms [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of calculator usage [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

6 Proofs

Problem 6.1: Writing Out LHS to RHS Proofs

Problem Statement

1. Prove the following identities by working from the Left-Hand Side (LHS) to the Right-Hand Side (RHS):

1. $\frac{1}{1+\sin x} + \frac{1}{1-\sin x} = \frac{2}{\cos^2 x}$
2. $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$
3. $\frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x} + \frac{\sin x}{1-\cos x} = \frac{2\sin x}{\sin^2 x}$
4. $(a+b)^2 - (a-b)^2 = 4ab$

2. Prove the following numerical statements:

1. $2^3 + 2^3 = 2^4$
2. $3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$
3. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$

3. Explain the importance of logical steps and clear layout in LHS to RHS proofs.

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Problem 6.2: Symbols and Notation for Equality and Identity

Problem Statement

1. Explain the difference between the symbols $=$ and $\equiv$:

- When is $=$ used?
- When is $\equiv$ used?

2. Identify whether the following statements are equations or identities:

1. $x^2 - 4 = 0$
2. $(x+2)^2 \equiv x^2 + 4x + 4$
3. $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \equiv 1$
4. $2x + 3 = 7$

3. Write a short explanation of why the symbol $\equiv$ is used to emphasize that a statement is true for all allowed values of a variable.

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Key Concepts and Definitions

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 6.1: Writing Out LHS to RHS Proofs

- Correct starting point and logical progression of steps [2 marks per part]
- Accurate use of algebraic or trigonometric identities [2 marks per part]
- Clear and well-organized layout of the proof [2 marks per part]

Problem 6.2: Symbols and Notation for Equality and Identity

- Correct explanation of the difference between $=$ and $\equiv$ [2 marks]
- Accurate identification of equations and identities [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the use of $\equiv$ for identities [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in proofs and explanations [1 mark]

7 Further Exponents and Logarithms

Problem 7.1: Laws of Exponents with Rational Exponents

Problem Statement

1. Simplify the following expressions using the law $\sqrt[n]{a} = a^{\frac{1}{n}}$:

1. $\sqrt{16} = 16^{\frac{1}{2}}$
2. $\sqrt[3]{27} = 27^{\frac{1}{3}}$
3. $\sqrt[4]{81} = 81^{\frac{1}{4}}$

2. Simplify the following expressions with rational exponents:

1. $(8^{\frac{1}{3}})^2$
2. $16^{\frac{3}{4}}$
3. $\sqrt{x^3} \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2}$
4. $\frac{(27^{\frac{2}{3}})}{9^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

3. Explain how rational exponents relate to roots and powers.

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Problem 7.2: Laws of Logarithms with Different Bases

Problem Statement

1. Use the laws of logarithms to expand or simplify:

1. $\log_2(xy)$
2. $\log_3(\frac{x}{y})$
3. $\log_5(x^4)$
4. $\log_2(8) + \log_2(4)$
5. $\log_3(27) - \log_3(9)$

2. Evaluate the following logarithms:

1. $\log_2(32)$
2. $\log_3(81)$
3. $\log_4(64)$

3. Explain the three main laws of logarithms and provide an example for each.

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Problem 7.3: Change of Base Formula

Problem Statement

1. Use the change of base formula $\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$ to evaluate:

1. $\log_2(10)$ using base 10 logarithms
2. $\log_3(20)$ using natural logarithms
3. $\log_5(12)$ using base 10 logarithms

2. Convert the following logarithms to base 10:

1. $\log_2(x)$
2. $\log_3(x)$
3. $\log_5(x)$

3. Explain why and when the change of base formula is useful.

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Problem 7.4: Solving Exponential Equations

Problem Statement

1. Solve the following exponential equations:

1. $2^x = 8$
2. $3^x = 27$
3. $5^x = 125$
4. $2^{x+1} = 16$

2. Solve more complex exponential equations:

1. $2^x + 2^{x+1} = 48$
2. $3^{2x} = 9^x$
3. $2^{x+2} + 2^x = 20$

3. Explain the general method for solving exponential equations using logarithms.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

Key Formulas and Definitions

1. **Rational Exponents**:
   - $\sqrt[n]{a} = a^{\frac{1}{n}}$
   - $(a^{\frac{m}{n}})^p = a^{\frac{mp}{n}}$
2. **Laws of Logarithms**:
   - $\log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$
   - $\log_a(\frac{x}{y}) = \log_a x - \log_a y$
   - $\log_a(x^m) = m \log_a x$
3. **Change of Base Formula**:

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

4. **Solving Exponential Equations**:
   - Take logarithms of both sides
   - Use laws of logarithms to simplify
   - Solve for the unknown

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 7.1: Laws of Exponents with Rational Exponents

- Correct use of rational exponent laws [2 marks per part]
- Accurate simplification of expressions [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of rational exponents [2 marks]

Problem 7.2: Laws of Logarithms with Different Bases

- Correct application of logarithm laws [2 marks per part]
- Accurate evaluation of logarithms [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of logarithm laws [2 marks]

Problem 7.3: Change of Base Formula

- Correct use of change of base formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate conversion between bases [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the formula's utility [2 marks]

Problem 7.4: Solving Exponential Equations

- Correct method for solving exponential equations [2 marks per part]
- Accurate solutions [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the general method [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

8 Infinite Geometric Sequences

Problem 8.1: Sum of Infinite Convergent Geometric Sequences

Problem Statement

1. Find the sum of the following infinite geometric sequences using the formula:

$$S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r}, \quad \text{where } |r| < 1$$

1. $2, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \ldots$
2. $5, 2.5, 1.25, 0.625, \ldots$
3. $10, -5, 2.5, -1.25, \ldots$

2. For the sequence $u_1 = 3$ and $r = 0.8$, find the sum of the infinite sequence.

3. Explain why the formula $S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r}$ is valid only when $|r| < 1$.

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Problem 8.2: Checking Convergence of Infinite Geometric Sequences

Problem Statement

1. Determine whether the following infinite geometric sequences are convergent:

1. $3, 1.5, 0.75, 0.375, \ldots$
2. $4, -2, 1, -0.5, \ldots$
3. $5, 10, 20, 40, \ldots$

2. For each sequence, calculate the common ratio r and check if $|r| < 1$.

3. Explain the condition $|r| < 1$ and why it ensures convergence of an infinite geometric sequence.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

Key Formulas and Definitions

1. **Sum of an Infinite Geometric Sequence**:

$$S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r}, \quad \text{where } |r| < 1$$

where:

- S_∞ = sum of the infinite sequence
- u_1 = first term of the sequence
- r = common ratio

2. **Condition for Convergence**:

- An infinite geometric sequence converges if and only if $|r| < 1$.
- If $|r| \geq 1$, the sequence diverges, and the sum is undefined.

3. **Why $|r| < 1$ Ensures Convergence**:

- As $n \to \infty$, $r^n \to 0$ if $|r| < 1$.
- This ensures that the sum of the sequence approaches a finite value.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 8.1: Sum of Infinite Convergent Geometric Sequences

- Correct identification of u_1 and r [2 marks per part]
- Accurate use of the formula $S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r}$ [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of why the formula is valid only for $|r| < 1$ [2 marks]

Problem 8.2: Checking Convergence of Infinite Geometric Sequences

- Correct calculation of the common ratio r [2 marks per part]
- Accurate determination of whether $|r| < 1$ [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the condition $|r| < 1$ and its significance [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

9 Binomial Expansions

Problem 9.1: The Binomial Theorem

Problem Statement

1. Expand the following using the binomial theorem:

1. $(x+2)^4$
2. $(2x-1)^3$
3. $(x+y)^5$
4. $(\frac{1}{2}x+3)^4$

2. In the expansion of $(x+2)^5$:

1. Find the coefficient of x^3
2. Find the term containing x^2
3. Find the constant term

3. Explain the general form of the binomial expansion and how to find individual terms.

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Problem 9.2: Approximate Calculations Using Binomial Expansions

Problem Statement

1. Use binomial expansion to approximate the following:

1. $(1.02)^4$ (up to 3 decimal places)
2. $(0.98)^3$ (up to 4 decimal places)
3. $(2.01)^3$ (up to 2 decimal places)

2. Use the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ to approximate:

1. $\sqrt{1.1}$ (using $n=\frac{1}{2}$)
2. $\sqrt[3]{1.05}$ (using $n=\frac{1}{3}$)

3. Explain why binomial expansions are useful for approximations and the limitations of this method.

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Problem 9.3: Working with Single Terms in Binomial Expansions

Problem Statement

1. Find the following terms in the given expansions:

1. The term containing x^3 in $(2x+1)^5$
2. The term containing x^2 in $(x-2)^4$
3. The middle term in $(x+3)^6$

2. In the expansion of $(ax+b)^n$:

1. Find the general form of the rth term
2. Explain how to find the coefficient of x^k

3. Explain the relationship between the position of a term and its exponents in a binomial expansion.

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Problem 9.4: Using Pascal's Triangle and Binomial Coefficients

Problem Statement

1. Evaluate the following binomial coefficients using the formula:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

1. $\binom{6}{2}$
2. $\binom{7}{3}$
3. $\binom{8}{4}$

2. Use Pascal's triangle to:

1. Write out the first 6 rows
2. Find all coefficients in $(x+y)^4$
3. Explain the pattern in each row

3. Compare and contrast the different methods for finding binomial coefficients.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

Key Formulas and Definitions

1. **Binomial Theorem**:

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{n} \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

or

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1} b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2} b^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r + \cdots + b^n$$

2. **Binomial Coefficient**:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

3. **Pascal's Triangle**:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} & & & & & 1 & & & & & \\ & & & & 1 & & 1 & & & & \\ & & & 1 & & 2 & & 1 & & & \\ & & 1 & & 3 & & 3 & & 1 & & \\ & 1 & & 4 & & 6 & & 4 & & 1 & \\ 1 & & 5 & & 10 & & 10 & & 5 & & 1 \end{array}$$

4. **General Term**:

- The rth term in $(ax+b)^n$ is $\binom{n}{r-1} a^{n-r+1} b^{r-1}$
- The coefficient of x^k in $(ax+b)^n$ is $\binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 9.1: The Binomial Theorem

- Correct use of binomial theorem [2 marks per part]
- Accurate expansion and simplification [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the general form [2 marks]

Problem 9.2: Approximate Calculations

- Correct setup of binomial expansion [2 marks per part]
- Accurate approximation to required decimal places [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of limitations [2 marks]

Problem 9.3: Single Terms

- Correct identification of required terms [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of coefficients [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of term positions [2 marks]

Problem 9.4: Pascal's Triangle and Coefficients

- Correct evaluation of binomial coefficients [2 marks per part]
- Accurate construction of Pascal's triangle [2 marks]
- Valid comparison of methods [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

10 Counting Principles and Binomial Theorem

Problem 10.1: Counting Principles – Factorials and Arrangements

Problem Statement

1. Calculate the number of arrangements of the following:

1. 5 objects in a line.
2. 7 objects in a line.
3. 10 objects in a line.

2. In how many ways can the letters of the word "MATH" be arranged?

3. Explain the meaning of $n!$ and how it is used to calculate arrangements.

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Problem 10.2: Combinations – Choosing Subsets

Problem Statement

1. Use the formula:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

to calculate the number of combinations in the following cases:

1. Choosing 3 objects from 5.
2. Choosing 4 objects from 7.
3. Choosing 2 objects from 10.

2. A committee of 4 people is to be chosen from a group of 10. How many different committees can be formed?

3. Explain the difference between combinations and permutations.

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Problem 10.3: Permutations – Arrangements of Subsets

Problem Statement

1. Use the formula:

$$P(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

to calculate the number of permutations in the following cases:

1. Arranging 3 objects from 5.
2. Arranging 4 objects from 7.
3. Arranging 2 objects from 10.

2. In how many ways can 3 people be seated in a row of 5 chairs?

3. Explain why order matters in permutations but not in combinations.

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Problem 10.4: Solving Problems Involving Counting Principles

Problem Statement

1. Solve the following problems:

1. A password consists of 3 letters followed by 2 digits. How many different passwords can be created if repetition is allowed?
2. A group of 6 people is to be divided into 2 teams of 3. How many ways can this be done?
3. In how many ways can 4 books be arranged on a shelf if 2 specific books must always be next to each other?

2. Explain how to decide whether to use permutations, combinations, or factorials in a given problem.

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Problem 10.5: Binomial Theorem for Fractional and Negative Indices

Problem Statement

1. Expand the following using the binomial theorem for fractional indices:

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \cdots$$

1. $(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ up to the x^3 term.
2. $(1-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ up to the x^3 term.

2. Expand the following using the binomial theorem for negative indices:

$$(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \cdots$$

1. $(1-x)^{-2}$ up to the x^3 term.
2. $(1+x)^{-1}$ up to the x^3 term.

3. Explain the domain of validity for binomial expansions with fractional and negative indices.

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Key Formulas and Definitions

Key Formulas and Definitions

1. **Factorials**:

$$n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots 1$$

2. **Combinations**:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

3. **Permutations**:

$$P(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

4. **Binomial Theorem**:

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{n} \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$

5. **Binomial Expansion for Fractional and Negative Indices**:

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \cdots$$

Valid for $|x| < 1$.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 10.1: Counting Principles – Factorials and Arrangements

- Correct calculation of factorials [2 marks per part]
- Accurate explanation of $n!$ [2 marks]

Problem 10.2: Combinations – Choosing Subsets

- Correct use of the combination formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of combinations [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of combinations [2 marks]

Problem 10.3: Permutations – Arrangements of Subsets

- Correct use of the permutation formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of permutations [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of permutations [2 marks]

Problem 10.4: Solving Problems Involving Counting Principles

- Correct identification of the appropriate method (factorials, combinations, or permutations) [2 marks per part]
- Accurate solutions to problems [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the reasoning [2 marks]

Problem 10.5: Binomial Theorem for Fractional and Negative Indices

- Correct use of the binomial expansion formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate expansion up to the required term [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the domain of validity [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

11 Partial Fractions

Problem 11.1: Writing an Expression in Terms of Partial Fractions

Problem Statement

1. Decompose the following rational expressions into partial fractions:

1. $\frac{5x+3}{(x+1)(x-2)}$
2. $\frac{2x+7}{(x-3)(x+4)}$
3. $\frac{3x^2+5x+2}{(x+1)(x-1)}$

2. Decompose the following rational expressions where the denominator contains repeated linear factors:

1. $\frac{6x+5}{(x+2)^2}$
2. $\frac{4x+7}{(x-1)^2}$

3. Decompose the following rational expressions where the denominator contains an irreducible quadratic factor:

1. $\frac{2x^2+3x+5}{(x+1)(x^2+4)}$
2. $\frac{3x^2+7x+6}{(x-2)(x^2+3)}$

4. Explain the general method for decomposing a rational expression into partial fractions.

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Key Concepts and Definitions

Key Concepts and Definitions

1. **Partial Fraction Decomposition**: A rational expression $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ can be written as a sum of simpler fractions if:
   - $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are polynomials.
   - The degree of $P(x)$ is less than the degree of $Q(x)$. If not, perform polynomial long division first.

2. **Types of Denominators**:
   - **Distinct Linear Factors**:

$$\frac{P(x)}{(x-a)(x-b)} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b}$$

   - **Repeated Linear Factors**:

$$\frac{P(x)}{(x-a)^n} = \frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{(x-a)^2} + \cdots + \frac{C}{(x-a)^n}$$

   - **Irreducible Quadratic Factors**:

$$\frac{P(x)}{(x^2+bx+c)} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+bx+c}$$

3. **Steps for Partial Fraction Decomposition**:
   (a) Factorize the denominator $Q(x)$ into linear and/or irreducible quadratic factors.
   (b) Write the rational expression as a sum of partial fractions based on the factors of $Q(x)$.
   (c) Multiply through by the denominator to eliminate fractions.
   (d) Solve for the unknown coefficients by equating coefficients of like terms or substituting convenient values of x.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 11.1: Writing an Expression in Terms of Partial Fractions

- Correct factorization of the denominator [2 marks per part]
- Accurate setup of the partial fraction decomposition [2 marks per part]
- Correct elimination of fractions and solving for coefficients [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the method [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

12 Definitions of Complex Numbers

Problem 12.1: Cartesian Form and Basic Arithmetic of Complex Numbers

Problem Statement

1. Write the following complex numbers in Cartesian form $z = a + bi$:

1. $z = 3 + 4i$
2. $z = -2 - 5i$
3. $z = 7$
4. $z = -3i$

2. Perform the following operations on complex numbers:

1. $(3 + 4i) + (2 - 5i)$
2. $(5 - 2i) - (3 + 6i)$
3. $(2 + 3i)(4 - i)$
4. $\frac{3+4i}{1-2i}$

3. Explain the terms "real part" and "imaginary part" of a complex number and provide examples.

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Problem 12.2: Real and Imaginary Parts of Complex Numbers

Problem Statement

1. Find the real and imaginary parts of the following complex numbers:

1. $z = 4 + 3i$
2. $z = -5 - 2i$
3. $z = \frac{3+4i}{1-i}$
4. $z = \frac{2-i}{3+2i}$

2. Simplify the following expressions and identify the real and imaginary parts:

1. $z = (2 + 3i) + (4 - i)$
2. $z = (5 - 2i)(3 + i)$
3. $z = \frac{(3+4i)(2-i)}{(1+i)(1-i)}$

3. Explain how to find the real and imaginary parts of a complex number when dividing by another complex number.

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Problem 12.3: Conjugate of a Complex Number

Problem Statement

1. Find the conjugate of the following complex numbers:

1. $z = 3 + 4i$
2. $z = -2 - 5i$
3. $z = 7$
4. $z = -3i$

2. Simplify the following expressions using the conjugate:

1. $z + z^*$
2. $z - z^*$
3. $z \cdot z^*$
4. $\frac{z}{z^*}$, where $z = 3 + 4i$

3. Explain the notation z^* and its significance in solving problems involving complex numbers.

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Problem 12.4: Modulus and Argument of Complex Numbers

Problem Statement

1. Find the modulus $|z|$ of the following complex numbers using the formula $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$:

1. $z = 3 + 4i$
2. $z = -2 - 5i$
3. $z = 7$
4. $z = -3i$

2. Find the argument $\arg z$ of the following complex numbers using the formula $\tan(\arg z) = \frac{b}{a}$:

1. $z = 3 + 4i$
2. $z = -2 - 5i$
3. $z = 1 + i$
4. $z = -1 - i$

3. Explain the geometric interpretation of the modulus and argument of a complex number in the complex plane.

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Key Concepts and Definitions

Key Concepts and Definitions

1. **Cartesian Form**: A complex number is written as $z = a + bi$, where:
   - a is the real part, $\Re(z)$.
   - b is the imaginary part, $\Im(z)$.
2. **Conjugate**: The conjugate of $z = a + bi$ is $z^* = a - bi$.
3. **Modulus**: The modulus of $z = a + bi$ is:

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

4. **Argument**: The argument of $z = a + bi$ is:

$$\arg z = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

   The argument is measured in radians and lies in the interval $(-\pi, \pi]$.
5. **Complex Plane**: A complex number $z = a+bi$ can be represented as a point (a, b) in the complex plane, where:
   - The x-axis represents the real part.
   - The y-axis represents the imaginary part.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 12.1: Cartesian Form and Basic Arithmetic

- Correct identification of real and imaginary parts [2 marks per part]
- Accurate arithmetic operations [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of real and imaginary parts [2 marks]

Problem 12.2: Real and Imaginary Parts

- Correct simplification of expressions [2 marks per part]
- Accurate identification of real and imaginary parts [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of division of complex numbers [2 marks]

Problem 12.3: Conjugate of a Complex Number

- Correct calculation of the conjugate [2 marks per part]
- Accurate simplification using the conjugate [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the significance of z^* [2 marks]

Problem 12.4: Modulus and Argument

- Correct calculation of modulus [2 marks per part]
- Accurate calculation of argument [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of geometric interpretation [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

13 Modulus–Argument Form of Complex Numbers

Problem 13.1: Converting Between Polar and Cartesian Forms

Problem Statement

1. Convert the following complex numbers from polar form $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$ to Cartesian form $z = a + bi$:

1. $z = 5(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4})$
2. $z = 3(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3})$
3. $z = 2(\cos\pi + i\sin\pi)$
4. $z = 4(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{2})$

2. Convert the following complex numbers from Cartesian form $z = a + bi$ to polar form $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$:

1. $z = 3 + 4i$
2. $z = -2 - 2i$
3. $z = 5$
4. $z = -3i$

3. Explain the relationship between the modulus r and argument θ in polar form and how they relate to the Cartesian coordinates (a, b).

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Problem 13.2: Euler Form of Complex Numbers

Problem Statement

1. Write the following complex numbers in Euler form $z = re^{i\theta}$:

1. $z = 5(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4})$
2. $z = 3(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3})$
3. $z = 2(\cos\pi + i\sin\pi)$
4. $z = 4(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{2})$

2. Convert the following complex numbers from Euler form $z = re^{i\theta}$ to Cartesian form $z = a + bi$:

1. $z = 5e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$
2. $z = 3e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}$
3. $z = 2e^{i\pi}$
4. $z = 4e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}}$

3. Explain the significance of Euler's formula $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ and how it simplifies working with complex numbers.

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Problem 13.3: Sums, Products, and Quotients of Complex Numbers

Problem Statement

1. Perform the following operations on complex numbers in polar form:

1. Multiply $z_1 = 3(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6})$ and $z_2 = 2(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4})$.
2. Divide $z_1 = 4(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3})$ by $z_2 = 2(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6})$.
3. Find the square of $z = 5(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4})$.

2. Perform the following operations on complex numbers in Euler form:

1. Multiply $z_1 = 3e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$ and $z_2 = 2e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$.
2. Divide $z_1 = 4e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}$ by $z_2 = 2e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$.
3. Find the cube of $z = 5e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$.

3. Explain the geometric interpretation of:

- Addition of complex numbers as vector addition.
- Multiplication of complex numbers as rotations and stretches.

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Key Concepts and Definitions

Key Concepts and Definitions

1. **Polar Form**: A complex number z can be written in polar form as:

$$z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) \quad \text{or} \quad z = r\text{cis}\theta$$

where:

- $r = |z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ is the modulus.
- $\theta = \arg z = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$ is the argument.

2. **Euler Form**: Using Euler's formula $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$, a complex number can be written as:

$$z = re^{i\theta}$$

3. **Operations in Polar/Euler Form**:

- **Multiplication**:

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = r_1 r_2 \text{cis}(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad \text{or} \quad z_1 \cdot z_2 = r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

- **Division**:

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2}\text{cis}(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2}e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

- **Powers**:

$$z^n = r^n \text{cis}(n\theta) \quad \text{or} \quad z^n = r^n e^{in\theta}$$

4. **Geometric Interpretation**:

- **Addition**: Adding two complex numbers corresponds to vector addition in the complex plane.
- **Multiplication**: Multiplying two complex numbers corresponds to multiplying their moduli and adding their arguments, which geometrically represents a rotation and a stretch.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 13.1: Converting Between Polar and Cartesian Forms

- Correct conversion from polar to Cartesian form [2 marks per part]
- Correct conversion from Cartesian to polar form [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the relationship between modulus, argument, and Cartesian coordinates [2 marks]

Problem 13.2: Euler Form of Complex Numbers

- Correct conversion to Euler form [2 marks per part]
- Correct conversion from Euler to Cartesian form [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of Euler's formula [2 marks]

Problem 13.3: Sums, Products, and Quotients of Complex Numbers

- Correct multiplication, division, or power calculation in polar/Euler form [2 marks per part]
- Accurate geometric interpretation of addition and multiplication [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

14 De Moivre's Theorem and Applications

Problem 14.1: Solving Polynomial Equations with Real Coefficients

Problem Statement

1. Solve the following quadratic equations with real coefficients, given one root:

1. $x^2 + 4x + 13 = 0$, given one root is $-2 + 3i$.
2. $x^2 - 6x + 25 = 0$, given one root is $3 + 4i$.

2. Solve the following cubic equations with real coefficients, given one root:

1. $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$, given one root is $2 + i$.
2. $x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 10 = 0$, given one root is $-1 + 2i$.

3. Explain why the complex conjugate root theorem ensures that if $a + bi$ is a root of a polynomial with real coefficients, then $a - bi$ is also a root.

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Problem 14.2: De Moivre's Theorem and Its Applications

Problem Statement

1. Use De Moivre's theorem to find the following powers of complex numbers:

1. $(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4})^3$
2. $(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3})^4$
3. $(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6})^5$

2. Use De Moivre's theorem to simplify the following expressions:

1. $(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^6$
2. $(\cos\theta - i\sin\theta)^6$
3. $(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n + (\cos\theta - i\sin\theta)^n$

3. Explain the statement of De Moivre's theorem and its extension to rational exponents.

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Problem 14.3: Proving Trigonometric Identities Using Complex Numbers

Problem Statement

1. Use De Moivre's theorem to prove the following trigonometric identities:

1. $\cos(3\theta) = 4\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta$
2. $\sin(3\theta) = 3\sin\theta - 4\sin^3\theta$
3. $\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$

2. Prove the following identities using Euler's formula $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$:

1. $\cos\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta}+e^{-i\theta}}{2}$
2. $\sin\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta}-e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$

3. Explain how complex numbers can be used to derive trigonometric identities.

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Problem 14.4: Powers and Roots of Complex Numbers

Problem Statement

1. Find the cube roots of the following complex numbers:

1. $z = 8(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3})$
2. $z = 27(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4})$

2. Find the fourth roots of the following complex numbers:

1. $z = 16e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$
2. $z = 81e^{i\pi}$

3. Explain the general formula for finding the nth roots of a complex number:

$$z_k = r^{\frac{1}{n}}\,\text{cis}\left(\frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right), \quad k = 0, 1, \ldots, n-1$$

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Key Concepts and Definitions

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1. **Complex Conjugate Root Theorem**: If $a + bi$ is a root of a polynomial with real coefficients, then $a - bi$ is also a root.

2. **De Moivre's Theorem**: For any integer n:

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

3. **Extension to Rational Exponents**: De Moivre's theorem can be extended to rational exponents to find roots of complex numbers:

$$z_k = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \text{cis}\left(\frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right), \quad k = 0, 1, \ldots, n-1$$

4. **Euler's Formula**:

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

5. **Geometric Interpretation**:

   - Multiplying two complex numbers corresponds to multiplying their moduli and adding their arguments.
   - Taking powers of a complex number corresponds to stretching and rotating it in the complex plane.
   - Finding roots of a complex number corresponds to dividing the argument by n and distributing the roots evenly around the unit circle.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 14.1: Solving Polynomial Equations

- Correct identification of the conjugate root [2 marks per part]
- Accurate solution of the polynomial equation [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the complex conjugate root theorem [2 marks]

Problem 14.2: De Moivre's Theorem

- Correct application of De Moivre's theorem [2 marks per part]
- Accurate simplification of expressions [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the theorem and its extension [2 marks]

Problem 14.3: Proving Trigonometric Identities

- Correct use of De Moivre's theorem or Euler's formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate derivation of the identity [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the method [2 marks]

Problem 14.4: Powers and Roots of Complex Numbers

- Correct calculation of roots using the general formula [2 marks per part]
- Accurate representation of roots in polar/Euler form [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the geometric interpretation [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

15 Further Proof

Problem 15.1: Proof by Mathematical Induction

Problem Statement

1. Prove the following sums of sequences using mathematical induction:

1. $\sum_{k=1}^{n} k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
2. $\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
3. $\sum_{k=1}^{n} 2^k = 2(2^n - 1)$

2. Prove the following divisibility statements using mathematical induction:

1. $5^n - 1$ is divisible by 4 for all $n \geq 1$.
2. $3^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 8 for all $n \geq 1$.
3. $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 6 for all $n \geq 1$.

3. Apply induction to prove the following results in other areas:

1. For complex numbers: $(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i\sin(n\theta)$.
2. For differentiation: $\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(x^m) = \frac{m!}{(m-n)!}x^{m-n}$ for $m \geq n$.

4. Explain the steps involved in a proof by mathematical induction and why it works.

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Problem 15.2: Proof by Contradiction

Problem Statement

1. Prove the following theorems using contradiction:

1. $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.
2. There are infinitely many prime numbers.
3. If n^2 is even, then n is even.

2. Prove the following inequalities using contradiction:

1. If $a > b$, then $a^2 > b^2$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.
2. If $x > 0$, then $\frac{1}{x} > 0$.

3. Explain the structure of a proof by contradiction and why it is a valid method of proof.

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Problem 15.3: Counterexamples

Problem Statement

1. Find counterexamples to disprove the following statements:

1. All prime numbers are odd.
2. If $a^2 = b^2$, then $a = b$.
3. The product of two irrational numbers is always irrational.
4. The sum of two even numbers is odd.

2. Describe how a counterexample can be used to show that a statement is not always true.
3. Explain the difference between proving a statement and disproving it using a counterexample.

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Key Concepts and Definitions

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1. **Proof by Mathematical Induction**:
    - Step 1: Base Case – Prove the statement is true for $n = 1$ (or the smallest value of n).
    - Step 2: Inductive Hypothesis – Assume the statement is true for $n = k$.
    - Step 3: Inductive Step – Prove the statement is true for $n = k+1$ using the assumption.
    - Step 4: Conclude that the statement is true for all $n \geq 1$.
2. **Proof by Contradiction**:
    - Assume the negation of the statement to be proven.
    - Show that this assumption leads to a logical contradiction.
    - Conclude that the original statement must be true.
3. **Counterexample**:
    - A counterexample is a specific case where a general statement is false.
    - Finding one counterexample is sufficient to disprove a statement.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 15.1: Proof by Mathematical Induction

- Correct base case verification [2 marks per part]
- Accurate inductive hypothesis and step [2 marks per part]
- Valid conclusion of the proof [2 marks per part]

Problem 15.2: Proof by Contradiction

- Correct assumption of the negation [2 marks per part]
- Logical derivation of the contradiction [2 marks per part]
- Valid conclusion of the proof [2 marks per part]

Problem 15.3: Counterexamples

- Correct identification of a counterexample [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of why the counterexample disproves the statement [2 marks per part]
- Clear distinction between proving and disproving [2 marks]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

16 Systems of Linear Equations

Problem 16.1: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

Problem Statement

1. Solve the following systems of linear equations using algebraic methods (substitution or elimination):

1.
$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 6 \\ 2x - y + z &= 3 \\ x + 2y - z &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

2.
$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y + z &= 7 \\ 2x + y - 3z &= -4 \\ x - y + 2z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

2. Solve the following systems of linear equations using technology (e.g., a graphing calculator or matrix methods):

1.
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y - z &= 1 \\ x - 3y + 2z &= -2 \\ 3x + 2y + z &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

2.
$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z &= 9 \\ 2x - y + z &= 8 \\ 3x + y - 2z &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

3. Explain the steps involved in solving a system of linear equations using substitution, elimination, and matrix methods.

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Problem 16.2: Demonstrating No Solution

Problem Statement

1. Show that the following systems of linear equations have no solution:

1.
$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 5 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z &= 12 \\ x - y + z &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

2.
$$\begin{aligned} 3x - y + z &= 4 \\ 6x - 2y + 2z &= 10 \\ x + y - z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

2. Explain how to identify a system with no solution by analyzing the equations algebraically or geometrically.

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Problem 16.3: Demonstrating Infinite Solutions

Problem Statement

1. Show that the following systems of linear equations have infinitely many solutions and describe the general solution:

1.
$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 6 \\ 2x + 2y + 2z &= 12 \\ 3x + 3y + 3z &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

2.
$$\begin{aligned} x - y + z &= 2 \\ 2x - 2y + 2z &= 4 \\ 3x - 3y + 3z &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

2. Explain how to identify a system with infinitely many solutions and describe the general solution in terms of a parameter.

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Key Concepts and Definitions

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1. **Types of Solutions for Systems of Linear Equations**:
   - **Unique Solution**: The system has exactly one solution, where the lines or planes intersect at a single point.
   - **No Solution**: The system has no solution, where the lines or planes are parallel and do not intersect.
   - **Infinite Solutions**: The system has infinitely many solutions, where the lines or planes coincide or intersect along a line.
2. **Methods for Solving Systems of Linear Equations**:
   - **Substitution**: Solve one equation for one variable and substitute it into the other equations.
   - **Elimination**: Add or subtract equations to eliminate one variable and solve for the others.
   - **Matrix Methods**: Use row reduction or technology to solve the system in matrix form.
3. **Identifying No Solution**:
   - Algebraically: The equations are inconsistent (e.g., $0 = 1$).
   - Geometrically: The lines or planes are parallel and do not intersect.
4. **Identifying Infinite Solutions**:
   - Algebraically: The equations are dependent (e.g., multiples of each other).
   - Geometrically: The lines or planes coincide or intersect along a line.

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Marking Guidelines

Marking Scheme

Problem 16.1: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

- Correct setup of the equations [2 marks per part]
- Accurate solution using substitution, elimination, or matrix methods [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of the steps involved [2 marks]

Problem 16.2: Demonstrating No Solution

- Correct identification of inconsistency in the equations [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of why the system has no solution [2 marks per part]

Problem 16.3: Demonstrating Infinite Solutions

- Correct identification of dependency in the equations [2 marks per part]
- Accurate description of the general solution [2 marks per part]
- Valid explanation of why the system has infinitely many solutions [2 marks per part]

Additional Points

- Clear presentation of solutions [1 mark]
- Logical reasoning in calculations [1 mark]

Conclusion

Mathematics is not just about understanding theory; it is about applying concepts to solve problems effectively. This guide has provided you with a collection of expertly crafted practice problems focused on Algebra, designed to challenge your understanding and enhance your problem-solving skills. For detailed solutions and answers, keep following me — they will be available soon! If you're looking for personalized guidance, book a one-on-one mentorship session with me to deepen your understanding of IB Mathematics AA/AI HL, Algebra, or even Olympiad-level problems. Together, we can build the confidence and skills you need to excel in mathematics.

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- **Practice is the key to success**: The more problems you solve, the more confident and efficient you become. Focus on understanding the logic behind each solution rather than memorizing formulas.
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