

**Christmas Test**  
**2013**  
**5th Year**  
**Higher Level Maths**



Q1. Solve  $(1 - \frac{1}{x})^2 = 2$   
Give answers in form  $a + \sqrt{b}$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

$$\pm x^2 \pm 2x \mp 1 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=2 \quad c=-1$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2} = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{x} = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{x} = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = +1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{1 \pm \sqrt{2}}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2}} = -1 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = -1 - \sqrt{2}$$

Q1(b) Solve  $x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 2 = 0$

Step 1  
Guess

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3 + 3(-2)^2 + (-2) - 2$$

$$= -8 + 12 - 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2 \text{ soln}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2 = \text{factor}$$

Step 2  
divide

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + x - 1 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 2} \\ \underline{+x^3 + 2x^2} \phantom{-2} \\ x^2 + x \phantom{-2} \\ \underline{+x^2 + 2x} \phantom{-2} \\ \phantom{x^2} -x - 2 \\ \underline{+x + 2} \\ \phantom{x^2} \phantom{-x} 0 \end{array}$$

Step 3  
Solve quadratic

$$x^2 + x - 1 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=1 \quad c=-1$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{Q2 (a)} & 2x - y + 3z = 20 & \textcircled{1} \\
 & 7x + y + z = 23 & \textcircled{2} \\
 & 3x + y - z = 3 & \textcircled{3}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow 5x + 2z = 23 \Rightarrow -10x - 4z = -46 \\
 \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 9x + 4z = 43 \\
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 -x = -3 \\
 x = 3
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 5x + 2z = 23 \\
 \Rightarrow 5(3) + 2z = 23 \Rightarrow 2z = 8 \Rightarrow z = 4
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \quad 3(3) + y - 4 = 3 \\
 y + 5 = 3 \Rightarrow y = -2
 \end{array}$$

$$2(b) \quad \left( \frac{2-3k}{a} \right) x^2 + \left( \frac{4-k}{b} \right) x + \frac{2}{c} = 0 \quad \text{has no real roots.}$$

$$\text{if } \Delta = b^2 - 4ac < 0 \Rightarrow \text{no real roots}$$

$$\Delta = (4-k)^2 - 4(2-3k)(2) < 0$$

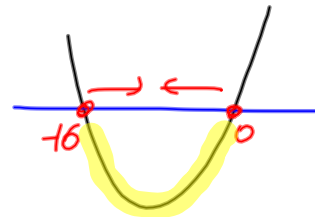
$$\cancel{16} - 8k + k^2 - \cancel{16} + 24k < 0$$

$$k^2 + 16k < 0$$

$$k(k+16) < 0$$

$$\text{if } k(k+16) = 0 \\
 k = 0, \quad k = -16$$

$$-16 < k < 0$$



$$Q3 (a) \quad z = -3 - i, \quad |z| = \sqrt{10}$$

$$(i) \quad \bar{z} = -3 + i$$

(ii) Quadratic equation with roots  $\bar{z}$  and  $z$ .

$$X^2 - (\text{sum roots})X + (\text{product roots}) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum} &= -3 - i - 3 + i = -6 \\ \text{product} &= (-3 - i)(-3 + i) = 9 - i^2 = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{equation: } X^2 + 6X + 10 = 0$$

3 (b)  $az^3 + 22z^2 + bz + 40 = 0$ . Find  $a$  &  $b$  and solve?

$$z \text{ is a root } \Rightarrow f(-3 - i) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(-3 - i)^3 + 22(-3 - i)^2 + b(-3 - i) + 40 = 0$$

\* note: this is 2 equations because  $\text{Re} = \text{Re}$  &  $\text{Im} = \text{Im}$

$$(-3 - i)^2 = 9 + 6i - 1 = 8 + 6i$$

$$(-3 - i)^3 = (8 + 6i)(-3 - i) = -24 - 8i - 18i - 6 = -30 - 26i$$

$$\Rightarrow a(-30 - 26i) + 22(8 + 6i) + b(-3 - i) + 40 = 0$$

$$-30a - 26ai + 176 + 132i - 3b - bi + 40 = 0 + 0i$$

$$\text{Re} = \text{Re} \Rightarrow -30a + 176 - 3b + 40 = 0 \Rightarrow -30a - 3b + 216 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 30a + 3b = 216 \Rightarrow 10a + b = 72 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Im} = \text{Im} \Rightarrow -26ai + 132i - bi = 0 \Rightarrow 26a + b = 132 \quad (2)$$

$$(2) - (1) \Rightarrow 20a = 60 \Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$\rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow 6(3) + b = 72 \Rightarrow b = 72 - 18 \Rightarrow b = 54$$

$$\Rightarrow 3z^3 + 22z^2 + 54z + 40 = 0$$

Conjugate root theorem  $\Rightarrow$  2 solns are  $z = -3 - i$  and  $z = -3 + i$   
the quadratic with these roots part a(ii) is  $z^2 + 6z + 10$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{divide} \quad \frac{3z+4}{z^2+6z+10} \overline{) 3z^3+22z^2+54z+40} \\ \underline{+ 3z^3+18z^2+30z} \phantom{+40} \\ 4z^2+24z+40 \\ \underline{+ 4z^2+24z+40} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ soln } 3z + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow z = -\frac{4}{3}$$