

## A. Basic Mathematics

1. Given that the Taylor series for the function

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots,$$

use this to show the following

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{(1+x^2)^2} &= x - 2x^3 + 3x^5 - \dots \\ \log(1-x) &= -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \dots\end{aligned}$$

2. Consider complex number division  $\frac{a+ib}{c+id}$  which we express as  $re^{i\alpha}$ . Using Euler's identity **only**, work out the precise form for the quotient's modulus  $r$  and argument  $\alpha$ . Your calculations should not involve division of complex numbers.

3. Using row operations evaluate the following determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} y-z & z-x & x-y \\ z-x & x-y & y-z \\ x-y & y-z & z-x \end{vmatrix}$

4. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Verify that the eigenvectors are mutually orthogonal and hence diagonalise the matrix. Show all working.