

# Ph.D. Qualifying Exam: Algebra I

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Note: Be sure to use English for your answers.

- (25 pts) Let  $G$  and  $H$  be finite groups. We write  $\text{Aut}(G)$  for the automorphism group of  $G$ .
  - (10 pts) Show that  $\text{Aut}(G \times H)$  contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $\text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(H)$ . Show also that if  $G$  and  $H$  have relatively prime orders, then  $\text{Aut}(G \times H) \simeq \text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(H)$ .
  - (15 pts) Prove or disprove the following statement: If  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is cyclic, then so is  $G$ .
- (25 pts) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be prime numbers and let  $G$  be a nontrivial  $p$ -group.
  - (10 pts) Show that the center of  $G$  is nontrivial. Show also that if  $G$  is non-abelian, then the size of each conjugacy class in  $G$  is at most  $p^{n-2}$ .
  - (5 pts) Show that  $G$  is solvable.
  - (10 pts) Show that every group of order  $p^2q$  is solvable.
- (25 pts) Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a finite group  $G$  and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$  for a prime number  $p$ . Let  $K$  denote the normalizer of  $P$  in  $G$ .
  - (7 pts) Prove that if  $P$  is normal in  $N$ , then  $P$  is normal in  $G$ .
  - (8 pts) Prove that  $G = NK$ .
  - (10 pts) Prove that  $K$  contains a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .
- (15 pts) Let  $n = p^3q^2r$ , where  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  denote distinct prime numbers. Let  $R$  be the polynomial ring in two variables with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ . Find all nilpotent elements in  $R$ .
- (10 pts) Let  $F$  be a field with 3 elements and let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer. Determine up to similarity all  $4 \times 4$  matrices  $A$  with entries in  $F$  such that  $A^{8n} = I$  and  $A^2 \neq 2I$ , where  $I$  denotes the identity matrix.

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- (20 pts) Let  $R[x]$  denote the polynomial ring in one variable over a domain  $R$ .
  - (10 pts) Prove that if  $R[x]$  is a unique factorization domain, then so is  $R$ .
  - (10 pts) Prove that  $R[x]$  is a principal ideal domain if and only if  $R$  is a field.
- (20 pts) Show that  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{7}) \cap \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{5}) = \mathbb{Q}$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}$  denotes the field of rational numbers.
- (20 pts) Let  $R$  denote the polynomial ring in one variable over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - (10 pts) For each positive integer  $n \leq 4$ , show that every polynomial in  $R$  of degree  $n$  is solvable by radicals.
  - (10 pts) For each positive integer  $n \geq 5$ , provide a concrete example of a polynomial in  $R$  of degree  $n$  that is not solvable by radicals.
- (20 pts) Let  $E = \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  denotes a root of the polynomial  $x^6 - 6x^3 + 6$ . Determine the group of all  $\mathbb{Q}$ -automorphisms of  $E$ .
- (10 pts) Let  $I$  be a nonzero proper ideal of a Noetherian domain  $R$ . Show that there exist prime ideals  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  of  $R$  satisfying  $\prod_{i=1}^n P_i \subset I \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n P_i$ .
- (10 pts) Let  $F$  be a field with 5 elements. Let  $f(x) = x^4 + ax + 1 \in F[x]$  for some  $a \in F$ . Find the splitting field of  $f(x)$  over  $F$ .

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Unless otherwise is stated a smooth manifold means a smooth manifold without boundary.

1. [10 pts] Give a counterexample to show that a finite product of smooth manifolds with boundary need not be a smooth manifold with boundary.
2. [20 pts] Let  $M$  be a connected smooth manifold. Prove that for any  $p, q \in M$ , there is a diffeomorphism  $F : M \rightarrow M$  such that  $F(p) = q$ . [*hint.* first consider the case  $p, q \in B(0, 1)$  the open unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .]
3. [30 pts= 15pts +15pts] Prove (without using deRham's theorem) the following:
  - (a) Every closed 1-form  $\alpha$  on the unit 2-sphere  $\mathbb{S}^2$  is exact.
  - (b) A smooth 2-form  $\eta$  on  $\mathbb{S}^2$  is exact if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \eta = 0.$$

4. [20 pts] Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  be a smooth line bundle (i.e., vector bundle of rank 1). Show that  $E$  is a trivial line bundle (i.e., there is a global trivialization  $\phi : E \rightarrow M \times \mathbb{R}$ ) if and only if it admits a smooth global section that is nowhere vanishing.
5. [20 pts = 15pts + 5pts] Suppose  $M, N$  are smooth manifolds and  $F : N \rightarrow M$  is a smooth map. Let  $S \subseteq M$  be an embedded submanifold.

**Definition.** We say that  $F$  is **transverse to  $S$**  if for every  $x \in F^{-1}(S)$ , the spaces  $T_{F(x)}S$  and  $dF_x(T_xN)$  together span  $T_{F(x)}M$ , where we consider  $T_pS$  as a subspace of  $T_pM$  for every  $p \in S$ .

- (a) Prove that if  $F$  is transverse to  $S$ , then  $F^{-1}(S)$  is an embedded submanifold of  $N$  whose codimension is equal to the codimension of  $S$  in  $M$ .
- (b) Let  $S' \subseteq M$  be an embedded submanifold together with the inclusion map  $\iota : S' \hookrightarrow M$ . Assume that  $\iota$  is transverse to  $S$  (in this case we also say that  $S'$  intersects transversely to  $S$ ). Conclude that  $S \cap S'$  is an embedded submanifold of  $M$  whose codimension is equal to the sum of codimensions of  $S$  and  $S'$ .

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# Ph.D. Qualifying Exam: Algebraic Topology I

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- [10 pts] Show that a topological space is contractible if and only if its identity map is homotopic to a constant map.
  - [10 pts] Show that  $S^\infty$  is contractible.
- [10 pts] Prove that if  $p_1: \tilde{X}_1 \rightarrow X_1$  and  $p_2: \tilde{X}_2 \rightarrow X_2$  are covering maps, then  $p_1 \times p_2: \tilde{X}_1 \times \tilde{X}_2 \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  is also a covering map.
  - [10 pts] Let  $G$  be a finitely generated abelian group. Construct a  $K(G, 1)$ -space.
- [10 pts] Describe all the connected 2-sheeted covering spaces of

$$S^1 \vee S^1 \vee \mathbb{R}P^2.$$

- [10 pts] Construct two nonnormal covering spaces of the Klein bottle which are not homeomorphic to each other.
- Let  $n$  be a positive integer.
    - [10 pts] Suppose  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$  is a continuous function with  $f(x) = f(-x)$  for each  $x \in S^n$ . Prove that  $f$  has even degree.
    - [10 pts] Prove or disprove that every continuous map  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$  can be homotoped to have a fixed point.
  - Compute the homology groups of the following spaces:
    - [10 pts] A space obtained by gluing the Möbius band to a torus  $S^1 \times S^1$  via a homeomorphism from the boundary circle of the Möbius band to the circle  $S^1 \times \{x_0\}$  of the torus.
    - [10 pts] Let  $n$  and  $m$  be positive integers. A space obtained by gluing two copies of  $S^n \times B^m$  along their boundaries via the identity map.

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# Ph.D. Qualifying Exam: Algebraic Topology II

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Every spaces are CW complexes and  $H_*(X)$  is  $H_*(X; \mathbb{Z})$ .

1. (a) [10 pts] Prove or disprove that if there are path connected topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  with  $\pi_*(X) \cong \pi_*(Y)$  but  $H_*(X)$  and  $H_*(Y)$  are not isomorphic.  
(b) [10 pts] Prove or disprove that if there are path connected topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  with  $\pi_*(X) \cong \pi_*(Y)$  and  $H_*(X) \cong H_*(Y)$  but  $H^*(X)$  and  $H^*(Y)$  are not isomorphic as rings.
2. Let  $X$  be a oriented closed 4-dimensional manifold with
$$\pi_1(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 * \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{and} \quad H_2(X; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$
(a) [10 pts] Compute  $H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$ .  
(b) [10 pts] Prove that any CW complex structure of  $X$  has at least four 3-cells.
3. (a) [10 pts] Prove or disprove that if two spaces have isomorphic cohomology groups with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients then they have isomorphic cohomology groups with  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients for each prime  $p$ .  
(b) [10 pts] Prove or disprove that if two spaces have isomorphic cohomology rings with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients then they have isomorphic cohomology rings with  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients for each prime  $p$ .
4. (a) [10 pts] Compute the cohomology ring for  $S^2 \times S^2$ .  
(b) [10 pts] Prove or disprove that every continuous map  $S^4 \rightarrow S^2 \times S^2$  induces the trivial homomorphism  $H_4(S^4) \rightarrow H_4(S^2 \times S^2)$ .
5. (a) [10 pts] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces with contractible universal covers. Prove or disprove that if a continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  induces an isomorphism on their fundamental groups then  $X$  and  $Y$  are homotopy equivalent.  
(b) [10 pts] Prove or disprove that every closed simply connected 3-manifold is homotopy equivalent to  $S^3$ .

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- [15 pts] Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a continuous mapping. Prove that, if  $A$  is a Borel subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a Borel subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- Prove the following:
  - [10 pts] There exists a positive continuous function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  so that  $f$  is integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$ , but  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$ .
  - [10 pts] If  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and integrable, then  $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ .
- [15 pts] Suppose that  $a, b > 0$ . Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^a \sin(x^{-b}) & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f$  is of bounded variation in  $[0, 1]$  if and only if  $a > b$ .

- For a bounded linear operator  $T$  on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , we say that  $T$  is an isometry if  $\|Tf\| = \|f\|$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ .
  - [10 pts] Prove that  $T^*T = I$  if  $T$  is an isometry.
  - [10 pts] Prove that if an isometry  $T$  is surjective then it is unitary and  $TT^* = I$ .
- [15 pts] Suppose that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra in a set  $X$  and  $\mu$  a (positive) measure on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ . For  $f \in L^1(\mu)$ , define a signed measure  $\lambda$  on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  by  $\lambda(E) = \int_E f d\mu$  for  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ . Prove that

$$|\lambda|(E) = \int_E |f| d\mu.$$

- [15 pts] Let  $F$  be an increasing function on  $[0, 1]$  with  $F(0) = 0$  and  $F(1) = 1$ . Let  $\mu$  be a Borel measure defined by  $\mu((a, b)) = F(b^-) - F(a^+)$  and  $\mu(\{0\}) = \mu(\{1\}) = 0$ . Suppose that the function  $F$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition  $|F(x) - F(y)| \leq A|x - y|$  for some  $A > 0$ . Prove that  $\mu \ll m$ , where  $m$  is the Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1]$ .

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# Ph.D. Qualifying Exam: Complex Analysis

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- [15 pts] Let  $f(z)$  is holomorphic in a connected domain  $D$ . Assume that  $f(z)$  is constant on a curve  $C \subset D$ . Show that  $f(z)$  is constant in  $D$ .
- [15 pts] Evaluate the following improper integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{(1+x^2)^2} dx$$

- [15 pts] Prove that the following infinite product converges and evaluate it

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}\right)$$

- [20 pts] Denote the upper half plane by  $\mathbb{H} = \{\operatorname{Im} z > 0\}$ . Find most general form of linear fractional transforms that maps  $\mathbb{H}$  onto  $\mathbb{H}$ . Show that any conformal self-map of  $\mathbb{H}$  is of that form.
- [20 pts] Find poles and their principal parts of  $\frac{1}{\sin^2 z}$ . Verify the partial fraction formula

$$\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\pi z)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-k)^2}.$$

From this deduce that

$$\pi \cot(\pi z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{k \neq 0} \left( \frac{1}{z-k} + \frac{1}{k} \right).$$

- [15 pts] Construct an entire function that has simple zeros at the points  $n^2$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and no other zeros.

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# Ph.D. Qualifying Exam: Probability Theory

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- [15 pts] State and prove the central limit theorem.  
(You can use the fact “  $c_n \rightarrow c \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow (1 + \frac{c_n}{n})^n \rightarrow e^c$  ” without a proof.)
- [15 pts] Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  and  $X$  be (real-valued) random variables. Suppose that  $X_n$  converges to  $X$  in probability. Prove that for any continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(X_n)$  also converges to  $f(X)$  in probability.
- [15 pts] Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be independent random variables such that

$$X_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } \frac{1}{2n} \\ 0 & \text{with probability } 1 - \frac{1}{n} \\ -1 & \text{with probability } \frac{1}{2n} \end{cases}.$$

Let  $Y_1 := X_1$  and

$$Y_n = \begin{cases} X_n & \text{if } Y_{n-1} = 0 \\ nY_{n-1}|X_n| & \text{if } Y_{n-1} \neq 0 \end{cases}.$$

Show that  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a martingale with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ .

- [15 pts] Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be i.i.d. random variables with  $\mathbb{P}(X_n = -1) = \mathbb{P}(X_n = 1) = 1/2$ . Set  $S_0 := 0$  and  $S_n := X_1 + \dots + X_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ . For positive integers  $a, b$ , define

$$\tau := \inf\{n \geq 1 : S_n = -a \text{ or } S_n = b\}.$$

Compute  $\mathbb{E}\tau$ . (Hint: Consider a sequence  $S_n^2 - n$ .)

- [20 pts] Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be i.i.d. random variables with  $\mathbb{E}X_1 = 0$ . Let  $\alpha > 0$  be a constant. Show that the following two statements are equivalent.
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n}{n^{1/\alpha}} = 0$  almost surely.
  - $\mathbb{E}|X_1|^\alpha < \infty$ .
- [20 pts] Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  be an i.i.d. sequence of standard normal random variables. Show that almost surely,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}}{\sqrt{\log n}} = \sqrt{2}.$$

Hint: If  $X$  is a standard normal random variable, then for any  $t > 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{t} e^{-t^2/2} \leq \mathbb{P}(X > t) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{t} e^{-t^2/2}.$$

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# Ph.D. Qualifying Exam: Advanced Statistics

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1. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be independently distributed as Exponential distribution  $E(a, b)$  and  $E(c, b)$ , respectively. Here  $a \in R, b > 0$  and  $c \in R$  are unknown parameters.

Note that the pdf of Exponential distribution  $E(a, b)$  is given by  $b^{-1}e^{-(x-a)/b}$  when  $x > a$  and 0 otherwise. The parameters are  $a \in R$  and  $b > 0$ .

- (a) [15 pts] Show that  $X_{(1)}, Y_{(1)}, \sum_{i=1}^m (X_i - X_{(1)}) + \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - Y_{(1)})$  jointly are sufficient and complete.
  - (b) [15 pts] Find the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimators of  $b$  and  $(a - c)/b$ .
2. Let  $(X, U)$  be a pair of real random variables, where  $U$  has a uniform $[0, \theta]$  density, for some  $0 < \theta < \infty$ , and where  $X$  given  $U = u$  has the exponential density  $ue^{-ux}$ . Let the resulting marginal density of  $X$  be denoted  $f_\theta(x)$ . Also let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a sample of independent and identically distributed random variables from the density  $f_{\theta_0}(x)$ , where  $\theta_0$  is unknown.
    - (a) [10 pts] Derive the formula for  $f_\theta(x)$ .
    - (b) [10 pts] Derive the formula for the expectation of  $X^t$ , for  $0 < t < 1$ . (Hint: first compute  $E(X^t|U = u)$ .) What happens when  $t \geq 1$ ?
    - (c) [10 pts] Derive the formulas for the expectation and variance of  $\log(X)$ . You may use the fact that  $\dot{\Gamma}(1) = -\gamma$  and  $\ddot{\Gamma}(1) = \gamma^2 + \pi^2/6$ , where  $\dot{\Gamma}$  and  $\ddot{\Gamma}$  are the first and second derivatives, respectively, of the gamma function  $\Gamma(t) = \int_0^\infty y^{t-1}e^{-y}dy$ , and where  $\gamma \approx 0.5772$  is Euler's constant.
    - (d) [10 pts] Find an estimator  $\hat{\theta}_n$ , based on  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , such that  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0)$  is asymptotically mean zero normal with variance  $\sigma_0^2 < \infty$ , and give the formula for the variance.
    - (e) [10 pts] Derive a consistent estimator  $\hat{\sigma}_n^2$  of  $\sigma_0^2$ .
  3. [20 pts] Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. from the Pareto distribution  $Pa(\gamma, \theta)$ , where  $\theta > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$  are unknown. Show that a likelihood test for  $H_0 : \theta = 1$  versus  $H_1 : \theta \neq 1$  rejects  $H_0$  when  $Y < c_1$  or  $Y > c_2$ , where  $Y = \log(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i / X_{(1)}^n)$  and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are positive constants. Find values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  so that this likelihood ratio test has size  $\alpha$ .

Note that the pdf of the Pareto distribution  $Pa(\gamma, \theta)$  is given by  $\theta\gamma^\theta x^{-(\theta+1)}$  when  $x > \gamma$  and 0 otherwise. The parameters are  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\theta > 0$ .

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# Ph.D. Qualifying Exam: Numerical Analysis

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- [5 points each] Consider Newton's method for solving the equation  $\sin x = 0$  in the interval  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  starting with the initial approximation  $x_0$  such that  $\tan x_0 = 2x_0$  (Note that  $x_0 \approx \pm 1.1056$ ).
  - What is the result of this iteration?
  - What is the result of the iteration if the initial approximation  $\tilde{x}_0$  satisfies  $|\tilde{x}_0| < |x_0|$ ?
  - What is the result of the iteration if the initial approximation  $\tilde{x}_0$  satisfies  $|\tilde{x}_0| > |x_0|$ ?
- [5 points each] Let  $f \in L^2[0, 2\pi]$ , be a real-valued function that is squared integrable on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . We periodically extend it onto the whole real line. Its Fourier coefficients are then defined as

$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We define the truncated Fourier series:

$$S_N = \sum_{k=-N}^N \hat{f}(k) e^{ikx}.$$

We assume  $f \in C^{m-1}$ , i.e.  $f$  and its first  $m-1$  derivatives are continuous functions, and we assume  $f^{(m)}(x) \in L^2[0, 2\pi]$ .

- (a) Show that

$$\|f - S_N\|_2^2 = 2\pi \sum_{|k|>N} |\hat{f}(k)|^2.$$

- (b) Show that

$$\|f^{(m)}\|_2^2 = 2\pi \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |k|^{2m} |\hat{f}(k)|^2,$$

where the term on the left is the square of  $L^2$  norm of  $m$ -th derivative of function  $f(x)$ :

$$\|f^{(m)}\|_2^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} |f^{(m)}|^2 dx.$$

- (c) Based on the results above, prove that there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|f - S_N\|_2 \leq CN^{-m} \|f^{(m)}\|_2.$$

- (d) Show to following  $L^\infty$  bound:

$$\|f(x) - S_N(x)\|_\infty = \max_{x \in [0, 2\pi]} |f(x) - S_N(x)| \leq CN^{-(m-1/2)} \|f^{(m)}\|_2.$$

- (e) Explain and interpret the results on this questions. What does it says about the convergence of  $S_N$  and its convergence rate?

3. For functions defined on a closed interval  $[0, 1]$ , we want to compute the definite integral

$$I[f] = \int_0^1 f(x) \ln(1/x) dx$$

that is, with a logarithmic weight function  $\ln(1/x) = -\ln(x)$ . It is possible to find a basis of orthogonal polynomials  $P_n(x)$  for the corresponding weighted inner product, and use them to derive  $n$ -point Gaussian quadratures with nodes  $x_k^n$  and weights  $\omega_k^n$ . In this problem, you will explore these polynomials and techniques for creating the corresponding Gaussian quadrature.

- (a) [5 points] Let  $P_0(x) = 1$ . Use Gram-Schmidt process or another technique to find  $P_1(x)$ . Find the corresponding quadrature node  $x_1^1$  and weight  $\omega_1^1$  for the 1-point Gaussian quadrature rule.
- (b) [5 points] The family  $P_n$  satisfies a recursion formula of the form:

$$P_{n+1}(x) = (x - \delta_{n+1})P_n(x) - \gamma_{n+1}^2 P_{n-1}(x),$$

where  $P_{-1}(x) := 0$ . Consider the normalized family  $Q_n(x) = P_n(x)/h_n$ , with  $h_n = \left(\int_0^1 P_n(x)^2 \ln(1/x) dx\right)^{1/2}$ . Given that  $\gamma_{n+1} = h_n/h_{n-1}$ , find a recursive formula for  $Q_n(x)$  of the form:

$$\gamma_{n+2} Q_{n+1}(x) = (x - \delta_{n+1}) Q_n(x) - \gamma_{n+1} Q_{n-1}(x)$$

- (c) [10 points] Consider the recursive formula above for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . Show that  $x = \lambda$  is a node of the 4 point Gaussian quadrature if and only if it is an eigenvalue of a symmetric, tridiagonal matrix with diagonal  $[\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \delta_4]$  and super / sub diagonal  $[\gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4]$ . Indicate why deriving this eigenvalue problem using the normalized polynomials might be preferable to solving the eigenvalue problem with the polynomials from the original recursive formula.

4. (a) [5 points] State and apply the Gerschgorin theorem to the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\epsilon \ll 1$ .

- (b) [10 points] It is often possible to improve the Gerschgorin bounds on the eigenvalue estimate by first applying a similarity transformation to the matrix  $A$  involving a diagonal matrix  $D_n = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$ . Prove that a reduction in the error bound of one eigenvalue for the matrix above must occur at the expense of relaxing the bounds for the remaining eigenvalues.
- (c) [5 points] Let  $D_3 = \text{diag}(1, k\epsilon, k\epsilon)$ , show that the bounding radius for  $\lambda_1 \sim 1$  can be reduced from  $\rho_1 = 2\epsilon$  to  $2\epsilon^2$ .
- (d) [5 points] How would you use the Gerschgorin circle for  $\lambda_1 \sim 1$  to compute a numerical approximation for the eigenvalue in that ball?
5. (15 points) Consider the following iteration for solving  $Ax = b$ , which is called the weighted Jacobi method:

$$x^{(i+1)} = \omega(D^{-1}(E + F)x^{(i)} + D^{-1}b) + (1 - \omega)x^{(i)},$$

where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are those of  $A$ ,  $-E$  is the strictly lower triangular part of  $A$ , and  $-F$  is the strictly upper triangular part of  $A$ . Note that the method reduces to Jacobi method for the case  $\omega = 1$ . Suppose that  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite, and  $D = aI$  for a positive constant  $a$ . Find the condition for  $\omega$ , in the form  $p < \omega < q$ , which guarantees the convergence of the weighted Jacobi method.

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