
M1M1: Progress Test 1 (2003): SOLUTIONS

1.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \left(\frac{x+x^2}{x-x^2}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{x+x^2}{x-x^2}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{x+x^2}{x+x^2}\right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left(\frac{(x+x^2)^2}{x^2-x^4}\right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left(\frac{|x|(1+x)}{|x|(1-x^2)^{1/2}}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{x}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$f_e(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad f_o(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}}.$$

It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} f_e(\sin \theta) &= \frac{1}{(1-\sin^2 \theta)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta; \\ f_o(\sin \theta) &= \frac{\sin \theta}{(1-\sin^2 \theta)^{1/2}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta. \end{aligned}$$

A well-known identity is that

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta,$$

so that

$$1 + (f_o(\sin \theta))^2 = (f_e(\sin \theta))^2.$$

2.(a) The partial fraction decomposition is

$$\frac{x^4}{x^2+1} = \frac{x^4-1+1}{x^2+1} = \frac{(x^2-1)(x^2+1)+1}{x^2+1} = x^2-1 + \frac{1}{x^2+1}.$$

(b) The factorization is

$$x^4 + x^2 + 1 = (x^2 + 1)^2 - x^2 = (x^2 + 1 + x)(x^2 + 1 - x),$$

so that the partial fraction decomposition has the form

$$\frac{1}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 1 + x} + \frac{Cx + D}{x^2 + 1 - x}.$$

Some algebra give

$$\frac{1}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x+1}{x^2+1+x} - \frac{x-1}{x^2+1-x} \right).$$

3. (a) Using the geometric series,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2+1}{x-1} &= -\frac{x^2+1}{1-x} = -(x^2+1)(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots), \quad \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ &= -1 - x - 2x^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

(b) On use of the exponential series

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\sin x} &= 1 + \sin x + \frac{\sin^2 x}{2!} + \frac{\sin^3 x}{3!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

(c) On use of the exponential series and geometric series,

$$\frac{1}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \frac{1}{2(1+X)} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - X + X^2 - X^3 + \dots),$$

where

$$X = \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

Substituting and expanding yields

$$\frac{1}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{5x^4}{48} + \dots$$

4. (a) Let

$$y = \frac{2x+5}{x-1}$$

so that, on rearrangement,

$$x = \frac{y+5}{y-2}.$$

Then

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+5}{x-2}.$$

(b) Let

$$y = (e^x - e^{-x})^{1/2}$$

so that, on squaring this equation,

$$y^2 = e^x - e^{-x}.$$

Multiplication of this equation by e^x produces the following quadratic in e^x :

$$e^{2x} - y^2 e^x - 1 = 0,$$

which has the solution

$$e^x = \frac{y^2 + (y^4 + 4)^{1/2}}{2},$$

where we have discarded the other root because we need $e^x > 0$. Therefore,

$$x = \log\left(\frac{y^2 + (y^4 + 4)^{1/2}}{2}\right),$$

so that

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log\left(\frac{x^2 + (x^4 + 4)^{1/2}}{2}\right).$$