

Questions 1 to 5 are on Number Theory.
Questions 6 to 9 are on Mathematical Logic.

Question 1 (Unit 7) - 15 marks

- (i) Determine the simple continued fraction of $115/76$ and hence obtain the general solution of the linear Diophantine equation

$$115x - 76y = 2. \quad [5]$$

- (ii) Determine the infinite continued fraction of

$$\frac{4 + \sqrt{14}}{2} \quad [5]$$

- (iii) Write down the convergents $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_7$ of the infinite continued fraction $\alpha = [1, 2, 1, 4, 1, 6, 1, 8, \dots]$ and, without using a calculator, determine the least value of n for which $|\alpha - C_n| < 0.001$, justifying your answer. [5]

Question 2 (Unit 7) - 10 marks

In this question we investigate the problem: 'Find squares (greater than 9) which remain squares when their final (units) digit is removed'. For example, 49 is such a number because it is a square and so too is 4, which is what remains when the final digit (9) is removed. Likewise $169 (= 13^2)$ becomes $16 (= 4^2)$ when its final digit is removed.

Suppose that on removing the final digit k of the square m^2 we are left with square n^2 .

- (i) Show that $m^2 = 10n^2 + k$, and deduce that

$$\frac{m}{n} - \sqrt{10} = \frac{k}{n^2 \left(\frac{m}{n} + \sqrt{10} \right)}. \quad [2]$$

- (ii) Consider the case when $k = 1$. Explain how, for this case, one of the theorems of Unit 7 allows us to deduce that $\frac{m}{n}$ is necessarily a convergent of $\sqrt{10}$. [2]

- (iii) Find two solutions of the posed problem in which k , the removed final digit, is 1. (You may assume that the continued fraction of $\sqrt{10}$ is $[3, (6)]$.) [4]

- (iv) Multiplying through the equation $m^2 = 10n^2 + 1$ by d^2 gives

$$(md)^2 = 10(nd)^2 + d^2.$$

By choosing appropriate values of d find, from each of your solutions in part (iii), two further solutions to the posed problem (thus giving four new solutions). [2]

Question 3 (Unit 8) - 10 marks

- (i) Find three positive solutions of the Diophantine equation

$$x^2 - 6y^2 = 1.$$

(You may assume that the continued fraction of $\sqrt{6}$ is $[2, (2, 4)]$.) [6]

- (ii) From the solutions in part (i) find three positive solutions of the Diophantine equation

$$x^2 - 2xy - 5y^2 = 1. \quad [4]$$