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**Answer three out of the five problems.**

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Fill in numbers of the three answered problems.
Problem 1

Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_n$ be real numbers with $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \cdots > \alpha_n > 0$, and define a square matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ of order $n$ by

$$a_{ij} = \min\{\alpha_i, \alpha_j\}.$$ 

For $n = 3$, for example, we have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix}
\alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \\
\alpha_2 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \\
\alpha_3 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_3
\end{bmatrix}.$$

(1) Obtain the determinant of $A$ for a general $n$.

(2) Show that $A$ is positive definite for a general $n$.

(3) Obtain the inverse of $A$ for $n = 4$.

(4) Obtain the inverse of $A$ for a general $n$. 

Problem 2

Consider an opinion formation model on a connected undirected graph $G$ with $N (\geq 2)$ vertices defined as follows. We assume that each vertex has either black or white opinion. Until all the vertices possess the same opinion, we iterate the following steps (a), (b), and (c) in this order. We set the “strength” of the black and white opinions to $r$ ($0 < r \neq 1$) and 1, respectively.

(a) Select a vertex $v$ in $G$ with the probability proportional to the strength of the opinion at each vertex.
(b) Select a vertex $v'$ which is adjacent to $v$ with the equal probability.
(c) Convert the opinion at $v'$ to that at $v$.

(1) Assume that $G$ is a complete graph (see Fig. 2.1 for the case of $N = 6$). Denote by $x_i$ ($0 \leq i \leq N$) the probability that all the vertices eventually have the black opinion when exactly $i$ vertices have the black opinion as an initial condition. Obtain the recurrence equation satisfied by $x_{i-1}, x_i$, and $x_{i+1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq N - 1$).

(2) Obtain $x_i$ ($0 \leq i \leq N$) defined in (1).

(3) Assume that $G$ is a star, in which one vertex called the hub is adjacent to all the other $N - 1$ vertices and the $N - 1$ non-hub vertices are adjacent only to the hub (see Fig. 2.2 for the case of $N = 6$). Let $N \geq 3$ and assume that we start with an initial condition such that two vertices have the black opinion and $N - 2$ vertices have the white opinion. Which two vertices must initially have the black opinion to maximize the probability that all the vertices eventually have the black opinion?

Fig. 2.1.

Fig. 2.2.
Problem 3

Let \( f(z) \) be a holomorphic function on a region in the complex plane and let \( u(z) \) and \( v(z) \) denote the real and imaginary parts of \( f(z) \), respectively: \( f(z) = u(z) + iv(z) \). Let \( x \) and \( y \) denote the real and imaginary parts of \( z \), respectively. Consider \( u(z) \) and \( v(z) \) as functions of \((x, y)\) and write

\[
u(z) = u(x + iy) = u(x, y), \quad v(z) = v(x + iy) = v(x, y).
\]

(1) Write down the Cauchy-Riemann equations that \( u(x, y) \) and \( v(x, y) \) satisfy.

(2) Does there exist a holomorphic function \( f(z) \) whose real part is identical to the following \( u(x, y) \)? If so, find the function \( f(z) \).

(a) \( u(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 \)
(b) \( u(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \)
(c) \( u(x, y) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \) (We assume that \((x, y) \neq (0, 0)\).)

(3) Suppose that a function \( f(z) \) is holomorphic in a region containing the real axis and the upper half-plane, and converges to 0 uniformly when \( 0 \leq \arg z \leq \pi \) and \( |z| \to \infty \). Then prove the following for \( y > 0 \):

\[
f(z) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int\int_{y}^{\infty} \frac{\xi - x}{(\xi - x)^2 + y^2} f(\xi) d\xi
d = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y}{(\xi - x)^2 + y^2} f(\xi) d\xi.
\]

(Hint) Consider the integral of \( f(\xi) \left( \frac{1}{\xi - z} \pm \frac{1}{\xi - \bar{z}} \right) \) along the contour \( C \) in Fig. 3.1.

(4) Under the conditions given in (3), represent \( f(z) \) by \( u(\xi, 0) \) (the values of \( u \) on the real axis).
Problem 4

In engineering and physics, it is often observed that nonlinear systems driven by external periodic forcing exhibit oscillatory phenomena. As such an example, let us consider the following second-order ordinary differential equation with respect to a real-valued function $x(t)$ of time $t$:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}(t) + (1 - \epsilon)x(t) + \epsilon x(t)^3 = \epsilon A \cos t, \quad \cdots \ (\ast 1)$$

where $A$ and $\epsilon$ are positive constants.

(1) Define $y(t)$ as $y(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}(t)$. By applying the transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} u(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \cdots \ (\ast 2)$$

to Equation ($\ast 1$), a first-order simultaneous differential equation with respect to functions $u(t)$ and $v(t)$ can be derived. The derived equation can be expressed in the following form:

$$\frac{du}{dt}(t) = \epsilon F(u(t), v(t), t),$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt}(t) = \epsilon G(u(t), v(t), t),$$

where $F(u, v, t)$ and $G(u, v, t)$ are functions having period $2\pi$ with respect to $t$. Obtain the functions $F(u, v, t)$ and $G(u, v, t)$.

(2) Obtain the following functions of $(u, v)$ defined in terms of $F(u, v, t)$ and $G(u, v, t)$ in (1) above:

$$\tilde{F}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} F(u, v, \tau) d\tau,$$

$$\tilde{G}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} G(u, v, \tau) d\tau.$$

You may use the following formulas: $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \tau d\tau = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \tau d\tau = \pi$, $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin \tau \cos \tau d\tau = 0$, $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^4 \tau d\tau = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^4 \tau d\tau = \frac{3\pi}{4}$, $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^3 \tau \cos \tau d\tau = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \tau \cos^3 \tau d\tau = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

(3) By applying the inverse transformation of Equation ($\ast 2$) to a constant solution $(\tilde{u}(t), \tilde{v}(t)) = (u_0, v_0)$ of the differential equation

$$\frac{d\tilde{u}}{dt}(t) = \epsilon \tilde{F}(\tilde{u}(t), \tilde{v}(t)),$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{v}}{dt}(t) = \epsilon \tilde{G}(\tilde{u}(t), \tilde{v}(t)),$$
a periodic solution $\tilde{x}(t)$ can be obtained. Let us call such a periodic solution an
approximate periodic solution† for Equation (\*1). When $A = \frac{1}{4}$, obtain all the
approximate periodic solutions $\tilde{x}(t)$ for Equation (\*1).

† While this solution does not satisfy Equation (\*1) exactly, it is used, for suffi-
ciently small $\epsilon$, as an approximate solution to investigate oscillatory phenomena
(the averaging method).
Problem 5

Let $G = (V, E)$ denote a connected undirected graph, and let $w_e \ (e \in E)$ be positive edge weights. We consider the problem of computing a spanning tree that minimizes the sum of the edge weights, where a tree is called spanning if it connects all the vertices in $V$. This is a fundamental problem in network design. For this problem, we consider the following greedy algorithm, where $m = |E|$.

**Greedy Algorithm**

**Step 1.** $T := \emptyset$;

**Step 2.** Arrange the edges $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_m$ so that $w_{e_1} \leq w_{e_2} \leq \cdots \leq w_{e_m}$.

**Step 3.** for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$ do

$\quad$ if $T \cup \{e_i\}$ contains no cycle then $T := T \cup \{e_i\}$;

end

**Step 4.** Output $T$ and halt.

(1) Apply the greedy algorithm to the example in Fig. 5.1.

(2) Let $T (\subseteq E)$ be a spanning tree and $e$ be an edge with $e \not\in T$. Then $T \cup \{e\}$ contains exactly one cycle, which is denoted by $C(T, e)$. Show that, for a spanning tree $T$, the following statements (a) and (b) are equivalent.

(a) $T$ is a spanning tree with the minimum $\sum_{e \in T} w_e$.

(b) For any edge $e \not\in T$ and any edge $e' \in C(T, e)$, we have $w_e \geq w_{e'}$.

(3) The greedy algorithm computes a spanning tree $T$ with the minimum $\sum_{e \in T} w_e$.

Prove this by using the result of (2).

(4) The spanning tree $T$ obtained by the greedy algorithm also minimizes the maximum edge weight $\max_{e \in T} w_e$. Prove this.

Fig. 5.1. An example of graph $G$ with edge weights.