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- 1. (20 points) Find the value of c so that the system of linear equations  $\begin{cases} x+y+z=1\\ x-y+z=6\\ x+5y+z=c \end{cases}$  has solutions in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and in that case, find all the solutions.
- 2.(16 points) Let G be a finite group with order  $|G| = p^4q$ , where p, q are distinct primes. Suppose that its center Z(G) satisfies |Z(G)| = q.
  - (a) Prove that any p-Sylow subgroup H of G is isomorphic to G/Z(G).
  - (b) Prove that the group G is isomorphic to the direct product  $H \times Z(G)$ .
- 3.(22 points) (a) Let A be an  $m \times n$  real matrix, B an  $n \times p$  real matrix. Prove that  $rank(AB) \ge rankA + rankB n$ .
  - (b) Use (a) to show that if  $A_1, ..., A_k$  are  $n \times n$  real matrices satisfying  $A_1 \cdot ... A_k = 0$ , then  $rankA_1 + ... + rankA_k \leq (k-1)n$ .
- 4.(20 points) Let H be a group and let A = Aut(H), the group of all automorphisms of H under composition. Define a product on the set  $G = \{(f, x) : f \in A, x \in H\}$  by  $(f, x) \cdot (g, y) = (f \circ g, g^{-1}(x) \cdot y)$ .
- (a) Prove that G is a group under this product. and that  $\{(id, x) : x \in H\}$  is a normal subgroup of G.
- (b) For  $H = \mathbb{Z}_4$ , find  $Aut(\mathbb{Z}_4)$ . Describe the group G above for  $H = \mathbb{Z}_4$  by finding a minimal set of generators and giving the relations among them.
- 5.(12 points) If a is a complex number satisfying p(a) = 0, where  $p(x) = x^3 + x + \sqrt{2}$ , prove that a is algebraic over  $\mathbb Q$  (field of rational numbers) of degree 6.

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- 6.(30 points) For each of the following statements, sketch a proof if it is true, explain why or give a counterexample if it is false.
- (a) If  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear transformation satisfying  $T^4 = -I$ , then n has to be even.
- (b) Let A, B be real symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices, then there exists a nonsingular matrix P such that  $P^{-1}AP$  and  $P^{-1}BP$  are diagonal matrices.
- (c) If A is a singular  $n \times n$  real matrix, then there exists a nonzero  $n \times n$  matrix B satisfying BA = 0.
- (d) 13 is irreducible in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}] = \{m + n\sqrt{3} : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  (regarded as a subring of the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers).
- (e) The quotient field of  $D = \{2^k b : k, b \text{ are integers}; b \text{ is 0 or odd}\}$  (regarded as a subring of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) is  $\mathbb{Q}$ .