

Sunday, May 29, 2022

**Problem 1.**

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  be such that  $AB^2A = AB$ . Prove that:

- a)  $(AB)^2 = AB$ .
- b)  $(AB - BA)^3 = O_n$ .

**Problem 2.**

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that

$$a + b + c = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1, \quad a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \neq 1.$$

We say that a function  $f$  is a *Palić function* if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f$  is continuous and satisfies

$$f(x) + f(y) + f(z) = f(ax + by + cz) + f(bx + cy + az) + f(cx + ay + bz)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Prove that any Palić function is infinitely many times differentiable and find all Palić functions.

**Problem 3.**

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $A \neq O_n$ , be such that

$$A^2 + (A^*)^2 = \alpha A \cdot A^*,$$

where  $A^* = (\overline{A})^T$ . Prove that  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq 2$ , and  $A \cdot A^* = A^* \cdot A$ .

**Problem 4.**

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the family of all nonempty finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Find all positive real numbers  $a$  for which the series

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{\sum_{k \in A} a^k}$$

is convergent.

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Time: 5 hours  
Each problem is worth 10 points