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Time: 3 hours

Instructions:

- Print your name and student ID number in the space provided above.
- All questions are to be answered directly on the examination paper in the space provided. Show your complete work and give explanations.
- A Sharp EL-531XG, Sharp EL-531XT or Sharp EL-531X calculator is permitted.

This examination consists of 20 questions. Please ensure that you have a complete examination.

This examination must be returned intact.

1. (12 marks)

Solve the following equations for  $x$

(a)  $8 + 2(x+5) = -5 - (x-2)$

$$8 + 2x + 10 = -5 - x + 2$$

$$2x + 18 = -x - 3$$

$$3x = -21$$

$$\boxed{x = -7}$$

(b)  $x^2 - 6x + 7 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4(1)(7)}}{2(1)} \\ &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 28}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2(3 \pm \sqrt{2})}{2} = 3 \pm \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Solutions:  $\boxed{x = 3 + \sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\boxed{x = 3 - \sqrt{2}}$

(c)  $x - \sqrt{2x-6} = 3$

$$x - 3 = \sqrt{2x-6}$$

$$(x-3)^2 = (\sqrt{2x-6})^2$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 2x - 6$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-5) = 0, \text{ so } \underline{x=3} \text{ or } \underline{x=5}$$

Check:  $\underline{x=3}$ :  $3 - \sqrt{2(3)-6} = 3$ , so  $3 - \sqrt{0} = 3$ , so  $3=3$  ✓

$\underline{x=5}$ :  $5 - \sqrt{2(5)-6} = 3$ , so  $5 - \sqrt{4} = 3$ , so  $5 - 2 = 3$ ,  
 $3=3$  ✓

Solutions:  $\boxed{x=3}$ ,  $\boxed{x=5}$

2. (5 marks)

Perform the following operation on rational expressions. Simplify your answer.

$$\frac{x^3 + 4x^2}{2x^2 + 5x - 3} \div \frac{x^2 - 16}{x^2 - x - 12}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 + 4x^2}{2x^2 + 5x - 3} \cdot \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x^2 - 16} = \frac{x^2(x+4)}{(2x-1)(x+3)} \cdot \frac{(x+3)(x-4)}{(x+4)(x-4)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x^2}{2x-1}}$$

3. (4 marks)

Solve the following inequality for  $x$ . Write your answer in interval notation.

$$-1 < 2x + 5 \leq 9$$

$$-1 - 5 < 2x \leq 9 - 5$$

$$-6 < 2x \leq 4$$

$$\underline{-3 < x \leq 2}$$

Solution set:

$$\boxed{(-3, 2]}$$

4. (4 marks)

Perform the following polynomial division

$$\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 9}{x - 3}$$

Quotient =  $\boxed{x^2 + 2x + 1}$

Remainder =  $\boxed{12}$

$$\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 9}{x - 3} = \boxed{x^2 + 2x + 1 + \frac{12}{x - 3}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ x-3 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 9} \\ \underline{-(x^3 - 3x^2)} \phantom{+ 9} \phantom{\downarrow} \phantom{\downarrow} \\ 2x^2 - 5x \phantom{+ 9} \phantom{\downarrow} \phantom{\downarrow} \\ \underline{-(2x^2 - 6x)} \phantom{+ 9} \phantom{\downarrow} \phantom{\downarrow} \\ x + 9 \phantom{\downarrow} \phantom{\downarrow} \\ \underline{-(x - 3)} \\ 12 \end{array}$$

5. (6 marks)

Solve the following linear system

$$x + 2y + 3z = 5$$

$$3x + 5y + z = 2$$

$$2x - y - 3z = 7$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 & 7 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 & -13 \\ 0 & -5 & -9 & -3 \end{array} \right] R_2 \rightarrow -R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 13 \\ 0 & -5 & -9 & -3 \end{array} \right] R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 31 & 62 \end{array} \right] R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{31}R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x + 2y + 3z = 5 \quad (1) \\ y + 8z = 13 \quad (2) \\ z = 2 \quad (3) \end{array}$$

$$(3): \underline{z = 2}, \quad (2): y + 8(z) = 13, \text{ so } y + 16 = 13$$

$$\underline{y = -3}$$

$$(1): x + 2(-3) + 3(2) = 5$$

$$x - 6 + 6 = 5, \text{ so } \underline{x = 5}$$

so the system has one solution:  $x = 5, y = -3, z = 2$

6. (5 marks)

Graph the quadratic function  $f(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 8$ . Identify the x-intercepts (if any), the y-intercept, the vertex and the range of the function.

$$\frac{b^2}{4a} = \frac{(-2)^2}{4(-1)} = \frac{4}{-4} = -1$$

$$\text{Standard form: } f(x) = -x^2 - 2x - 1 + 1 + 8 = -(x^2 + 2x + 1) + 9 \\ = \boxed{-(x+1)^2 + 9}$$

The graph of  $y = x^2$  is : (1) shifted left 1 unit,

(2) reflected about the x-axis and (3) shifted up 9 units:

$$(-2, 4) \rightarrow (-3, 4) \rightarrow (-3, -4) \rightarrow (-3, 5)$$

$$(-1, 1) \rightarrow (-2, 1) \rightarrow (-2, -1) \rightarrow (-2, 8)$$

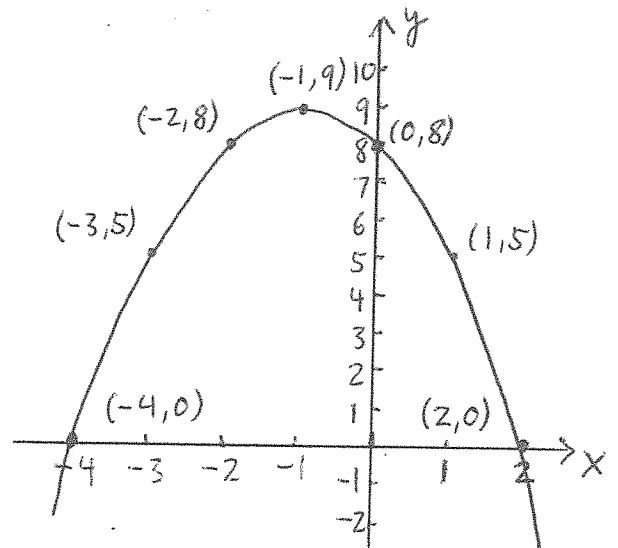
$$(0, 0) \rightarrow (-1, 0) \rightarrow (-1, 0) \rightarrow (-1, 9)$$

$$(1, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, -1) \rightarrow (0, 8)$$

$$(2, 4) \rightarrow (1, 4) \rightarrow (1, -4) \rightarrow (1, 5)$$

The vertex is  $\boxed{(-1, 9)}$

y-intercept:  $f(0) = -(0)^2 - 2(0) + 8 = 8$   
so  $\boxed{(0, 8)}$  is the y-intercept.



x-intercepts:  $f(x) = 0$ , so  $-(x+1)^2 + 9 = 0$ ,

$$\text{so } (x+1)^2 = 9, \text{ so } x+1 = 3 \text{ or } x+1 = -3$$

$$\underline{x = 2}$$

$$\underline{x = -4}$$

so the x-intercepts are  $\boxed{(2, 0)}$  and  $\boxed{(-4, 0)}$

The range is  $\boxed{(-\infty, 9]}$

7. (4 marks)

If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-1}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$  then find the composite functions  $(f \circ g)(x)$  and  $(g \circ f)(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x+1}) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x+1})^2-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{(x+1)-1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{x}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{1}{x^2-1}\right) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{x^2-1}\right)+1} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2-1} + \frac{x^2-1}{x^2-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{1+(x^2-1)}{x^2-1}} \\ &= \boxed{\sqrt{\frac{x^2}{x^2-1}}}\end{aligned}$$

8. (4 marks)

If  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-3}$ , find the inverse function  $f^{-1}(x)$

$$y = \frac{2x+1}{x-3}$$

inverse:  $x = \frac{2y+1}{y-3}$ , so  $x(y-3) = 2y+1$

$$xy - 3x = 2y + 1$$

$$xy - 2y = 3x + 1$$

$$y(x-2) = 3x+1$$

$$y = \frac{3x+1}{x-2}$$

so  $\boxed{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x+1}{x-2}}$

9. (6 marks)

Find the domain of each of the following functions

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+5}}{x+3}$

Here,  $x+5 \geq 0$  and  $x+3 \neq 0$   
 $\underline{x \geq -5}$   $\underline{x \neq -3}$

So, domain =  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq -5 \text{ and } x \neq -3\}$   
=  $\boxed{[-5, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)}$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2+5}$

Here  $x^2+5 \neq 0$ , which is always true  
Since  $x^2+5 > x^2 \geq 0$ , so  $\underline{x^2+5 > 0}$

So domain =  $\boxed{(-\infty, \infty)}$

10. (3 marks)

Write the expression  $3 \log_2 x + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (y+1) - 1$  as a single logarithm.

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \log_2 x + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (y+1) - 1 &= \log_2 (x^3) + \log_2 ((y+1)^{1/2}) - \log_2 (2^1) \\ &= \log_2 (x^3 (y+1)^{1/2}) - \log_2 (2) \\ &= \log_2 \left( \frac{x^3 (y+1)^{1/2}}{2} \right) = \boxed{\log_2 \left( \frac{x^3 \sqrt{y+1}}{2} \right)} \end{aligned}$$



11. (8 marks)

Solve the following equations for  $x$

(a)  $3^{3x-4} = 9^{x+1}$

$$3^{3x-4} = (3^2)^{x+1}, \text{ so } 3^{3x-4} = 3^{2(x+1)}$$

$$3x-4 = 2(x+1)$$

$$3x-4 = 2x+2$$

$$\boxed{x=6}$$

(b)  $\log_5(x+9) = \log_5(x+5) + 1$

$$\log_5(x+9) - \log_5(x+5) = 1$$

$$\log_5\left(\frac{x+9}{x+5}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{x+9}{x+5} = 5^1 = 5, \text{ so } x+9 = 5(x+5)$$

$$x+9 = 5x+25$$

$$-4x = 16$$

$$\underline{x = -4}$$

Check:  $x = -4$ :  $\log_5(-4+9) = \log_5(-4+5) + 1$

$$\log_5(5) = \log_5(1) + 1$$

$$= 0 + 1, \quad 1 = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

so  $\boxed{x = -4}$  is a solution.

12. (4 marks)

The current  $i$  (measured in A) in an electric circuit is given by  $i = 20(1 - e^{-75t})$  where  $t$  is the time (measured in s). How long does it take for the current to reach 19.5 A?

Find  $t$  for which  $i = 19.5$  :

$$19.5 = 20(1 - e^{-75t}), \text{ so } \frac{19.5}{20} = 1 - e^{-75t}, \text{ so}$$
$$e^{-75t} = 1 - \frac{19.5}{20} = \frac{1}{40}, \text{ so } -75t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{40}\right)$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{40}\right)}{-75} \cong 0.049, \text{ so it takes } 0.049 \text{ s,}$$

i.e. 49 ms for the current to reach 19.5 A.

13. (6 marks)

Find the exact values of each of the following (Important: no marks will be given for decimal approximations)

(a)  $\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$   $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{4} \left(\frac{180^\circ}{\pi}\right) = 225^\circ$  is in Quadrant 3 :

$$\theta_R = \theta - 180^\circ = 225^\circ - 180^\circ = 45^\circ$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = \cos(225^\circ) = -\cos(45^\circ) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

(b)  $\csc(300^\circ)$   $\theta = 300^\circ$  is in Quadrant 4 :

$$\theta_R = 360^\circ - \theta = 360^\circ - 300^\circ = 60^\circ$$

$$\csc(300^\circ) = -\csc(60^\circ) = \boxed{-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

(c)  $\tan\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right)$   $\theta = \frac{17\pi}{6} \left(\frac{180^\circ}{\pi}\right) = 510^\circ$ , is co-terminal with  $150^\circ$  (Quadrant 2):

$$\theta_R = 180^\circ - 150^\circ = 30^\circ$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) = \tan(510^\circ) = \tan(150^\circ) = -\tan(30^\circ) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

14. (3 marks)

Verify the trigonometric identity  $\sec \theta - \sin \theta \tan \theta = \cos \theta$

Show all your steps.

$$\sec \theta - \sin \theta \tan \theta = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \sin \theta \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1 - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = \cos \theta$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1, \quad \text{so}$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = \cos \theta, \quad \text{so } \cos \theta = \cos \theta \quad \checkmark$$

15. (4 marks)

Solve the trigonometric equation  $2 \sin x \cos x + \sqrt{3} \sin x = 0$  for  $x$ , where

$0 \leq x < 2\pi$ . Give exact solutions.

$$\sin x (2 \cos x + \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\text{so either } \underline{\sin x = 0} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{2 \cos x + \sqrt{3} = 0}$$

$$\text{If } \sin x = 0, \text{ then } \underline{x = 0} \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{x = \pi}$$

$$\text{If } 2 \cos x + \sqrt{3} = 0, \text{ then } 2 \cos x = -\sqrt{3}, \text{ so } \underline{\cos x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$\cos x < 0$ , so  $x$  is in Quadrants 2 and 3.

$$\cos \theta_R = |\cos x| = \left| -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad \text{so } \underline{\theta_R = \frac{\pi}{6}}$$

$$\text{In Quadrant 2: } \theta_R = \pi - x, \text{ so } x = \pi - \theta_R = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \underline{\frac{5\pi}{6}}$$

$$\text{In Quadrant 3: } \theta_R = x - \pi, \text{ so } x = \theta_R + \pi = \frac{\pi}{6} + \pi = \underline{\frac{7\pi}{6}}$$

$$\text{Solutions: } \boxed{x = 0}, \quad \boxed{x = \frac{5\pi}{6}}, \quad \boxed{x = \pi}, \quad \boxed{x = \frac{7\pi}{6}}$$

16. (5 marks)

Graph one cycle of the function  $y = -2 \sin\left(2x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Identify the amplitude, period, phase shift and vertical shift of the function.

$$y = A \sin(\omega x + \phi) + K, \quad \text{where } A = -2, \quad \omega = 2,$$

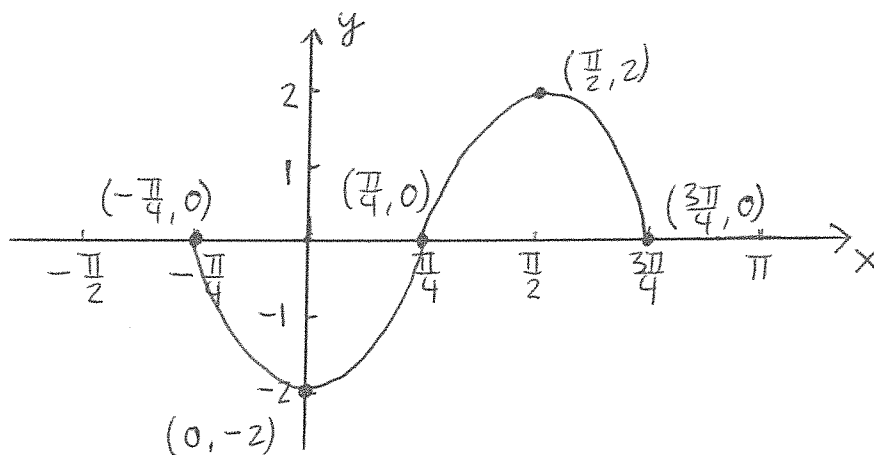
$$\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad K = 0$$

$$\text{amplitude} = |A| = |-2| = \boxed{2}, \quad \text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \boxed{\pi},$$

$$\text{phase shift} = -\frac{\phi}{\omega} = -\frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{\pi}{4}}, \quad \text{vertical shift} = K = \boxed{0}$$

The graph of  $y = \sin x$  is (1) shifted left by  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  units,  
 (2) compressed horizontally by a factor of 2 and (3) stretched  
 vertically by a factor of 2 and reflected about the x-axis.

$$\begin{aligned} (0, 0) &\rightarrow \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \rightarrow \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, 0\right) \rightarrow \boxed{\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, 0\right)} \\ \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1\right) &\rightarrow (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1) \rightarrow \boxed{(0, -2)} \\ (\pi, 0) &\rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, 0\right) \rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, 0\right)} \\ \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, -1\right) &\rightarrow (\pi, -1) \rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, -1\right) \rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 2\right)} \\ (2\pi, 0) &\rightarrow \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 0\right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, 0\right) \rightarrow \boxed{\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, 0\right)} \end{aligned}$$



17. (4 marks)

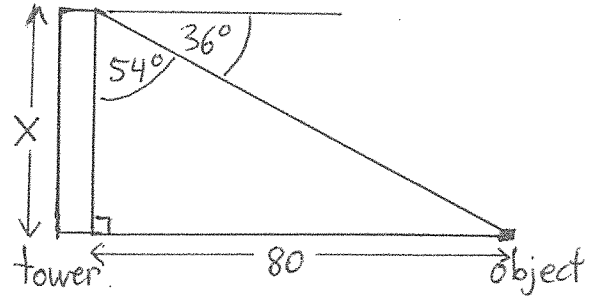
From the top of an observation tower, the angle of depression to an object on the ground is  $36^\circ$ . If the object is 80 m from the base of the tower, what is the height of the tower?

Let  $x$  be the height of the tower (in m).

$$\tan(54^\circ) = \frac{80}{x}, \text{ so}$$

$$x = \frac{80}{\tan(54^\circ)} = \boxed{58.1}$$

The tower is  $\boxed{58 \text{ m}}$  high.



18. (6 marks)

Perform the following complex number operations. Write each answer in the form  $a + bj$ .

(a)  $(1+2j)(3-4j)$

$$(1+2j)(3-4j) = 3 - 4j + 6j - 8j^2 = 3 + 2j - 8(-1) \\ = \boxed{11 + 2j}$$

(b)  $\frac{5-2j}{1+3j}$

$$\frac{5-2j}{1+3j} = \frac{5-2j}{1+3j} \cdot \frac{1-3j}{1-3j} = \frac{5-15j-2j+6j^2}{1-9j^2} = \frac{5-17j+6(-1)}{1-9(-1)} \\ = \frac{-1-17j}{1+9} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{10} - \frac{17}{10}j}$$

19. (4 marks)

Find all complex number solutions of the equation  $z^3 + 5z^2 + 3z + 15 = 0$

Hint: factor by grouping

$$z^3 + 5z^2 + 3z + 15 = 0$$

$$z^2(z+5) + 3(z+5) = 0$$

$$(z^2+3)(z+5) = 0$$

$$\text{either } z^2+3=0 \quad \text{or} \quad z+5=0$$

$$z^2 = -3$$

$$\underline{z = -5}$$

$$z = \pm\sqrt{-3} = \underline{\pm\sqrt{3}j}$$

Solutions:  $\boxed{z = -5}$ ,  $\boxed{z = \sqrt{3}j}$ ,  $\boxed{z = -\sqrt{3}j}$

20. (3 marks)

Find the polar form of the complex number  $z = -4\sqrt{3} + 4j$

$$z = a + bj, \text{ where } a = -4\sqrt{3} \text{ and } b = 4$$

$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(-4\sqrt{3})^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{48 + 16} = \sqrt{64} = 8$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{4}{-4\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Also,  $\theta$  is clearly in Quadrant 2.

$$\tan \theta_R = |\tan \theta| = \left| -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \text{ so } \theta_R = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{Quadrant 2: } \theta_R = \pi - \theta, \text{ so } \theta = \pi - \theta_R = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

So  $z = r \operatorname{cis} \theta = \boxed{8 \operatorname{cis} \left( \frac{5\pi}{6} \right)}$  is the polar form.