



## Algebra B

1. Let  $x, y$  be distinct positive real numbers satisfying

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y} - \sqrt{x-y}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y} + \sqrt{x-y}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{y^3}}.$$

If  $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{a+\sqrt{b}}{c}$  for positive integers  $a, b, c$  with  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$ , find  $a + b + c$ .

2. Kris is asked to compute  $\log_{10}(x^y)$ , where  $y$  is a positive integer and  $x$  is a positive real number. However, they misread this as  $(\log_{10} x)^y$ , and compute this value. Despite the reading error, Kris still got the right answer. Given that  $x > 10^{1.5}$ , determine the largest possible value of  $y$ .
3. Compute the sum of all real numbers  $x$  which satisfy the following equation

$$\frac{8^x - 19 \cdot 4^x}{16 - 25 \cdot 2^x} = 2.$$

4. For a bijective function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we say that a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is its *superinverse* if it satisfies the following identity  $(f \circ g)(x) = g^{-1}(x)$ , where  $g^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $g$ . Given  $g(x) = x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x + 81$  and  $f$  is its superinverse, find  $|f(-289)|$ .
5. Let  $f(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + 5x^4$  and let  $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/5} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}$ . Find the value of the following expression:

$$f(\zeta)f(\zeta^2)f(\zeta^3)f(\zeta^4).$$

6. The roots of a monic cubic polynomial  $p$  are positive real numbers forming a geometric sequence. Suppose that the sum of the roots is equal to 10. Under these conditions, the largest possible value of  $|p(-1)|$  can be written as  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m, n$  are relatively prime integers. Find  $m + n$ .
7. Consider the sum

$$S = \sum_{j=1}^{2021} \left| \sin \frac{2\pi j}{2021} \right|.$$

The value of  $S$  can be written as  $\tan\left(\frac{c\pi}{d}\right)$  for some relatively prime positive integers  $c, d$ , satisfying  $2c < d$ . Find the value of  $c + d$ .

8. Let  $f$  be a polynomial. We say that a complex number  $p$  is a *double attractor* if there exists a polynomial  $h(x)$  so that  $f(x) - f(p) = h(x)(x-p)^2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now, consider the polynomial

$$f(x) = 12x^5 - 15x^4 - 40x^3 + 540x^2 - 2160x + 1,$$

and suppose that its double attractors are  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . If the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|$  can be written as  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$ , where  $a, b$  are positive integers, find  $a + b$ .