

2017 Mathematical Methods Trial Exam 2 Solutions
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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

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D	C	E	D	E	A	A	B	A	B

Q1 $y = \left(a \left(\frac{b+4}{a} \right) - b \right)^{1.5} = 8$

E

Q2 $x-1 \geq 0$ and $2+x > 0$, $\therefore x \geq 1$

D

Q3 $g(x) = 0.2f(0.1x + 0.2) + 0.1$
 $g(10x-2) = 0.2f(0.1(10x-2) + 0.2) + 0.1 = 0.2f(x) + 0.1$
 $h(x) = 5g(10x-2) - 0.5 = f(x)$

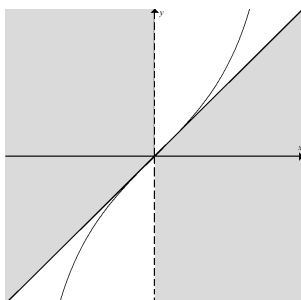
C

Q4 The inverse is $x = e^{\left(\frac{y}{10}\right)} - \log_e \left(\frac{y}{10}\right)$

E

Q5 $y = mx$ lies in the shaded region, $\therefore m \leq 1$

A



Q6 $\cos\left(\frac{\pi(x-1)}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$, $\cos\left(\frac{\pi(x+1)}{2}\right) = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$

D

Q7 $(x-p)^3 = x^3 - 3px^2 + 3p^2x + p^3$, $\therefore a = -3p$, $b = 3p^2$
 $\therefore a^2 = 3b$

B

Q8 Try $x=0$, $by+z=1$, $dy+z=0$, eliminate z , $y = \frac{1}{b-d}$ and
 $z = -\frac{d}{b-d} = \frac{d}{d-b}$

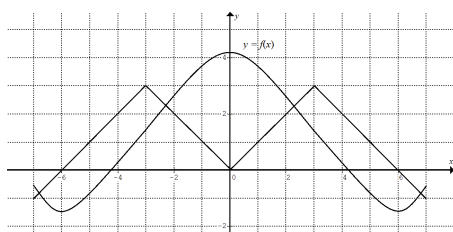
A

Q9 $\frac{15-6}{12} = 0.75$

A

Q10 The graph shows that $y = f(x)$ is an even function.
 $\therefore f(-x) = f(x)$, $f(x) - f(-x) = 0$.

B



Q11 $e^{2x} = e^x + c$, $(e^x)^2 - e^x - c = 0$, $e^x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4c}}{2}$

Two distinct roots if $1+4c > 0$ and $\frac{1-\sqrt{1+4c}}{2} > 0$

$\therefore -\frac{1}{4} < c < 0$

D

Q12 The curve $y = a \sin(x) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ including the point at $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is dilated by the same factor in both x and y directions, $\therefore$ same gradient at $x = \frac{1}{4}$.

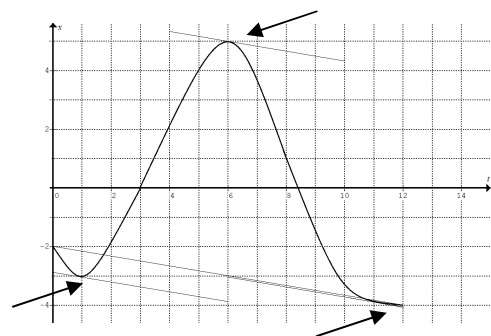
C

Q13 $\left[\frac{e^{bx}}{b} - \frac{2e^{\frac{bx}{2}}}{b} \right]_0^a = \frac{1}{b}$, $e^{\frac{ab}{2}} \left(e^{\frac{ab}{2}} - 2 \right) = 0$, $ab = \log_e 4$

E

Q14

D



Q15 Number of squares bounded by the graph and the t -axis ≈ 32
 Each square represents 1 metre distance.

Average speed $\approx \frac{32}{12} \approx 2.7$

E

Q16 $\frac{\Pr(5.5 < X < 11)}{\Pr(X > 5.5)} = \frac{0.6}{0.65} \approx 0.92$

A

Q17 $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{a}{2} (1 - \cos x) dx = 1$, $\therefore a = \frac{1}{\pi}$

A

$\int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2\pi} (1 - \cos x) dx = \frac{\pi+2}{2\pi}$

Q18 Choice B is not a random variable, it is a subset of the sample space.

B

Q19 $n=4$, $p=0.1$ and $q=0.9$

$\therefore \mu = np = 0.4$ and $\sigma = \sqrt{npq} = 0.6$

A

Q20 The mean of $\hat{P} = p = 0.60$

The standard deviation of $\hat{P} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.04$

$\Pr(\hat{P} < 0.56) \approx 0.16$ (normal approx)

Number of samples $\approx 20 \times 0.16 \approx 3.2$

B



SECTION B

Q1a $y = x(2a - x)$, $p = \frac{2a+0}{2} = a$, $q = 2a^2 - a^2 = a^2$

Q1bi $y = mx + c$ is the equation of the tangent.

Let $mx + c = 2ax - x^2$, $\therefore x^2 + (m - 2a)x + c = 0$

$\therefore (m - 2a)^2 - 4c = 0$

Q1bii From part bi, $(m - 2a)^2 = 4c$, $m - 2a = \pm 2\sqrt{c}$

$\therefore m = 2(a \pm \sqrt{c})$

Given $c > q$, i.e. $c > a^2$, $\therefore \sqrt{c} > a$, $a - \sqrt{c} < 0$

$\therefore m = 2(a - \sqrt{c})$ for negative m .

Q1ci When $a = 1$, $m = 2(1 - \sqrt{c})$, $y = 2(1 - \sqrt{c})x + c$

$\therefore 2(\sqrt{c} - 1)x + y = c$

Q1cii Let $y = 0$ for x -intercept, $\therefore x = \frac{c}{2(\sqrt{c} - 1)}$

$\therefore B = \left(\frac{c}{2(\sqrt{c} - 1)}, 0 \right)$

Q1d Area of $\triangle AOB = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{c}{2(\sqrt{c} - 1)} \times c = \frac{c^2}{4(\sqrt{c} - 1)} = \frac{c^2(\sqrt{c} + 1)}{4(c - 1)}$

Q1e Let $\frac{d}{dc} \frac{c^2}{4(\sqrt{c} - 1)} = 0$, $c = \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{16}{9}$

Min. area of $\triangle AOB = \frac{c^2}{4(\sqrt{c} - 1)} = \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^4}{\frac{4}{3}} = \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^3$

Q1f Area bounded by the parabola and the x -axis:

$\int_0^2 (2x - x^2) dx = \frac{4}{3}$

$\therefore \text{min. shaded area} = \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^3 - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{28}{27}$

Q2a $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Q2b Same area as the region bounded by $y = e^x$, $y = -e^{-x}$ and $x = \pm 1$.

$\int_{-1}^1 (e^x - (-e^{-x})) dx = 2e$

Q2c $g'(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$ for $x < 0$

Q2d $Q(-\alpha, -\log_e \alpha)$

Q2e $(\overline{PQ})^2 = (\alpha - (-\alpha))^2 + (\log_e \alpha - (-\log_e \alpha))^2 = 4(\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2)$

$\therefore \overline{PQ} = 2\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2}$

Q2f Let $\frac{d}{d\alpha} 2\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2} = 0$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2}} \times \left(2\alpha + \frac{2\log_e \alpha}{\alpha} \right) = 0$

$\therefore 2\alpha + \frac{2\log_e \alpha}{\alpha} = 0$, $\therefore \alpha^2 + \log_e \alpha = 0$

Q2g $\alpha \approx 0.653$, $\overline{PQ} \approx 1.55954 \approx 1.560$

Q2h Since $\alpha^2 + \log_e \alpha = 0$, $\therefore \frac{\log_e \alpha}{\alpha^2} = -1$

Gradient of $\overline{PQ} = \frac{\log_e \alpha}{\alpha}$, gradient of both tangents = $\frac{1}{\alpha}$

$\therefore \text{gradient of } \overline{PQ} \times \text{gradient of each tangent} = \frac{\log_e \alpha}{\alpha^2} = -1$

$\therefore PQ$ is a common normal to both curves.

Q2i Area of the largest square $\approx 1.55954^2 \approx 2.432$



Q3a

$$f(x) = 0.0012833 x^2 (x^2 - 8\pi^2) = 0.0012833 x^2 (x^2 - (2\sqrt{2}\pi)^2)$$

$$= 0.0012833 x^2 (x + 2\sqrt{2}\pi)(x - 2\sqrt{2}\pi)$$

$$\therefore a = 0.0012833 \text{ and } b = c = 2\sqrt{2}\pi$$

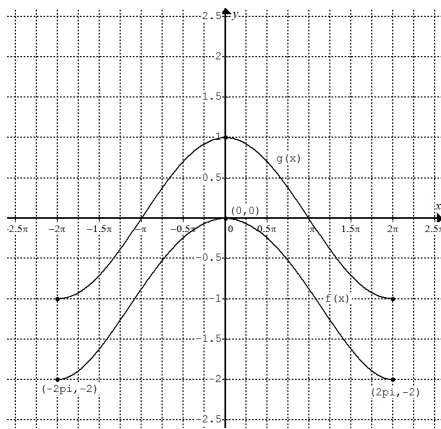
Q3b $f'(x) = 0.0051332 x^3 - 0.0205328 \pi^2 x$

Let $f'(x) = 0$, $0.0051332 x^3 - 0.0205328 \pi^2 x = 0$

$$0.0051332 x(x^2 - 4\pi^2) = 0.0051332 x(x + 2\pi)(x - 2\pi) = 0$$

$\therefore$ stationary points are at $x = -2\pi$, 0 and 2π

Q3c and d



Q3e Area = $\int_{-2\pi}^{2\pi} (f(x) + 1 - g(x)) dx \approx 0.837$ by CAS

Q3f $x \approx -3.400352 \approx -3.400$, or $x \approx 3.400$ by CAS
x-intercepts: $(-3.400, 0)$ and $(3.400, 0)$

Q3g $3.400352 \rightarrow \pi$, $\therefore m \approx \frac{\pi}{3.400352} \approx 0.923902 \approx 0.924$

Q3h $x \rightarrow \frac{x}{m}$, $\therefore p = m^4 \approx 0.729$ and $q = m^2 \approx 0.854$

Q4a $\int_0^{1.5} a x^2 (x - 1.5)^2 e^x dx = 1$,

$$a = \frac{1}{\int_0^{1.5} x^2 (x - 1.5)^2 e^x dx} \approx \frac{1}{0.55773524} \approx 1.793 \text{ by CAS}$$

Q4b $\bar{X} = \int_0^{1.5} x f(x) dx \approx 0.82965 \approx 0.830$ by CAS

Q4c $\int_0^m \left(\frac{1}{0.55773524} \right) x^2 (x - 1.5)^2 e^x dx = 0.5$, $m \approx 0.843$ by CAS

Q4di Binomial: $n = 10$, $p = 0.137$

$\Pr(X < 3) = \Pr(X \leq 2) \approx 0.8527664 \approx 0.853$ by CAS

Q4dii $\Pr(X < 3 | X \geq 1) = \frac{\Pr(1 \leq X \leq 2)}{1 - \Pr(X = 0)} \approx 0.8089999 \approx 0.809$

Q4e The mean of sample proportion $\approx p = 0.137$,
the standard deviation of sample proportion

$$\approx \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \approx 0.03438 \approx 0.034$$

Q4f $\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1)}{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.2)} \approx 0.1428 \approx 0.143$ by CAS

Q4g For sample size of 10, assuming the mean of sample proportion $\approx p = 0.137$, the standard deviation of sample proportion

$$\approx \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \approx 0.109$$

$$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1)}{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.2)} \approx 0.511$$

For sample size of 200, the mean of sample proportion $\approx p = 0.137$,

the standard deviation of sample proportion $\approx \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \approx 0.024$

$$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1)}{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.2)} \approx 0.062$$

$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) \approx 0.062$ is more reliable than

$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) \approx 0.511$ because the latter has a small sample size and normal approximation is not valid.

Q4h An approximate 95% confidence interval

$$\approx \left(0.137 - 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.137(1-0.137)}{100}}, 0.137 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.137(1-0.137)}{100}} \right)$$

$$\approx (0.070, 0.204)$$

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