

2020 Mathematical Methods Trial Exam 2 Solutions  
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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| B | B | D | C | E | B | A | B | A | C  |

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| D  | A  | C  | D  | B  | A  | E  | C  | E  | A  |

Q1  $y = ax^2 + \frac{b}{a}$ ,  $ay = (ax)^2 + b$

B

Q2  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = -1$ ,  $a_2 = 1$ ,  $a_3 = -1$ , ...,  $a_{n-1} = 1$   
∴ sum = 1

B

Q3  $\alpha = \beta$ , ∴  $\alpha^{-1} = \beta^{-1}$

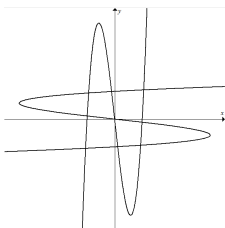
D

Q4  $5^{\log_a b} = 5^{\frac{\log_5 b}{\log_5 a}} = (5^{\log_5 b})^{\frac{1}{\log_5 a}} = b^{\frac{1}{\log_5 a}} = b^{(\log_5 a)^{-1}}$

C

Q5

E



Q6  $\frac{2^n - 1}{1 - 0} = \frac{\int_0^1 (x+1)^n dx}{1 - 0}$ ,  $n \approx 1.53$

B

Q7  $A = 4 \times \int_0^1 \left( x - \frac{1}{3}x(4x^2 - 1) \right) dx = \frac{4}{3}$

A

Q8  $y = \sin\left(\frac{x}{m}\right)$  is an odd function. The number of intersections it makes with  $y = mx$  cannot be 2.

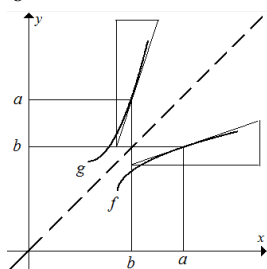
B

Q9  $y = a \cos(nx)$  is an even function. When  $b > 1$ ,  $0 < \frac{1}{b} < 1$ .  
If  $p$  is a solution, then  $-p$  is also a solution. ∴ Sum = 0

A

Q10  $g'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(a)} = \frac{1}{b} = b^{-1}$

C



1

Q11  $y = (1-x)(x^2 + bx + c)$  has three  $x$ -intercepts.

∴  $\Delta = b^2 - 4c \geq 0$ ,  $b \leq -2\sqrt{c}$  or  $b \geq 2\sqrt{c}$ .

D

Q12  $f(t+10) = f(t)$  has a period of 10.

Given  $f(5+a) = -f(5-a)$  for  $0 < a < 5$ , ∴  $f(6) = -f(4)$

Hence  $f(26) = -f(34)$ .

A

Q13 If the common tangent touches  $y = f(x)$  at  $(a, b)$ , then it touches  $y = f(x+h) + k$  at  $(a-h, b+k)$ .

Gradient of the common tangent =  $\frac{(b+k)-b}{(a-h)-a} = -\frac{k}{h}$

C

Q14 Let  $P(x, y)$  on the curve be the point closest to  $O$ .

Gradient  $OP = \frac{y}{x}$ , gradient of tangent to curve at  $P = \frac{1}{x}$ .

At  $P$ ,  $\frac{y}{x} \times \frac{1}{x} = -1$ ,  $x^2 + y = 0$ , ∴  $x^2 + \log_e x = 0$

D

Q15  $a \times 1 + \int_2^4 \left( \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) x + 2a - b \right) dx = 1$ , ∴  $2a + b = 1$

B

Q16  $\Pr(B') = \Pr(A \cap B') + \Pr(A' \cap B')$

$\Pr(A \cap B') = \Pr(B') - \Pr(A' \cap B') = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{7}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$

$\Pr((A' \cup B)') = \Pr(A \cap B') = \frac{1}{12}$

A

Q17

E

Q18 Sum of hidden numbers =  $63 - 58 = 5$

Possibilities: (113), (131), (311), (122), (212), (221)

$\Pr(58) = \frac{6}{6 \times 6 \times 6} = \frac{1}{36}$

C

Q19  $E(\hat{p}) = 0.20$ ,  $sd(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.20 \times 0.80}{100}} = 0.04$

$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.22) \approx 0.6915$

$\Pr(\text{at least one}) = 1 - \Pr(\text{none}) \approx 1 - 0.0028 = 0.9972$

E

Q20  $\Pr(X \leq 1) < 0.1$

$\Pr(X = 0) + \Pr(X = 1) < 0.1$

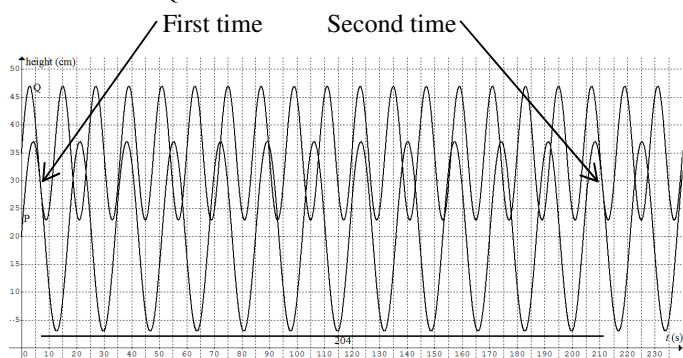
$(0.2)^n + n(0.2^{n-1})(0.8) < 1$ , ∴  $n \geq 4$

A

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Q3g  $LCM(T_p, T_Q) = LCM(12, 17) = 204$  s or by graphs (see below)



Q4a  $y = 5e^{\frac{x}{3}-2} + 5$ ,  $\frac{y}{5} - 1 = e^{\frac{x}{3}-2}$

Sequence of transformations: Right 2, up 1, dilate from y-axis by 3, dilate from x-axis by 5.

$c = -2$ ,  $d = -1$ ,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 5$

Q4b Equation of curve B:  $\frac{x}{5} - 1 = e^{\frac{y}{3}-2}$ ,  $\frac{y}{3} - 2 = \log_e\left(\frac{x}{5} - 1\right)$

$y = 3\log_e\left(\frac{x}{5} - 1\right) + 6$

Q4c Range of A: When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 5e^{-2} + 5$

Domain of B is the range of A, i.e.  $[5e^{-2} + 5, 40]$

Curve B: When  $x = 40$ ,  $y = 3\log_e\left(\frac{40}{5} - 1\right) + 6 = 3\log_e 7 + 6$

Range of B is  $[0, 3\log_e 7 + 6]$ .

Q4d Curve A:  $y = 5e^{\frac{x}{3}-2} + 5$ . Let  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{3}e^{\frac{x}{3}-2} = 1$ ,  $\frac{x}{3} - 2 = \log_e \frac{3}{5}$

$x = 3\log_e \frac{3}{5} + 6$ ,  $y = 3 + 5 = 8$ ,  $\left(3\log_e \frac{3}{5} + 6, 8\right)$

Curve B:  $\left(8, 3\log_e \frac{3}{5} + 6\right)$

Shortest distance

$= \sqrt{\left(8 - 3\log_e \frac{3}{5} - 6\right)^2 + \left(3\log_e \frac{3}{5} + 6 - 8\right)^2} = \sqrt{2} \left(2 - 3\log_e \frac{3}{5}\right)$

Q4e Area between curve A and curve B

$= 40^2 - 2 \int_{5e^{-2}+5}^{40} \left(3\log_e\left(\frac{x}{5} - 1\right) + 6\right) dx \approx 977.30 \text{ m}^2$

Q4f At  $(a, b)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{3}e^{\frac{x}{3}-2} = \frac{5}{3}e^{\frac{a}{3}-2}$ , gradient from  $(p, p)$  to

$(a, b) = \frac{p-b}{p-a}$ ,  $\therefore \frac{5}{3}e^{\frac{a}{3}-2} \times \frac{p-b}{p-a} = -1$ ,  $\frac{p-b}{p-a} = -\frac{3}{5}e^{\frac{2-a}{3}}$

Q4g  $p = 25.17$

Q5a  $k \times \text{area under graph} = 1$

$k \left( \frac{1}{2} (2 \times 0.5 + 3 \times 3) + \frac{1}{2} (0.5 + 3) 3 \right) = 1$ ,  $k = \frac{4}{41}$

Q5b  $\Pr(\text{bus A late by } > 5) = \frac{4}{41} \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 3 \right) \approx 0.4390$

Q5c  $\Pr(\text{miss either bus})$

$= \Pr(\text{bus A late by } < 7) + \Pr(\text{bus B late by } < 2)$

$- \Pr(\text{bus A late by } < 7 \text{ and bus B late by } < 2)$

$= \left( 1 - \frac{4}{41} \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 1 \right) \right) + \frac{4}{41} \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times 2 \right)$

$- \left( 1 - \frac{4}{41} \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 1 \right) \right) \times \frac{4}{41} \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times 2 \right) \approx 0.9536$

Q5d Binomial:  $p \approx 0.4390244$ ,  $n = 5$

$\Pr(X \geq 2) \approx 0.7271$

Q5e

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{4} & 0 \leq t \leq 2 \\ \frac{5t-7}{6} & 2 < t \leq 5 \\ 8-t & 5 < t \leq 8 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Mean

$= \int_0^2 t \times kf(t) dt + \int_2^5 t \times kf(t) dt + \int_5^8 t \times kf(t) dt$

$= \frac{8}{123} + \frac{81}{41} + \frac{108}{41} = \frac{575}{123} \approx 4.674797$

Q5f  $\int_{4.674797}^8 kf(t) dt \approx 0.5299$

Q5g Binomial:  $n = 20$ ,  $p \approx 0.529907$

$\Pr(X = 12) \approx 0.1473$

Q5h  $\left( \frac{11}{20} - 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{11}{20} \times \frac{9}{20}}{20}}, \frac{11}{20} + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{11}{20} \times \frac{9}{20}}{20}} \right)$   
 $\approx (0.3320, 0.7680)$

Let  $p$  be the long term proportion of week days the 7:35 am bus of

Company B is late for more than  $\frac{575}{123}$  min.

If many similar surveys were carried out and the 95% confidence interval calculated in each survey, 95% of them would have  $p$  in the interval.

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