



**2021 Mathematical Methods Trial Exam 1 Solutions**  
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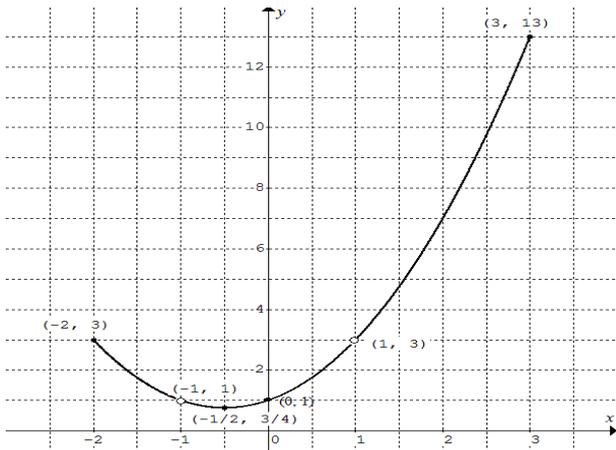
Q1a  $(x-1)^{\frac{2}{3}} = (x-2)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ,  $(x-1)^2 = (x-2)^2$ ,  $(x-1)^2 - (x-2)^2 = 0$ ,  
 $(x-1+x-2)=0$ ,  $2x=3$ ,  $x=\frac{3}{2}$

Q1b  $e^{4x-4} - 2e^{2x-2} - 3 = 0$ ,  $(e^{2x-2})^2 - 2(e^{2x-2}) - 3 = 0$ ,  
 $(e^{2x-2} - 3)(e^{2x-2} + 1) = 0$ ,  $e^{2x-2} - 3 = 0$ ,  $2x-2 = \log_e 3$ ,  
 $x = \frac{1}{2}(\log_e 3 + 2)$

Q2a  $f(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1)}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{(x-1)(x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$   
 $= \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1}{x + 1} = x^2 + x + 1$

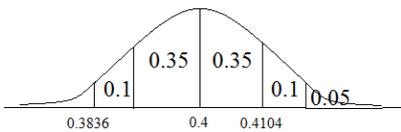
Q2b  $f'(x) = 2x + 1$

Q2c



Q3  $\Pr(X=1) = \binom{n}{1} p(1-p)^{n-1} = (1-p)^{n-2}$ ,  
 $np(1-p)^{n-1} - (1-p)^{n-2} = 0$ ,  $(1-p)^{n-2}(np(1-p) - 1) = 0$   
 $\therefore np^2 - np + 1 = 0$ ,  $\therefore p = \frac{n \pm \sqrt{n^2 - 4n}}{2n} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4}{n}}}{2}$ ,  
 $\therefore 0 \leq 1 - \frac{4}{n} < 1$ ,  $\therefore n \geq 4$

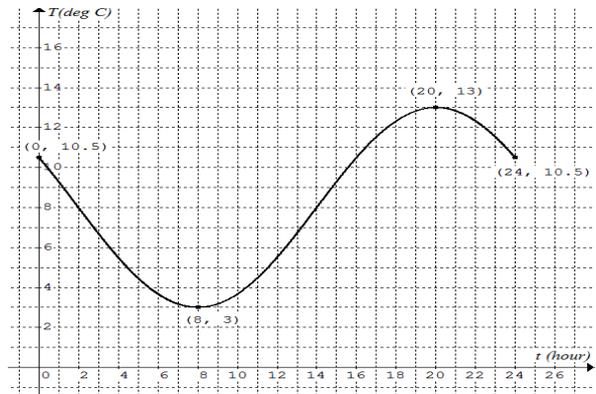
Q4a



$\Pr(0.3836 < \hat{p} < 0.4104 | \hat{p} > 0.3836) = \frac{0.8}{0.95} = \frac{16}{19}$

Q4b  $p + z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.4 + 1.04 \sqrt{\frac{0.4 \times 0.6}{n}} \approx 0.4104$ ,  
 $\therefore n \approx 2400$

Q5a



Q5b Average temperature in  $[0, 24] = 8^\circ \text{C}$

Q5c Average rate of change =  $\frac{13-3}{20-8} = \frac{5}{6}^\circ \text{C per hour}$

Q5d  $T < \alpha$  for 4 hours, i.e.  $3 < T < \alpha$  for 2 hours,  $\therefore \alpha$  is the temperature at  $t = 8 + 2 = 10$

$\therefore T(10) = 8 - 5 \sin\left(\pi\left(\frac{10}{12} - \frac{1}{6}\right)\right) = 8 - 5 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = 8 - \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Q5e

$T(t) = 8 - 5 \sin\left(\pi\left(\frac{t-1}{12} - \frac{1}{6}\right)\right) = 8 - 5 \sin\left(\pi\left(\frac{t}{12} - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right)$ ,  $\therefore b = -\frac{1}{4}$

Q6a For  $0 \leq h \leq 2$ ,  $V = Ah = 3\sqrt{3}h$ ; and for  $2 < h \leq 4$ ,

$V = 3\sqrt{3} \times 2 + 2\sqrt{3}(h-2) = 2\sqrt{3}h + 2\sqrt{3} = 2\sqrt{3}(h+1)$

$\therefore V(h) = \begin{cases} 3\sqrt{3}h, & 0 \leq h \leq 2 \\ 2\sqrt{3}(h+1), & 2 < h \leq 4 \end{cases}$

Q6b For  $h > 2$ ,  $V = 2\sqrt{3}(h+1)$ ,  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 2\sqrt{3} \frac{d}{dt}(h+1) = 2\sqrt{3} \frac{dh}{dt}$ ,

$\therefore \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{500} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3000}$

Q7a  $f(e) = g(e)$ ,  $\therefore 1 = \sqrt{ae+b}$ ;  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g'(x) = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{ax+b}}$ ,

$f'(e) = g'(e)$ ,  $\therefore \frac{1}{e} = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{ae+b}}$   $\therefore a = \frac{2}{e}$ ,  $1 = \sqrt{2+b}$ ,  $b = -1$

Q7b  $g'(x) = \frac{1}{e\sqrt{\frac{2}{e}x-1}}$ ,  $\frac{2}{e}x-1 > 0$ ,  $x > \frac{e}{2}$

Since  $(x-e)^2 > 0$  for  $x \neq e$ ,  $\therefore x^2 - 2ex + e^2 > 0$ ,  $x^2 > 2ex - e^2$ ,

$\therefore x > \sqrt{2ex - e^2}$  for  $x > \frac{e}{2}$

$g'(x) - f'(x) = \frac{1}{e\sqrt{\frac{2}{e}x-1}} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2ex - e^2}} - \frac{1}{x} > 0$  for  $x > \frac{e}{2}$  and

$x \neq e$

$\therefore g'(x) > f'(x)$  for  $x \in \left(\frac{e}{2}, e\right) \cup (e, \infty)$

Q8a  $f(-5) = -f(5) = -f(5-7) = -f(-2) = -2$  or  
 $f(-5) = f(-5+7) = f(2) = -f(-2) = -2$

Q8b  $f'(-5) = f'(2) = f'(-2) = \frac{1}{3}$

Q8c

$$\int_{-5}^0 f(x) dx = \int_{-7}^7 f(x) dx = \int_{-7}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^7 f(x) dx = \int_{-7}^0 f(x) dx - \int_{-7}^0 f(x) dx = 0$$

Q9a  $R \cap R^+ = R^+$

Q9b  $b = f(a)$ ,  $(a,b) \in f$ ,  $\therefore (b,a) \in f^{-1}$  i.e.  $(b,a) \in g$

$$f'(x) = e^x + \frac{1}{x} \text{ for } x > 0, \therefore f'(a) = e^a + \frac{1}{a} = \frac{ae^a + 1}{a}$$

$$\therefore g'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(a)} = \frac{a}{ae^a + 1}$$

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