



2021 Mathematical Methods Trial Exam 2 Solutions

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

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Q1 Horizontal dilation factor $\sqrt{2}$, vertical dilation factor 2
 $(a, b) \rightarrow (\sqrt{2}a, 2b)$ **E**

Q2 $g'(x) = 2(f(x))f'(x)$, $f(x)$ is an odd function $\therefore f(0) = 0$
 $\therefore g'(0) = 2(f(0))f'(0) = 0$ **A**

Q3 $\alpha = ba$, $\beta = b^2 \therefore \beta - \alpha = b^2 - ab$ **C**

Q4 $y = a^{\log_b x}$, $\log_a y = \log_b x$, $\frac{\log_b y}{\log_b a} = \log_b x$,
 $\log_b y = \log_b x^{\log_b a}$, $y = x^{\log_b a}$ is a power function
 $\log_a(y - x) = \log_b(b - a)$, $y - x = a^{\log_b(b - a)}$ is a linear function if
 $b > a$, and is undefined if $b \leq a$. **A**

Q5 The two tangents are inverse of each other. They intersect on the line $y = x$, $\therefore \beta = \alpha$ **C**

Q6 The average value of $f(x)$ equals the average rate of change of $f(x)$ with respect to x over the interval $[1, 3]$.
 $\therefore \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{b-a}{3-1} \therefore a = 0$ **A**

Q7 $b > a$, $-2b < -2a$
 $\frac{1}{2}f(-x)$ is the horizontal dilation by factor 2 and vertical dilation by factor $\frac{1}{2}$ of $f(2x)$.
 $\therefore \int_{-2b}^{-2a} \frac{1}{2}f(-x) dx = c \therefore \int_{-2a}^{-2b} \frac{1}{2}f(-x) dx = -c$ **B**

Q8 Range of $g \subseteq$ domain of $f \therefore$ range of $g \subseteq \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
 \therefore range of g is $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \therefore$ domain of g is $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
 \therefore domain of $f(g(x))$ is $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ and range of $f(g(x))$ is $(-1, 0)$ **D**

Q9 $f(x) = a(x-1)(x+1) + 3$, $\frac{f(x)}{x^2-1} = a + \frac{3}{x^2-1}$, the remainder is 3 **D**

Q10 $\sqrt{(a \sin(nx))^2 + (b \cos(nx))^2} = \sqrt{a^2 - a^2 \cos^2(nx) + b^2 \cos^2(nx)}$
 $= \sqrt{a^2 + (b^2 - a^2) \cos^2(nx)}$
 Min is a when $\cos^2(nx) = 0$, max is b when $\cos^2(nx) = 1$ **C**

Q11 $f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c \neq 0$, $(2b)^2 - 4(3a)c < 0$, $b^2 < 3ac$ **A**

Q12 $T_3 T_2 T_1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = T_3 T_2 \begin{bmatrix} qx \\ by \end{bmatrix} = T_3 \begin{bmatrix} ax-c \\ by-d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax-c \\ -\frac{1}{2}(by-d) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax-c \\ \frac{1}{2}(d-by) \end{bmatrix}$ **B**

Q13 $y = \log_e ax$ and $y = e^{x-b}$ intersect at $y = x$, and $y = x$ is a common tangent to the curves $\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ at the intersection.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} = 1$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x-b} = 1 \therefore x = 1$ and $1 - b = 0$, $b = 1$
 Intersection is $(1, 1) \therefore \log_e a = 1 \therefore a = e$ **D**

Q14 Find the point where $\frac{dy}{dx} = m$ for each curve.

For $y = \frac{3}{4}x^2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x = m$; for $y = \log_e x$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} = m$
 $\left(\frac{2m}{3}, \frac{m^2}{3}\right)$, $\left(\frac{1}{m}, \log_e \frac{1}{m}\right)$

Common normal at both points: $\frac{\frac{m^2}{3} - \log_e \frac{1}{m}}{\frac{2m}{3} - \frac{1}{m}} = -\frac{1}{m}$, $m = 1$

$\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$, $(1, 0) \therefore \text{distance}^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(0 - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{2}{9}$ **E**

Q15 $\int_0^\pi (a \cos 2x + b) dx = 1 \therefore b = \frac{1}{\pi}$

$a \cos 2x + \frac{1}{\pi} \geq 0 \therefore -\frac{1}{\pi} \leq a \leq \frac{1}{\pi}$ **B**

Q16 Sum of the number of dots on opposite faces = 7

$\Pr(33) = \Pr(5 \text{ dots on the uppermost face}) = \frac{1}{6}$ **E**

Q17 A, B, C and E are events.

The difference is a numerical variable and its value depends on the outcome of tossing 8 coins. **D**

Q18 $\mu = np = a$, $\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)} = \sqrt{b}$, $np(1-p) = b$, $a - ap = b$
 $\therefore a > b$ **C**

Q19 $p + 1.5p^2 + p^3 + 0.25p^4 = 1 \therefore 4p + 6p^2 + 4p^3 + p^4 = 4$
 $1 + 4p + 6p^2 + 4p^3 + p^4 = 5$, $(1+p)^4 = 5$, $p = \sqrt[4]{5} - 1 \approx 0.49535$
 $E(X) = p(1) + 1.5p^2(2) + p^3(3) + 0.25p^4(4) \approx 1.656$ **D**

Q20 $n = 1000$, $\hat{p} = 0.60$, $\text{sd}(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{0.60 \times 0.40}{1000}} \approx 0.0155$

$\text{invnorm}(0.8) \approx 0.842$
 $0.60 \pm 0.842 \times 0.0155 \approx 0.587$ or 0.613 **B**

SECTION B

Q1a $OK = OP + r = 1, \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2} + r + r = 1 \therefore r = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}{2}\right)$

Q1b $OJ = OG + R = 1, \sqrt{x^2 + R^2} + R = 1 \therefore x = \sqrt{1 - 2R}$

Q1c $\triangle EGF$ and $\triangle ACB$ are similar triangles $\therefore \frac{y}{R} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}$
 $\therefore y = \frac{2R}{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}$

Q1d $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle ACB$ are similar triangles $\therefore \frac{z}{R} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}$
 $\therefore z = \frac{aR}{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}$

Q1e $1 + x = y + z \therefore x = y + z - 1$

Q1f $\sqrt{1 - 2R} = \frac{aR}{\sqrt{4 - a^2}} + \frac{2R}{\sqrt{4 - a^2}} - 1, \sqrt{1 - 2R} = \frac{(2 + a)R}{\sqrt{4 - a^2}} - 1,$
 $\sqrt{1 - 2R} = R\sqrt{\frac{2 + a}{2 - a}} - 1.$

By squaring both sides: $1 - 2R = R^2 \frac{2 + a}{2 - a} - 2R\sqrt{\frac{2 + a}{2 - a}} + 1$
 $\therefore R^2 \frac{2 + a}{2 - a} + 2R\left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2 + a}{2 - a}}\right) = 0, R\frac{2 + a}{2 - a} + 2\left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{2 + a}{2 - a}}\right) = 0$
 $\therefore R = 2\left(\frac{2 - a}{2 + a}\right)\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 + a}{2 - a}} - 1\right) \therefore R = 2\left(\sqrt{\frac{2 - a}{2 + a}} - \frac{2 - a}{2 + a}\right)$

Q1g R is a maximum when $a = 1.2 \therefore r = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{10}$

Q1h $A = \pi(r^2 + R^2) = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}{2}\right)^2 + 16 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2 - a}{2 + a}} - \frac{2 - a}{2 + a}\right)^2 \right)$

Q1i $A_{\max} \approx 0.821$ when $a \approx 1.277$

Q1j $A_{\min} \approx 0.384$ when $a = \frac{1}{2}$

Q2a Period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 4$

Q2b When $A(x)$ changes from $A(x) = 1$ to $A(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{2}, f(x)$

changes from $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$ to $f(x) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right),$ i.e.

from an even function to neither even nor odd.

The amplitude increases as the value of x increases in both directions. The change has no effects on the period.

Q2c $g(x) = f(x - b) = \left(1 - \frac{x - b}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi(x - b)}{2}\right)$ is an odd function,

i.e. $g(-x) = -g(x).$

$\therefore \left(1 - \frac{-x - b}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi(-x - b)}{2}\right) = -\left(1 - \frac{x - b}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi(x - b)}{2}\right)$

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

\therefore At $x = 0, g(0) = 0, \therefore b = -2$

$\therefore g(x) = -\frac{x}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2} + \pi\right) = \frac{x}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$

Q2d $A(x) = \frac{x}{2}, \frac{d}{dx} A(x) = \frac{1}{2}$

Q2ei Let $\frac{x}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) = \frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{x}{2} = 0, \frac{x}{2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - 1\right) = 0$

$\therefore x = 0$ or $\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - 1 = 0, \frac{\pi x}{2} = 2n\pi, x = 4n$ and $y = 2n.$

General solution $(4n, 2n)$ where $n \in$ set of integers.

Q2eii $g'(x(n)) = \frac{1}{2}$

$g(x) = \frac{x}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right), g'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \therefore g'(4n) = \frac{1}{2}$

Q2f $\int_0^{4n} \frac{x}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) dx = 0 \therefore$ the regions above and below the x -axis

have the same area.

Q2gi $\int_0^{4n} \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)\right) dx$

Q2gii The definite integral has a value equal to the area of the triangle bounded by $y = \frac{x}{2}, x = 4n$ and the x -axis, i.e. $\frac{1}{2} \times 4n \times 2n = 4n^2$

Q3a Radius r of water surface: $\frac{r}{1 - h} = \frac{1}{1}, r = 1 - h$

$V(h) = \frac{1}{3} \pi 1^2 1 - \frac{1}{3} \pi (1 - h)^2 (1 - h) = \frac{\pi}{3} (1 - (1 - h)^3) = \pi h \left(1 - h + \frac{h^2}{3}\right)$

Q3b $h_{\text{full}} = 1 - 0.25 = \frac{3}{4}, V_{\text{av}} = \frac{\int_0^{\frac{3}{4}} \pi h \left(1 - h + \frac{h^2}{3}\right) dh}{\frac{3}{4} - 0} = \frac{171\pi}{1024}$

Q3c $\left(\frac{dV}{dh}\right)_{\text{av}} = \frac{V\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - V(0)}{\frac{3}{4} - 0} = \frac{7\pi}{16}$

Q3d $\frac{dV}{dh} = \pi(1 - h)^2, \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt}, \frac{\pi}{3600} = \pi(1 - h)^2 \times \frac{dh}{dt},$
 $\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{1}{3600(1 - h)^2}$

Q3e When $h = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{8}$, $V\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) = \pi \frac{3}{8} \left(1 - \frac{3}{8} + \frac{\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^2}{3}\right) \approx 0.2520\pi$,

time required $\approx \frac{0.2520\pi}{\frac{\pi}{3600}} \approx 907$ s

Q3f Time required to fill the tank $= \frac{V\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{\frac{\pi}{3600}} = \frac{\frac{21\pi}{64}}{\frac{\pi}{3600}} = \frac{4725}{4}$,

$\left(\frac{dh}{dt}\right)_{av} = \frac{h_{full} - 0}{t_{full} - 0} = \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{\frac{4725}{4}} = \frac{1}{1575}$ m/s

Q3g $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt}$, $\frac{dV}{dt} = \pi(1-h)^2 \times \frac{1}{1000\pi} = \frac{(1-h)^2}{1000}$

Q3h Time required $= \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{\frac{1}{1000\pi}} = 750\pi$ s

Q3i $V = \pi h \left(1 - h + \frac{h^2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{21\pi}{64}$, $h \approx 0.2022$,

time required $\approx \frac{0.2022}{\frac{1}{1000\pi}} \approx 635$ s

Q3j $\left(\frac{dV}{dt}\right)_{av} = \frac{V\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{750\pi} = \frac{\frac{21\pi}{64}}{750\pi} = \frac{7}{16000}$ m³/s

Q4a $g'(3) = f'(3) \therefore \frac{a}{2\sqrt{3-b}} = 1 \therefore \sqrt{3-b} = \frac{a}{2}$

$g(3) = a\sqrt{3-b} + c = 1 \therefore c < 1$ and $a \times \frac{a}{2} + c = 1 \therefore a = \sqrt{2(1-c)}$

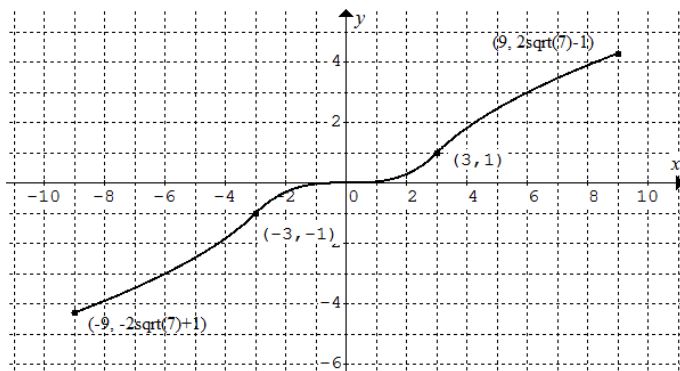
Q4b $\sqrt{3-b} = \frac{1-c}{a}$, $3-b = \frac{(1-c)^2}{a^2}$, $b = 3 - \frac{(1-c)^2}{a^2}$

Q4c $c = -1$, $a = \sqrt{2(1-c)} = 2$, $b = 3 - \frac{(1-c)^2}{a^2} = 2$

$\therefore g(x) = 2\sqrt{x-2} - 1$

Q4d $h(x) = \begin{cases} -2\sqrt{-x-2} + 1 & -9 \leq x < -3 \\ \frac{x^3}{27} & -3 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 2\sqrt{x-2} - 1 & 3 < x \leq 9 \end{cases}$

Q4e



Q4f $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{27}$, $f'(x) = \frac{x^2}{9} = m$, $x = -3\sqrt{m}$, $y = -m\sqrt{m}$,

$g(x) = 2\sqrt{x-2} - 1$, $g'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} = m$, $x = \frac{1}{m^2} + 2$, $y = \frac{2}{m} - 1$,

common tangent: $\frac{\frac{2}{m} - 1 + m\sqrt{m}}{\frac{1}{m^2} + 2 + 3\sqrt{m}} = m$

$\therefore \frac{2}{m} - 1 + m\sqrt{m} = \frac{1}{m} + 2m + 3m\sqrt{m}$

$\therefore 2m\sqrt{m} + 2m + 1 - \frac{1}{m} = 0$, $m \approx 0.4196$

Q5a $n = 2\,000\,000$, $p = 0.75$, $\mu = np = 1\,500\,000$,

$\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)} \approx 612.3724$

Normal approximation: $\Pr(N > 1\,501\,000) \approx 0.05$

Q5b $X \sim \text{Bin}(100, 0.75)$, $\Pr(78 \leq X \leq 86) \approx 0.2839$

Number of samples $\approx 25 \times 0.2839 \approx 7$

Q5c $E(\hat{p}) = p = 0.75$, $\text{sd}(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.75 \times 0.25}{100}} \approx 0.0433$,

$\Pr(0.78 \leq \hat{p} \leq 0.86) \approx 0.2387$

Number of samples $\approx 25 \times 0.2387 \approx 6$

The difference arises due to small sample size and skewed distribution of \hat{P} (p not close to 0.5).

Q5d

	w	w'	
c	0.75	1.125x	$0.75 + 1.125x$
c'	x	0.05	$x + 0.05$
	$0.75 + x$	$1.125x + 0.05$	1

$0.75 + 1.125x + x + 0.05 = 1$, $x = \frac{8}{85}$, $\Pr(c \cap w') = 1.125 \times \frac{8}{85} = \frac{9}{85}$

Q5e $\Pr(c' \cup w') = 1 - \Pr(c \cap w) = 1 - 0.75 = 0.25$

Q5fi $\Pr(c | w) = \frac{\Pr(c \cap w)}{\Pr(w)} = \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{8}{85}} = \frac{255}{287}$

Q5fii $\Pr(c) = 0.75 + 1.125 \times \frac{8}{85} = \frac{291}{340} \neq \Pr(c | w) \therefore$ not independent

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