



2024 Mathematical Methods Trial Exam 1 Solutions © 2024 itute

Question 1

a. Domain $[-3, 6]$; range $[9, 27]$

b. $y = ax^2 + b$, $9 = a(-3)^2 + b$ and $27 = a(6)^2 + b$, $a = \frac{2}{3}$, $b = 3$

OR $y = 2x^2 + 1 \rightarrow \frac{y}{3} = 2\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 + 1$, $y = \frac{2}{3}x^2 + 3$, $a = \frac{2}{3}$, $b = 3$

c. $y = \frac{2}{3}x^2 + 3 \rightarrow \frac{y}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{x}{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2 + 3$, $y = 2x^2 + 1$

Question 2

a. An example: $\sin(2x) = -\sin\left(2\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$

b. $\sin\left(2x + \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\sin\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ by symmetry $\therefore \sin\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \sin\left(2x + \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 0$ for $x \in R$

c. $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2x\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 3x\right) = 2 \rightarrow \cos(2x) + \cos(3x) = 2$; $\cos(2x)$ and $\cos(3x)$ have periods of π and $\frac{2}{3}\pi$ respectively; $\cos(2x)$ completes 2 cycles in 2π and $\cos(3x)$ completes 3 cycles in 2π \therefore their peaks coincide every 2π

$\therefore \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2x\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 3x\right) = 2$ for $x = k(2\pi)$ where k is an integer.

Question 3

a. $y = \log_e(kx^n)$, inverse is $x = \log_e(ky^n)$, $ky^n = e^x$, $e^{\log_e k} y^n = e^x$, $y^n = e^{x - \log_e k}$, $y = e^{\frac{1}{n}(x - \log_e k)}$, $\therefore a = \frac{1}{n}$ and $b = \log_e k$

b. $y = \log_e(kx^n)$ and $y = e^{\frac{1}{n}(x - \log_e k)}$ always intersect on the line $y = x$. If they intersect at exactly one point, $y = x$ is a tangent to both curves and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$, $y = \log_e(kx^n) = \log_e k + n \log_e x$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{n}{x} = 1$ when $x = n$ $\therefore n = \log_e(kn^n)$, $e^n = kn^n$, $k = \left(\frac{e}{n}\right)^n$.

Question 4

a. $f(x) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(x^3 - x) + 1$, $f'(x) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$ Let $f'(x) = 0 \therefore \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(3x^2 - 1) = 0$, $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $y = 0, 2$ respectively.

$f'(-1) > 0$, $f'(0) < 0$ and $f'(1) > 0 \therefore \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 2\right)$ and $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0\right)$ are local maximum and local minimum respectively.

b. Point of inflection $f''(x) = 0 \therefore x = 0$ and $y = 1$. Line $y = mx + c$ passes through $(0, 1)$ and $(-1, 2) \therefore y = -x + 1$.

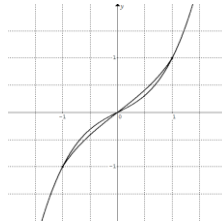
$y = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(x^3 - x) + 1$ and $y = -x + 1$, $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(x^3 - x) + 1 = -x + 1$, $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(x^3 - x) + x = 0$, $x\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}x^2 - \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1\right)\right) = 0$

$\therefore x = 0, \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}$ and $y = 1, 1 \mp \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}$ respectively.

Intersections: $(0, 1), \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}, 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}\right), \left(-\sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}, 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}\right)$.

Question 5

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b. $F(x) = -\frac{4}{\pi} \log_e \left(\cos \left(\frac{\pi x}{4} \right) \right)$, $F'(x) = -\frac{4}{\pi} \times \frac{1}{\cos \left(\frac{\pi x}{4} \right)} \times \left(-\frac{\pi}{4} \sin \left(\frac{\pi x}{4} \right) \right) = \tan \left(\frac{\pi x}{4} \right)$

c. $A_{\text{total}} = 2 \times \int_0^1 \left(\tan \left(\frac{\pi x}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{2} x(x^2 + 1) \right) dx = 2 \times \left[-\frac{4}{\pi} \log_e \left(\cos \left(\frac{\pi x}{4} \right) \right) - \frac{x^4}{8} - \frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^1 = 2 \left(-\frac{4}{\pi} \log_e \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{4}{\pi} \log_e (2) - \frac{3}{4}$

Question 6

a. $6 \times 6 \times 6 = 216$ b. $\Pr(A) = {}^3C_2 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^1 = \frac{2}{9}$ c. $\Pr(X \leq 1) = \Pr(X = 0) + \Pr(X = 1) = {}^3C_0 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^0 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^3 + {}^3C_1 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^1 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{20}{27}$

d. $\Pr(X = 1 | X \leq 2) = \frac{\Pr(X = 1)}{1 - \Pr(X = 3)} = \frac{\frac{4}{9}}{1 - \frac{1}{27}} = \frac{6}{13}$ e. $\bar{X} = 0 \times \Pr(X = 0) + 1 \times \Pr(X = 1) + 2 \times \Pr(X = 2) + 3 \times \Pr(X = 3) = 1$

Question 7

a. Smaller sample: $\frac{15}{75} = \frac{1}{5}$; larger sample: $\frac{75}{300} = \frac{1}{4}$

b. The larger sample will provide a better estimate.

Population standard deviation \approx sample standard deviation $= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{4}(1-\frac{1}{4})}{300}} = \frac{1}{40}$; population proportion \approx sample proportion

Estimated 95% confidence interval for population proportion is $\left(\frac{1}{4} - 2 \times \frac{1}{40}, \frac{1}{4} + 2 \times \frac{1}{40} \right) = (0.2, 0.3)$

c. Sample proportion has a normal distribution for large sample size ($n = 300$): $E(\hat{p}) \approx p \approx \frac{1}{4}$; $sd(\hat{p}) \approx \frac{1}{40}$; 95% confidence interval for \hat{p} is $(0.2, 0.3)$.

Number of samples with $\hat{p} > 0.3$ is estimated to be $\frac{1}{2}(1 - 95\%) \times 75 = 2.5\% \times 75 \approx 2$.

d. Sample proportion has a normal distribution for large sample size ($n = 75$): $E(\hat{p}) \approx p \approx \frac{1}{4}$; $sd(\hat{p}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{4}(1-\frac{1}{4})}{75}} = \frac{1}{20}$;

68% confidence interval for \hat{p} is approximately $\left(\frac{1}{4} - 1 \times \frac{1}{20}, \frac{1}{4} + 1 \times \frac{1}{20} \right) = (0.2, 0.3)$.

Number of samples with $\hat{p} > 0.3$ is estimated to be $\frac{1}{2}(1 - 68\%) \times 300 = 16\% \times 300 = 48$.

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