



2011 VCAA Math. Methods Exam 2 Solutions

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Note: Some steps can be done by CAS

SECTION 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A	A	B	A	D	E	C	D	B	C	E
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
D	A	D	B	D	B	D	D	E	E	B

Q1 Midpoint: $\left(\frac{0+d}{2}, \frac{-5+0}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{d}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}\right)$ A

Q2 Gradient of given line: $\frac{0-(-4)}{(-2)-0} = -2$
 \therefore gradient of perpendicular line is $\frac{1}{2}$. A

Q3 $f(x) = 4x^3 - 13x^2 - ax$ where $a \neq 0$
 $f(-a) = -4a^3 - 13a^2 + a^2 = 0, \therefore -4a^3 - 12a^2 = 0$
 $-4a^2(a+3) = 0, \therefore a = -3$ B

Q4 $\frac{d}{dx} \log_e(2f(x)) = \frac{1}{2f(x)} \times 2f'(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$ A

Q5 The range of $y = \sqrt{2x-4}$ is $[0, \infty)$ and it is the domain of the inverse. Equation of the inverse: $x = \sqrt{2y-4}, \therefore y = \frac{x^2+4}{2}$
 \therefore the rule is $g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2+4}{2}$ D

Q6 $E(X) = \int_1^e x \log_e(x) dx \approx 2.097$ E

Q7 $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}, f'(x) = \frac{1}{3x^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{1}{3 \times (\sqrt[3]{x})^2}$
 $f(8+h) \approx f(8) + hf'(8),$
 $\sqrt[3]{8.5} \approx \sqrt[3]{8} + 0.5 \times \frac{1}{3 \times (\sqrt[3]{8})^2} \approx 2.04167$ C

Q8 $h(x) = f(x) + g(x) = x(x-4) + x + 3 = x^2 - 3x + 3$ and $x \in \left[\frac{3}{2}, 5\right]$. The range of h is $\left[\frac{3}{4}, 13\right], \therefore$ the domain of h^{-1} is $\left[\frac{3}{4}, 13\right]$. D

Q9 The stationary points of $f(x)$ are at $x = -3$ and $0, \therefore$ the graph of $f'(x)$ has x -intercepts at $x = -3$ and $0. f(x)$ looks like a negative quartic, $\therefore f'(x)$ should be like a negative cubic. B

Q10 $W \rightarrow W (pr = 0.8); L \rightarrow L (pr = 0.6)$

The transition matrix is $\begin{matrix} W & L \\ W & \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \\ L & \end{matrix}$, the long-term state matrix is $\begin{matrix} W \\ L \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{0.4}{0.4+0.2} \\ \frac{0.2}{0.4+0.2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$ C

Q11 Average value = $\frac{\int_0^3 \log_e(x+2) dx}{3-0} = \frac{5 \log_e(5) - 2 \log_e(2) - 3}{3}$ E

Q12 Solve for a by CAS. D

Q13 $\Pr(X > 2.8) = \frac{1735}{2000}, \therefore \Pr(X < 2.8) = \frac{265}{2000} = 0.1325$

$\Pr\left(Z < \frac{2.8 - \mu}{0.2}\right) = 0.1325$
 Standard inverse normal: $\frac{2.8 - \mu}{0.2} \approx -1.11465, \mu \approx 3.023$ A

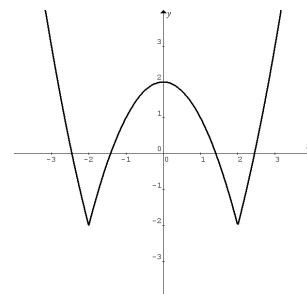
Q14 ii is correct, the shaded area equals the rectangular area minus the area under the curve.

iv is also correct: the inverse of $y = e^{2x}$ is $y = \frac{\log_e x}{2}$, the shaded area is under the curve $y = \frac{\log_e x}{2}$. D

Q15 Amplitude = 2, period = $\frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{n}, \therefore n = 4$.

Translated upwards by 1 unit and to the right by $\frac{\pi}{6}$. B

Q16 The graph of $f(x) = |x^2 - 4| - 2$:



$f'(x)$ is negative for $0 < x < 2$ and positive for $x > 2$. D

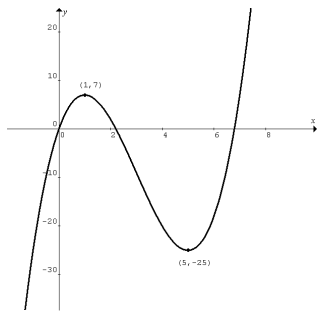


Q17 At (4,12) gradient of the tangent: $m_t = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 = 4$

\therefore gradient of the normal $m_n = -\frac{1}{4}$, same gradient as the line with equation $4y + x = 7$.

B

Q18 Consider the graph of $f(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x$.



The local max and min are (1,7) and (5,-25) respectively. To pass through the x -axis once, the graph must be lowered by more than 7 units or lifted up by more than 25 units.

$\therefore w < -7$ or $w > 25$.

D

Q19 $f(1)=1, f(2)=4, f(3)=9, f(4)=16, f(5)=25, f(6)=36$

Estimated area = $(1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36) \times 1 = 91$

Exact area = $\int_0^6 x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^6 = 72$

$p\% = \frac{91-72}{72} \times 100\% \approx 26.4\%$

Q20 $\int_0^a (x^2 - 4) dx = 0$ where $a > 0$,

$\therefore \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - 4x \right]_0^a = 0, \frac{a^3}{3} - 4a = 0, a^2 = 12, a = 2\sqrt{3}$

E

Q21 Given $\Pr(P \cap Q) = \Pr(P' \cap Q)$, and by the law of total probability, $\Pr(P \cap Q) + \Pr(P' \cap Q) = \Pr(Q)$.

$\therefore 2 \times \Pr(P \cap Q) = \Pr(Q), \Pr(P \cap Q) = \frac{1}{2} \Pr(Q)$.

For P and Q to be independent, $\Pr(P \cap Q) = \Pr(P) \times \Pr(Q)$,

$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \Pr(Q) = \Pr(P) \times \Pr(Q), \therefore \Pr(P) = \frac{1}{2}$

E

Q22 $\log_c(a) + \log_a(b) + \log_b(c) = \frac{\log_a(a)}{\log_a(c)} + \frac{\log_b(b)}{\log_b(a)} + \frac{\log_c(c)}{\log_c(b)}$

$= \frac{1}{\log_a(c)} + \frac{1}{\log_b(a)} + \frac{1}{\log_c(b)}$

B

SECTION 2

Q1a Given $V = 6075$ L at $t = 0$ min, and $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{t^2}{5}$.

Let T be the required time.

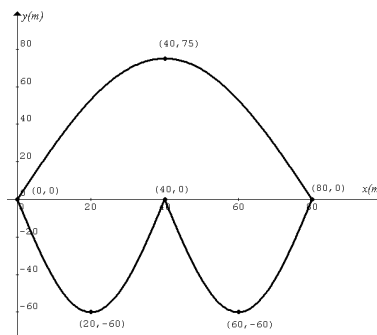
$V = \int_0^T \frac{t^2}{5} dt = 6075, \left[\frac{t^3}{15} \right]_0^T = 6075, T = 45$ min

Q1b $A = \pi r^2, \frac{dA}{dr} = 2\pi r, \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dA}{dr} \times \frac{dr}{dt}, \therefore \frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \times \frac{dr}{dt}$

Given $\frac{dA}{dt} = 20$ m² per min, when $r = 3$ m, $20 = 2\pi(3) \times \frac{dr}{dt}$,

$\therefore \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{10}{3\pi}$ m per min.

Q1c



Q1di $\int_0^{40} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{40}\right) dx = \left[-\frac{40}{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{40}\right) \right]_0^{40} = \frac{80}{\pi}$ or 25.5 approx.

D

Q1dii Total area = $\int_0^{80} 75 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{80}\right) dx + 2 \times 60 \times \frac{80}{\pi} \approx 6875$ m²

Q2ai X has a normal distribution with $\mu = 3$ and $\sigma = 0.8$, $\Pr(3 \leq X \leq 5) \approx 0.4938$

Q2aai $\Pr(3 \leq Y \leq 5) = \int_3^4 \frac{y}{16} dy + \int_4^5 0.25e^{-0.5(y-4)} dy \approx 0.4155$

Q2b Mean of $Y = \int_0^4 y \times \frac{y}{16} dy + \int_4^{\infty} y \times 0.25e^{-0.5(y-4)} dy \approx 4.333$

Q2ci Since $\int_0^4 \frac{y}{16} dy = 0.5$, \therefore the median of Y is 4.

Q2cii $\Pr(Y \leq a) = 0.7, \therefore \Pr(4 \leq Y \leq a) = 0.2$

Solve $\int_4^a 0.25e^{-0.5(y-4)} dy = 0.2$ for $a, a \approx 5.02$

Q2d Binomial: $n = 10, p = \frac{9}{32}, \Pr(X = 4) \approx 0.1812$



Q2e Let X be the time required to produce a chocolate.

Given $\Pr(X \leq 3 | A) = 0.5$ and $\Pr(X \leq 3 | B) = \frac{9}{32}$

$\therefore \Pr(X > 3 | A) = 0.5$ and $\Pr(X > 3 | B) = 1 - \frac{9}{32} = \frac{23}{32}$.

Also given $\Pr(A) = \Pr(B) = 0.5$.

$\therefore \Pr(X > 3 \cap A) = \Pr(X > 3 | A) \times \Pr(A) = 0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$

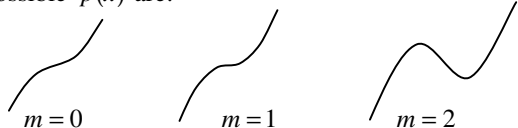
$\Pr(X > 3 \cap B) = \Pr(X > 3 | B) \times \Pr(B) = \frac{23}{32} \times 0.5 = \frac{23}{64}$

$\therefore \Pr(A | X > 3) = \frac{\Pr(X > 3 \cap A)}{\Pr(X > 3)} = \frac{0.25}{0.25 + \frac{23}{64}} \approx 0.4103$

Q3ai $f(x) = 4x^3 + 5x - 9$, $f'(x) = 12x^2 + 5$

Q3aii Since $x^2 \geq 0$ for all x , $\therefore 12x^2 \geq 0$, $\therefore 12x^2 + 5 \geq 0 + 5$,
 $\therefore f'(x) \geq 5$ for all x .

Q3bi Possible $p(x)$ are:



Q3bii The first two cases ($m = 0$ and $m = 1$) above are one-to-one functions, \therefore each has an inverse function.

Q3ci Let $q(x) = 3 - 2x^3 = y$, the equation of the inverse is

$3 - 2y^3 = x$, $\therefore y^3 = \frac{3-x}{2}$, $y = \left(\frac{3-x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$, $\therefore q^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{3-x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Q3cii At the intersection $y = x$, $\therefore x = 3 - 2x^3$, $\therefore x = 1$ and $y = 1$. The point of intersection is $(1, 1)$.

Q3di $g(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + cx + k$, $g'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + c$

For $g'(x) = 0$ at exactly one point, $\Delta = 4^2 - 4(3)c = 0$, $\therefore c = \frac{4}{3}$

Q3dii $g(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x + k$. Let $g'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + \frac{4}{3} = 0$,

\therefore the stationary is at $x = -\frac{2}{3}$.

At the intersection of $y = g(x)$ and $y = g^{-1}(x)$, $y = x$,

$\therefore x^3 + 2x^2 + \frac{4}{3}x + k = x$,

$\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + 2\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{4}{3}\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) + k = -\frac{2}{3}$, $\therefore k = -\frac{10}{27}$

Q4a $y = x^2 - 1$, $x \geq 0$, $\therefore n = m^2 - 1$

$L = \sqrt{(m-0)^2 + (n-1)^2} = \sqrt{(m-0)^2 + (m^2-2)^2}$

$\therefore L = \sqrt{m^4 - 3m^2 + 4}$ where $m > 0$

Q4bi $\frac{dL}{dm} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{m^4 - 3m^2 + 4}} \times (4m^3 - 6m) = \frac{m(2m^2 - 3)}{\sqrt{m^4 - 3m^2 + 4}}$

Let $\frac{dL}{dm} = 0$, $\therefore 2m^2 - 3 = 0$, $m = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$

Coordinates of plant $= (m, n) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

Q4bii $L = \sqrt{m^2 + (n-1)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$ km

Q4c Distance from the camp to point $(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + (x^2 - 1)^2}$,

\therefore time taken from the camp to $(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + (x^2 - 1)^2}}{2}$.

Time taken from (x, y) to the plant $= k\left(\frac{3}{4} - (x^2 - 1)\right)$.

Total time taken $T = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + (x^2 - 1)^2}}{2} + k\left(\frac{3}{4} - (x^2 - 1)\right)$

$\therefore T = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{4}k(7 - 4x^2)$ hours

Q4di $\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{2x^3 - x}{2\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1}} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{13}}$ when $k = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{13}}$

Q4dii Let $\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{2x^3 - x}{2\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1}} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{13}} = 0$, $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and

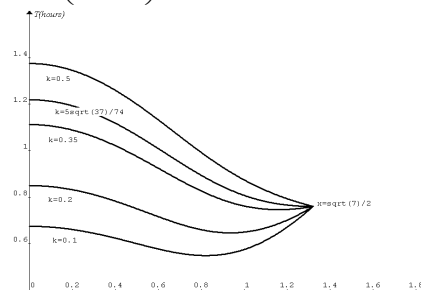
$y = x^2 - 1 = -\frac{1}{4}$. $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}\right)$

Q4e $\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{2x^3 - x}{2\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1}} - 2kx = 0$ at $(1, 0)$, $\therefore k = \frac{1}{4}$

Q4f $\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{2x^3 - x}{2\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1}} - 2kx = 0$ at $\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right)$, $\therefore k = \frac{5\sqrt{37}}{74}$.

If $k > \frac{5\sqrt{37}}{74}$, $T(x)$ is a decreasing function in $\left[0, \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}\right]$, $\therefore T(x)$

is a minimum at $\left(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right)$. $\therefore k \geq \frac{5\sqrt{37}}{74}$



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