



**2017 Mathematical Methods Trial Exam 2 Solutions**  
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**SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions**

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

Q1  $y = \left( a \left( \frac{b+4}{a} \right) - b \right)^{1.5} = 8$

E

Q2  $x-1 \geq 0$  and  $2+x > 0, \therefore x \geq 1$

D

Q3  $g(x) = 0.2f(0.1x+0.2) + 0.1$   
 $g(10x-2) = 0.2f(0.1(10x-2)+0.2) + 0.1 = 0.2f(x) + 0.1$   
 $h(x) = 5g(10x-2) - 0.5 = f(x)$

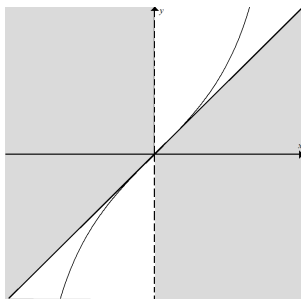
C

Q4 The inverse is  $x = e^{\left(\frac{x}{10}\right)} - \log_e\left(\frac{y}{10}\right)$

E

Q5  $y = mx$  lies in the shaded region,  $\therefore m \leq 1$

A



Q6  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi(x-1)}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right), \cos\left(\frac{\pi(x+1)}{2}\right) = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$

D

Q7  $(x-p)^3 = x^3 - 3px^2 + 3p^2x + p^3, \therefore a = -3p, b = 3p^2$   
 $\therefore a^2 = 3b$

B

Q8 Try  $x=0, by+z=1, dy+z=0$ , eliminate  $z, y = \frac{1}{b-d}$  and  
 $z = -\frac{d}{b-d} = \frac{d}{d-b}$

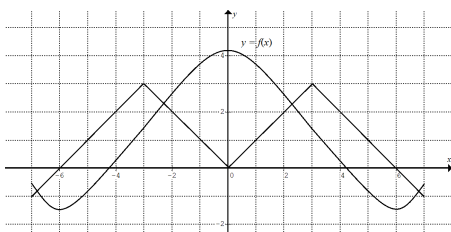
A

Q9  $\frac{15-6}{12} = 0.75$

A

Q10 The graph shows that  $y = f(x)$  is an even function.  
 $\therefore f(-x) = f(x), f(x) - f(-x) = 0$ .

B



Q11  $e^{2x} = e^x + c, (e^x)^2 - e^x - c = 0, e^x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4c}}{2}$

Two distinct roots if  $1+4c > 0$  and  $\frac{1-\sqrt{1+4c}}{2} > 0$

$\therefore -\frac{1}{4} < c < 0$

D

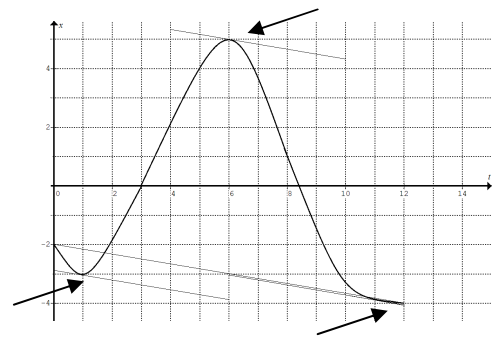
Q12 The curve  $y = a \sin(x) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  including the point at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  is dilated by the same factor in both  $x$  and  $y$  directions,  $\therefore$  same gradient at  $x = \frac{1}{4}$ .

C

Q13  $\left[ \frac{e^{bx}}{b} - \frac{2e^{\frac{bx}{2}}}{b} \right]_0^a = \frac{1}{b}, e^{\frac{ab}{2}} \left( e^{\frac{ab}{2}} - 2 \right) = 0, ab = \log_e 4$

E

Q14



D

Q15 Number of squares bounded by the graph and the  $t$ -axis  $\approx 32$   
 Each square represents 1 metre distance.

Average speed  $\approx \frac{32}{12} \approx 2.7$

E

Q16  $\frac{\Pr(5.5 < X < 11)}{\Pr(X > 5.5)} = \frac{0.6}{0.65} \approx 0.92$

A

Q17  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{a}{2} (1 - \cos x) dx = 1, \therefore a = \frac{1}{\pi}$

A

$\int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2\pi} (1 - \cos x) dx = \frac{\pi+2}{2\pi}$

Q18 Choice B is not a random variable, it is a subset of the sample space.

B

Q19  $n = 4, p = 0.1$  and  $q = 0.9$

$\therefore \mu = np = 0.4$  and  $\sigma = \sqrt{npq} = 0.6$

A

Q20 The mean of  $\hat{P} = p = 0.60$

The standard deviation of  $\hat{P} = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.04$

$\Pr(\hat{P} < 0.56) \approx 0.16$  (normal approx)

Number of samples  $\approx 20 \times 0.16 \approx 3.2$

B


**SECTION B**

Q1a  $y = x(2a - x)$ ,  $p = \frac{2a+0}{2} = a$ ,  $q = 2a^2 - a^2 = a^2$

Q1bi  $y = mx + c$  is the equation of the tangent.

Let  $mx + c = 2ax - x^2$ ,  $\therefore x^2 + (m - 2a)x + c = 0$

$\therefore (m - 2a)^2 - 4c = 0$

Q1bii From part bi,  $(m - 2a)^2 = 4c$ ,  $m - 2a = \pm 2\sqrt{c}$

$\therefore m = 2(a \pm \sqrt{c})$

Given  $c > q$ , i.e.  $c > a^2$ ,  $\therefore \sqrt{c} > a$ ,  $a - \sqrt{c} < 0$

$\therefore m = 2(a - \sqrt{c})$  for negative  $m$ .

Q1ci When  $a = 1$ ,  $m = 2(1 - \sqrt{c})$ ,  $y = 2(1 - \sqrt{c})x + c$

$\therefore 2(\sqrt{c} - 1)x + y = c$

Q1cii Let  $y = 0$  for  $x$ -intercept,  $\therefore x = \frac{c}{2(\sqrt{c} - 1)}$

$\therefore B = \left( \frac{c}{2(\sqrt{c} - 1)}, 0 \right)$

Q1d Area of  $\Delta AOB = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{c}{2(\sqrt{c} - 1)} \times c = \frac{c^2}{4(\sqrt{c} - 1)} = \frac{c^2(\sqrt{c} + 1)}{4(c - 1)}$

Q1e Let  $\frac{d}{dc} \frac{c^2}{4(\sqrt{c} - 1)} = 0$ ,  $c = \left( \frac{4}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{16}{9}$

Min. area of  $\Delta AOB = \frac{c^2}{4(\sqrt{c} - 1)} = \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^4}{\frac{4}{3}} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3$

Q1f Area bounded by the parabola and the  $x$ -axis:

$\int_0^2 (2x - x^2) dx = \frac{4}{3}$

$\therefore$  min. shaded area  $= \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3 - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{28}{27}$

Q2a  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Q2b Same area as the region bounded by  $y = e^x$ ,  $y = -e^{-x}$  and  $x = \pm 1$ .

$\int_{-1}^1 (e^x - (-e^{-x})) dx = 2e$

Q2c  $g'(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$  for  $x < 0$

Q2d  $Q(-\alpha, -\log_e \alpha)$

Q2e  $(\overline{PQ})^2 = (\alpha - (-\alpha))^2 + (\log_e \alpha - (-\log_e \alpha))^2 = 4(\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2)$

$\therefore \overline{PQ} = 2\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2}$

Q2f Let  $\frac{d}{d\alpha} 2\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2} = 0$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + (\log_e \alpha)^2}} \times \left( 2\alpha + \frac{2\log_e \alpha}{\alpha} \right) = 0$

$\therefore 2\alpha + \frac{2\log_e \alpha}{\alpha} = 0$ ,  $\therefore \alpha^2 + \log_e \alpha = 0$

Q2g  $\alpha \approx 0.653$ ,  $\overline{PQ} \approx 1.55954 \approx 1.560$

Q2h Since  $\alpha^2 + \log_e \alpha = 0$ ,  $\therefore \frac{\log_e \alpha}{\alpha^2} = -1$

Gradient of  $\overline{PQ} = \frac{\log_e \alpha}{\alpha}$ , gradient of both tangents  $= \frac{1}{\alpha}$

$\therefore$  gradient of  $\overline{PQ} \times$  gradient of each tangent  $= \frac{\log_e \alpha}{\alpha^2} = -1$

$\therefore PQ$  is a common normal to both curves.

Q2i Area of the largest square  $\approx 1.55954^2 \approx 2.432$



Q3a

$$f(x) = 0.0012833 x^2(x^2 - 8\pi^2) = 0.0012833 x^2(x^2 - (2\sqrt{2}\pi)^2)$$

$$= 0.0012833 x^2(x + 2\sqrt{2}\pi)(x - 2\sqrt{2}\pi)$$

$\therefore a = 0.0012833$  and  $b = c = 2\sqrt{2}\pi$

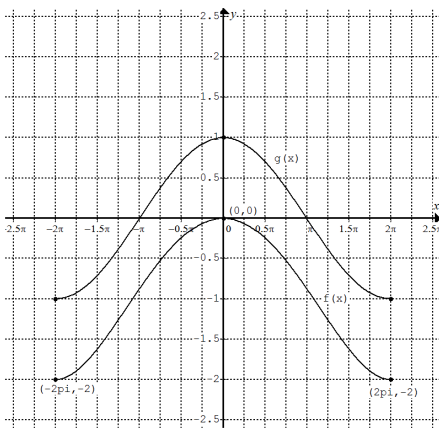
Q3b  $f'(x) = 0.0051332 x^3 - 0.0205328 \pi^2 x$

Let  $f'(x) = 0$ ,  $0.0051332 x^3 - 0.0205328 \pi^2 x = 0$

$$0.0051332 x(x^2 - 4\pi^2) = 0.0051332 x(x + 2\pi)(x - 2\pi) = 0$$

$\therefore$  stationary points are at  $x = -2\pi$ ,  $0$  and  $2\pi$

Q3c and d



Q3e Area =  $\int_{-2\pi}^{2\pi} (f(x) + 1 - g(x)) dx \approx 0.837$  by CAS

Q3f  $x \approx -3.400352 \approx -3.400$ , or  $x \approx 3.400$  by CAS  
x-intercepts:  $(-3.400, 0)$  and  $(3.400, 0)$

Q3g  $3.400352 \rightarrow \pi$ ,  $\therefore m \approx \frac{\pi}{3.400352} \approx 0.923902 \approx 0.924$

Q3h  $x \rightarrow \frac{x}{m}$ ,  $\therefore p = m^4 \approx 0.729$  and  $q = m^2 \approx 0.854$

Q4a  $\int_0^{1.5} a x^2 (x - 1.5)^2 e^x dx = 1$ ,

$$a = \frac{1}{\int_0^{1.5} x^2 (x - 1.5)^2 e^x dx} \approx \frac{1}{0.55773524} \approx 1.793$$
 by CAS

Q4b  $\bar{X} = \int_0^{1.5} x f(x) dx \approx 0.82965 \approx 0.830$  by CAS

Q4c  $\int_0^m \left( \frac{1}{0.55773524} \right) x^2 (x - 1.5)^2 e^x dx = 0.5$ ,  $m \approx 0.843$  by CAS

Q4di Binomial:  $n = 10$ ,  $p = 0.137$

$$\Pr(X < 3) = \Pr(X \leq 2) \approx 0.8527664 \approx 0.853$$
 by CAS

Q4dii  $\Pr(X < 3 | X \geq 1) = \frac{\Pr(1 \leq X \leq 2)}{1 - \Pr(X = 0)} \approx 0.8089999 \approx 0.809$

Q4e The mean of sample proportion  $\approx p = 0.137$ ,  
the standard deviation of sample proportion

$$\approx \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \approx 0.03438 \approx 0.034$$

Q4f  $\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1)}{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.2)} \approx 0.1428 \approx 0.143$  by CAS

Q4g For sample size of 10, assuming the mean of sample proportion  $\approx p = 0.137$ , the standard deviation of sample proportion

$$\approx \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \approx 0.109$$

$$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1)}{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.2)} \approx 0.511$$

For sample size of 200, the mean of sample proportion  $\approx p = 0.137$ ,

the standard deviation of sample proportion  $\approx \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \approx 0.024$

$$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) = \frac{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1)}{\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.2)} \approx 0.062$$

$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) \approx 0.062$  is more reliable than

$\Pr(\hat{p} < 0.1 | \hat{p} < 0.2) \approx 0.511$  because the latter has a small sample size and normal approximation is not valid.

Q4h An approximate 95% confidence interval

$$\approx \left( 0.137 - 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.137(1-0.137)}{100}}, 0.137 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.137(1-0.137)}{100}} \right)$$

$$\approx (0.070, 0.204)$$

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