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Mathematical Methods

2022

Trial Examination I (1 hour)

Instructions

Answer all questions.

A decimal approximation will not be accepted if an **exact** answer is required to a question. In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working must be shown. Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this exam are **not** drawn to scale.

Question 1 (3 marks)

Solve the following simultaneous equations for x, y and z in terms of a parameter. Let the parameter be α .

$$x - \frac{3}{2}y + z = 0$$
$$2x - z - 3 = 0$$

Question 2 (4 marks) Given $P(x) = 6x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 1 = (2x+1)Q(x) + R$ where Q(x) is a polynomial function and R is a real constant.

a. Find Q(x) and R.

3 marks

b. Find the remainder when (2x+1)Q(x) is divided by 2x-1. 1 mark

Question 3 (4 marks)

The graph of a logarithmic function of equation in the form $y = a \log_e(bx - c)$ is shown below. It has an asymptote x = 1.5 and intercept (2,0).



a. Show that b = 2 and c = 3.

2 marks

b. Given $e \approx 2.7$.

Use the graph to determine the approximate value of a corrected to the nearest whole number.

2 marks

Question 4 (4 marks) Function f has equation y = f(x).

State a sequence of four transformations of function f, changing y = f(x) to $y = \frac{1}{2}f(1-2x)$.

Question 5 (5 marks) Consider $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}+1$, $x \in [1, \infty)$ and $g(x) = 4x - x^2$, $x \in [p, q]$.

a. Find the minimum value of p and the maximum value of q such that composite function f(g(x)) is defined.

3 marks

b. Find x such that the gradient of the tangent to y = f(g(x)) is $-\frac{1}{2}$. 2 marks

Question 6 (4 marks)

The temperatures of Room A and Room B at time t (hours) are given by $T_A = 25 + 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right)$ and $T_B = 25 - 2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right)$ respectively for $t \ge 0$. a. For how long is $T_A \ge T_B$ in the first 24 hours? 1 mark

b. Find t such that
$$T_{\rm A} = T_{\rm B}$$
, $\frac{dT_{\rm A}}{dt} > 0$ and $\frac{dT_{\rm B}}{dt} < 0$ for the first time. 3 marks

Question 7 (4 marks)

Random variable *X* has a binomial probability distribution given by $Bi\left(n, \frac{1}{3}\right)$.

a. Find the greatest value of *n* such that $Pr(X < 2) > \frac{20}{27}$. 2 marks

b. Find \overline{X} when n = 33.

1 mark

Question 8 (4 marks)

Random variable X has probability density function f(x) given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ke^{\left(\frac{x}{e}+1\right)} & \text{for } 0 \le x \le e \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

a. Show that
$$k = \frac{1}{e-1}$$
.

b. Find the median of *X*.

Question 9 (8 marks) Let $f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{1-x}$.

a. f(x) can be expressed as in the form $\frac{a}{x-1} + b$. Find the value of each of *a* and *b*. Hence sketch the graph of y = f(x). 3 marks



2 marks

2 marks

b. Determine $f^{-1}(x)$.

c. Find the coordinates of the intersections of y = f(x) and $y = f^{-1}(x)$. 1 mark

d. Find the area of the region enclosed by y = f(x) and $y = f^{-1}(x)$. Express your answer in simplest form. 3 marks

End of Exam