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141 BASIC APPLIED MATHEMATICS

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

ANSWERS

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of TEN questions.
2. Answer all questions.

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1. (a) 1.51529

(b) Mean = 137.8481, standard deviation = 19.0593

(c) Determinant = 40

(d) $t = 4.213$, $t = 0.787$

2. (a) A step function f is defined on the set of real numbers such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 12x + 5 & \text{if } x > 1 \\ x - 4 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Find: $f(-1/2)$, $f(2)$ and $f(-3)$.

$f(-1/2)$: Since $-1/2 \leq 1$, use $f(x) = x - 4$

$$f(-1/2) = (-1/2) - 4 = -4.5$$

$f(2)$: Since $2 > 1$, use $f(x) = 12x + 5$

$$f(2) = 12 \times 2 + 5 = 24 + 5 = 29$$

$f(-3)$: Since $-3 \leq 1$, use $f(x) = x - 4$

$$f(-3) = -3 - 4 = -7$$

2. (b) Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 1 / (2 - x)$ and hence state its domain and range.

Rewriting: $f(x) = 1 / (2 - x) = -1 / (x - 2)$

Vertical asymptote: $x = 2$

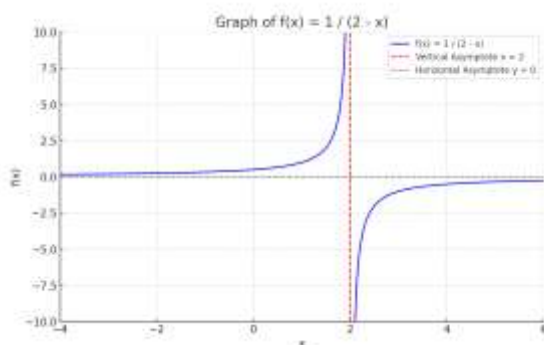
As x approaches 2 from the left, $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

As x approaches 2 from the right, $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Horizontal asymptote: $y = 0$

Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 2$

Range: $y \in \mathbb{R}, y \neq 0$



2. (c) The line that passes through point A(-4, 6) has a slope of -1. Draw the graph of this line in the interval $-4 \leq x \leq 4$.

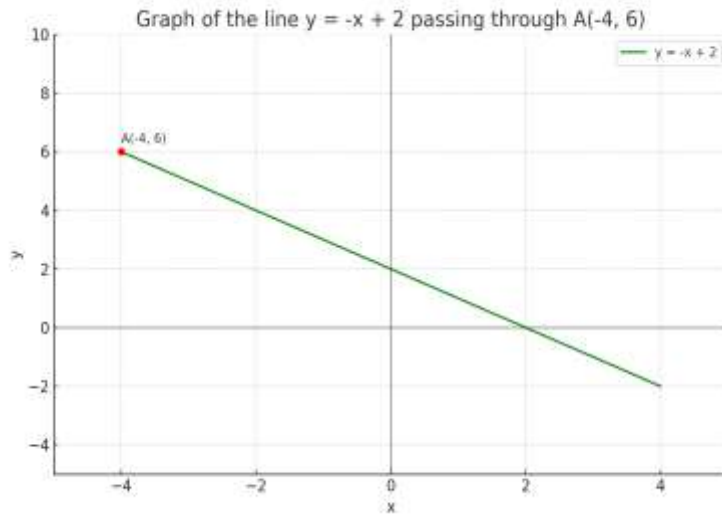
Using point-slope form:

$$y - 6 = -1(x + 4)$$

$$y = -x - 4 + 6$$

$$y = -x + 2$$

So the line is $y = -x + 2$ within the interval $x \in [-4, 4]$



3. (a) Solve the simultaneous equations

$$x^2 - 2y = 7$$

$$x + y = 4$$

by substitution method.

From second equation: $y = 4 - x$

Substitute into first:

$$x^2 - 2(4 - x) = 7$$

$$x^2 - 8 + 2x = 7$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$$

$$(x + 5)(x - 3) = 0 \rightarrow x = -5 \text{ or } x = 3$$

$$\text{If } x = -5 \rightarrow y = 4 - (-5) = 9$$

$$\text{If } x = 3 \rightarrow y = 4 - 3 = 1$$

Solutions: $(-5, 9)$ and $(3, 1)$

(b) Calculate the sum of the series \sum from $r = 3$ to 5 of $(-1)^{r+1} r^{-1}$

Evaluate each term:

$$r = 3: (-1)^4(1/3) = 1 \times 1/3 = 1/3$$

$$r = 4: (-1)^5(1/4) = -1 \times 1/4 = -1/4$$

$$r = 5: (-1)^6(1/5) = 1 \times 1/5 = 1/5$$

$$\text{Sum} = 1/3 - 1/4 + 1/5$$

Common denominator is 60:

$$20/60 - 15/60 + 12/60 = 17/60$$

$$\text{Sum} = 17/60$$

3. (c) The second and fifth terms of an A.P are $x - y$ and $x + y$ respectively, find the third term.

Let first term = a , common difference = d

$$\text{Second term} = a + d = x - y$$

$$\text{Fifth term} = a + 4d = x + y$$

Now subtract:

$$(a + 4d) - (a + d) = x + y - (x - y)$$

$$3d = 2y \rightarrow d = 2y / 3$$

From $a + d = x - y$:

$$a = x - y - d = x - y - (2y / 3) = x - (5y / 3)$$

$$\text{Third term} = a + 2d = x - (5y / 3) + (4y / 3) = x - y / 3$$

Third term is $x - y / 3$

4. (a) If $f(x) = x$, find dy/dx from first principles.

$$f(x) = x \rightarrow f(x + h) = x + h$$

$$f(x + h) - f(x) = h$$

$$dy/dx = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (f(x + h) - f(x)) / h = h / h = 1$$

$$dy/dx = 1$$

4. (b) Given the curve $f(x) = (x + 1)(x - 1)(2 - x)$

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 1)(2 - x) = (-x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 2)$$

(i) Find x and y intercepts

x -intercepts: Solve $f(x) = 0$

$$(x + 1)(x - 1)(2 - x) = 0 \rightarrow x = -1, 1, 2$$

$$y\text{-intercept: } x = 0 \rightarrow f(0) = (0 + 1)(0 - 1)(2 - 0) = 1 \times (-1) \times 2 = -2$$

(ii) Determine the maximum and minimum points of $f(x)$

$$f(x) = -x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 2$$

$$f'(x) = -3x^2 + 4x + 1$$

Set derivative to zero:

$$-3x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = [4 \pm \sqrt{(16 + 12)}] / 6 = [4 \pm \sqrt{28}] / 6$$

$$= [4 \pm 2\sqrt{7}] / 6 = [2 \pm \sqrt{7}] / 3$$

Second derivative: $f''(x) = -6x + 4$

Evaluate to classify nature

(iii) Sketch the graph

Plot points: x-intercepts at $x = -1, 1, 2$

y-intercept at $(0, -2)$

Shape of a cubic with negative leading coefficient: falls on right

5. (a) Integrate $\int 2x\sqrt{x^2 + 3} \, dx$

Let $u = x^2 + 3 \rightarrow du = 2x \, dx$

So integral becomes $\int \sqrt{u} \, du = (2/3) u^{3/2}$

Answer = $(2/3)(x^2 + 3)^{3/2} + C$

5. (b) Find the area of the region enclosed by the curve $y = x^2$ and the line $y = x$.

Find points of intersection: $x^2 = x \rightarrow x(x - 1) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, 1$

Area = $\int_0^1 (x - x^2) \, dx = [x^2/2 - x^3/3]_0^1 = (1/2 - 1/3) = 1/6$

Area = $1/6$ units²

5. (c) Find the volume of revolution which is obtained when the area bounded by the line $y = 2x$, x-axis, $x = 1$ and $x = h$ is rotated about the x-axis.

Volume = $\pi \int_1^h (2x)^2 \, dx = \pi \int_1^h 4x^2 \, dx = 4\pi \int_1^h x^2 \, dx$

= $4\pi [x^3/3]_1^h = 4\pi(h^3 - 1)/3$

Volume = $(4\pi/3)(h^3 - 1)$

6. (a) Construct a frequency distribution table using equal class intervals of width 5 grams taking the lower class boundary of the first interval as 84.5.

Given data:

85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92, 93, 94, 95, 95, 96, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 101, 102, 103, 104, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123

Step 1: Determine number of intervals

Smallest value = 85

Largest value = 123

Range = $123 - 85 = 38$

Class width = 5

Number of intervals = $\text{ceil}(38 / 5) = 8$

Class intervals and boundaries:

84.5 – 89.5

89.5 – 94.5

94.5 – 99.5

99.5 – 104.5

104.5 – 109.5

109.5 – 114.5

114.5 – 119.5

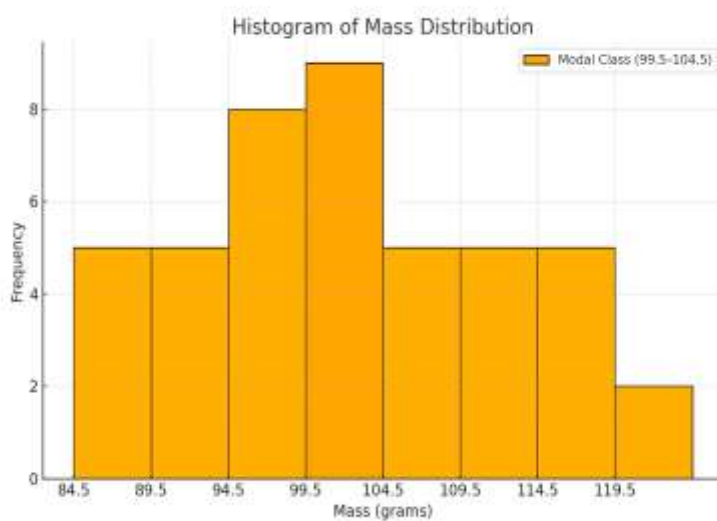
119.5 – 124.5

Now count the frequencies:

Class Interval	Tally	Frequency
84.5 – 89.5		5
89.5 – 94.5		5
94.5 – 99.5		8
99.5 – 104.5		9
104.5 – 109.5		5
109.5 – 114.5		5
114.5 – 119.5		5
119.5 – 124.5		2

Total = 44 values, confirmed.

6. (b) Draw the histogram to illustrate the data.



6. (c) Calculate the mode using the appropriate formula.

First, identify the modal class (class with highest frequency):

99.5 – 104.5 has highest frequency = 9

Let:

$L = 99.5$ (lower boundary of modal class)

$f_1 = 9$ (frequency of modal class)

$f_0 = 8$ (frequency before modal class = 94.5–99.5)

$f_2 = 5$ (frequency after modal class = 104.5–109.5)

$h = 5$ (class width)

Use formula:

$$\text{Mode} = L + [(f_1 - f_0) / (2f_1 - f_0 - f_2)] \times h$$

$$\text{Mode} = 99.5 + [(9 - 8) / (2 \times 9 - 8 - 5)] \times 5$$

$$\text{Mode} = 99.5 + [1 / (18 - 13)] \times 5 = 99.5 + (1/5) \times 5 = 99.5 + 1 = 100.5$$

Mode = 100.5 grams

7. (a) Verify that ${}^8C_5 + {}^8C_2 = {}^9C_3$

Use values:

$${}^8C_5 = 56$$

$${}^8C_2 = 28$$

$$56 + 28 = 84$$

$${}^9C_3 = 84 \rightarrow \text{verified}$$

7. (b) Two events A and B are such that $P(A) = 1/3$ and $P(B) = 2/7$

(i) Find $P(A \cup B)$ when A and B are mutually exclusive.

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) = 1/3 + 2/7 = (7 + 6)/21 = 13/21$$

(ii) Find $P(A \cap B)$ when A and B are independent.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B) = (1/3) \times (2/7) = 2/21$$

7. (c) Two students are chosen at random from a class containing 20 girls and 15 boys.

(i) Find the probability that both are girls.

$$P = (20/35) \times (19/34) = 380 / 1190 = 38 / 119$$

(ii) One is a girl and the other is a boy.

$$\text{Girl then boy: } (20/35)(15/34) = 300 / 1190$$

Boy then girl: $(15/35)(20/34) = 300 / 1190$
 Total = $600 / 1190 = 60 / 119$

8. (a) (i) Without using a calculator, find the value of $\cos 15^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 15^\circ &= \cos(45^\circ - 30^\circ) \\ &= \cos 45 \cos 30 + \sin 45 \sin 30 \\ &= (1/\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3}/2) + (1/\sqrt{2})(1/2) \\ &= (\sqrt{3} + 1)/(2\sqrt{2}) \\ &= (\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{3} + 1)/4\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Prove that $\sin(A + B)\sin(A - B) = \sin^2 A - \sin^2 B$

Use identity:

$$\sin(A + B)\sin(A - B) = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(B - B) - \cos(2A)] = \frac{1}{2}[1 - \cos 2A]$$

But that's cosine form.

Alternatively use identity:

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

$$\sin(A - B) = \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

Product:

$$\begin{aligned}(\sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B)(\sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B) \\ &= \sin^2 A \cos^2 B - \cos^2 A \sin^2 B \\ &= \sin^2 A - \sin^2 B \text{ (if } \cos^2 B = 1 \text{ and } \cos^2 A = 1)\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \sin x$ for $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$

Draw standard sine wave starting at $(-2\pi, 0)$, going through 0 at 0, 2π , -2π

Max at $\pi/2$, $-3\pi/2$; Min at $-\pi/2$, $3\pi/2$

8. (b) Solve the equation $\cos 2x + \sin^2 x = 0$, where $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$

Use identity: $\cos 2x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x$

$$\text{Then: } 1 - 2\sin^2 x + \sin^2 x = 0 \rightarrow 1 - \sin^2 x = 0 \rightarrow \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$\sin x = \pm 1$$

$$x = 90^\circ, 270^\circ$$

Solutions: $x = 90^\circ, 270^\circ$

9. (a) Three entrepreneurs R_1 , R_2 and R_3 sell seedlings of two species A and B. If the sales in one month and prices paid (in Tsh) for each type are

$S =$

$\begin{vmatrix} A & B \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 12 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 8 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 16 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$

and

$P =$

$\begin{vmatrix} 2500 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 3500 \end{vmatrix}$

respectively, find the total sales for each of the three entrepreneurs.

We are to compute the matrix multiplication $S \times P$:

$S =$

$\begin{vmatrix} 12 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 8 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 16 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$

$P =$

$\begin{vmatrix} 2500 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 3500 \end{vmatrix}$

Compute:

$$R_1 = 12 \times 2500 + 13 \times 3500 = 30000 + 45500 = 75500$$

$$R_2 = 8 \times 2500 + 5 \times 3500 = 20000 + 17500 = 37500$$

$$R_3 = 16 \times 2500 + 9 \times 3500 = 40000 + 31500 = 71500$$

Total sales:

$$R_1 = \text{Tsh } 75500$$

$$R_2 = \text{Tsh } 37500$$

$$R_3 = \text{Tsh } 71500$$

9. (b) Given matrix $A =$

$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$

$\begin{vmatrix} 7 & -11 \end{vmatrix}$

Verify that $A^{-1}A = I$, where I is an identity matrix.

First, find A^{-1} .

Determinant of A :

$$|A| = (3)(-11) - (-5)(7) = -33 + 35 = 2$$

Adjoint of A =

$$\begin{vmatrix} -11 & 5 \\ -7 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now $A^{-1} = (1/|A|) \times \text{adj}(A) = (1/2) \times$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -11 & 5 \\ -7 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now multiply $A^{-1} \times A$:

$A^{-1} =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -11/2 & 5/2 \\ -7/2 & 3/2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$A =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 7 & -11 \end{vmatrix}$$

Compute matrix multiplication:

First row, first column:

$$(-11/2 \times 3) + (5/2 \times 7) = -33/2 + 35/2 = 2/2 = 1$$

First row, second column:

$$(-11/2 \times -5) + (5/2 \times -11) = 55/2 - 55/2 = 0$$

Second row, first column:

$$(-7/2 \times 3) + (3/2 \times 7) = -21/2 + 21/2 = 0$$

Second row, second column:

$$(-7/2 \times -5) + (3/2 \times -11) = 35/2 - 33/2 = 2/2 = 1$$

So $A^{-1} \times A =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = I$$

Hence verified.

9. (c) Use Cramer's rule to solve:

$$x + y + z = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y - z &= 1 \\ x - y + z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Step 1: Coefficient matrix A:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Find determinant of A:

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= 1(1 \times 1 - (-1 \times -1)) - 1(2 \times 1 - (-1 \times 1)) + 1(2 \times (-1) - 1 \times 1) \\ &= 1(1 - 1) - 1(2 - (-1)) + 1(-2 - 1) \\ &= 0 - 3 - 3 = -6 \end{aligned}$$

Now construct matrices A_x , A_y , A_z

A_x = replace first column with constants (6, 1, 2):

$$\begin{vmatrix} 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A_x| &= 6(1 \times 1 - (-1 \times -1)) - 1(1 \times 1 - (-1 \times 2)) + 1(1 \times (-1) - 1 \times 2) \\ &= 6(1 - 1) - 1(1 + 2) + 1(-1 - 2) = 0 - 3 - 3 = -6 \end{aligned}$$

A_y = replace second column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A_y| &= 1(1 \times 1 - (-1 \times 2)) - 6(2 \times 1 - (-1 \times 1)) + 1(2 \times 2 - 1 \times 1) \\ &= 1(1 + 2) - 6(2 + 1) + 1(4 - 1) = 3 - 18 + 3 = -12 \end{aligned}$$

A_z = replace third column:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A_z| &= 1(1 \times 2 - (1 \times -1)) - 1(2 \times 2 - 1 \times 1) + 6(2 \times -1 - 1 \times 1) \\ &= 1(2 + 1) - 1(4 - 1) + 6(-2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3 - 3 - 18 = -18$$

Now compute:

$$x = A_x / |A| = -6 / -6 = 1$$

$$y = A_y / |A| = -12 / -6 = 2$$

$$z = A_z / |A| = -18 / -6 = 3$$

Solution:

$$x = 1$$

$$y = 2$$

$$z = 3$$

10. (a) Mention any four applications of linear programming.

Production planning: Maximizing output or minimizing cost by allocating limited resources like labor, materials, and machines.

Transportation: Minimizing the cost of transporting goods from multiple sources to various destinations.

Diet formulation: Determining the cheapest combination of foods that satisfies all nutritional requirements.

Scheduling: Allocating time slots for machines, employees, or projects to minimize delay or idle time.

10. (b) Define the following terms in linear programming:

(i) Objective function

This is the function to be maximized or minimized in a linear programming problem. It usually represents profit, cost, or efficiency. Example: Maximize $Z = 3x + 4y$.

(ii) Constraints

These are the conditions or restrictions that the solution must satisfy. They are usually expressed as linear inequalities. Example: $x + y \leq 10$.

(iii) Feasible region

This is the set of all possible solutions that satisfy all constraints. It is usually a polygonal area on a graph, and any point within this region is a potential solution.

10. (c) A special take away fast lunch of food and drinks contains 2 units of vitamin B and 5 units of iron. Each glass of drinks has 4 units of vitamin B and 2 units of iron. A minimum of 8 units of vitamin B and 60 units of iron are served each day. If each serving of food costs 2000 Tsh and that of drinks costs 1600 Tsh; how much of the food and drinks are needed to be consumed in order to meet daily needs at a minimum cost?

Let

x = number of food servings

y = number of drink servings

Constraints:

$$2x + 4y \geq 8 \text{ (Vitamin B requirement)}$$

$$5x + 2y \geq 60 \text{ (Iron requirement)}$$

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

Objective function:

$$\text{Minimize cost } C = 2000x + 1600y$$

Now solve the system:

$$\text{From } 2x + 4y \geq 8 \rightarrow x + 2y \geq 4$$

$$\text{From } 5x + 2y \geq 60$$

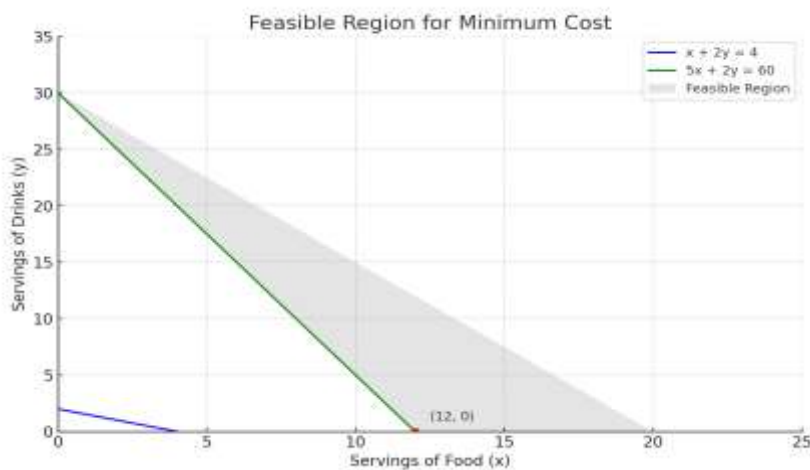
Now solve $x + 2y = 4$ and $5x + 2y = 60$ simultaneously

Subtract the first from the second:

$$5x + 2y - (x + 2y) = 60 - 4 \rightarrow 4x = 56 \rightarrow x = 14$$

Substitute into first:

$$14 + 2y = 4 \rightarrow 2y = -10 \rightarrow y = -5 \rightarrow \text{invalid since } y \geq 0$$



Try boundary points:

$$\text{If } x = 0 \rightarrow \text{from } x + 2y \geq 4 \rightarrow 2y \geq 4 \rightarrow y \geq 2$$

$$\text{from } 5x + 2y \geq 60 \rightarrow 2y \geq 60 \rightarrow y \geq 30$$

So $y = 30$ satisfies both when $x = 0 \rightarrow \text{Cost} = 2000 \times 0 + 1600 \times 30 = 48000$

If $y = 0 \rightarrow$ from $x + 2y \geq 4 \rightarrow x \geq 4$

from $5x \geq 60 \rightarrow x \geq 12$

So $x = 12$ satisfies both $\rightarrow \text{Cost} = 2000 \times 12 = 24000$

Try $x = 10 \rightarrow$ check both:

$x + 2y \geq 4 \rightarrow 10 + 2y \geq 4 \rightarrow$ always satisfied

$5x + 2y \geq 60 \rightarrow 50 + 2y \geq 60 \rightarrow 2y \geq 10 \rightarrow y \geq 5$

Try $y = 5$

Check all:

$x + 2y = 10 + 10 = 20 \geq 4 \checkmark$

$5x + 2y = 50 + 10 = 60 \checkmark$

$\text{Cost} = 2000 \times 10 + 1600 \times 5 = 20000 + 8000 = 28000$

Try $x = 12, y = 0 \rightarrow \text{Cost} = 24000$

This is the minimum

Minimum cost = Tsh 24000

Food servings = 12

Drink servings = 0