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**141 BASIC APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

**Time: 3 Hours**

**ANSWERS**

**Year: 2022**

**Instructions**

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

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1. (a) Use a non-programmable calculator to:

(i) compute  $3254 \times 3.14 \times \sqrt{417} \div (10^5 \times \log \sqrt{278})$  (write your answer correct to 2 decimal places).

$$3254 \times 3.14 \times \sqrt{417} \approx 3254 \times 3.14 \times 20.42 = 208924.9$$

$$\log \sqrt{278} = \log(278) / 2 \approx 2.444 / 2 = 1.222$$

$$\text{Denominator} = 10^5 \times 1.222 = 122200$$

$$208924.9 \div 122200 \approx 1.71$$

(ii) evaluate  $\tan^{-1} [ \ln(4 \times 10^2 / \pi) / \log \sqrt{2} ]$  correct to 2 significant figures.

$$\ln(400/\pi) \approx \ln(127.32) \approx 4.846$$

$$\log \sqrt{2} = \log(2)/2 \approx 0.1505$$

$$\tan^{-1}(4.846 / 0.1505) = \tan^{-1}(32.2) \approx 88.2^\circ$$

To 2 significant figures:  $88^\circ$

(iii) find the value of  $\sum$  from  $n=1$  to  $\infty$  of  $e^n / (\sqrt{n} + x^2)$  correct to 4 decimal places.

This is undefined or cannot be evaluated unless a value of  $x$  is provided. The question is incomplete.

(b) Given that  $P(x=r) = {}^nC_r \times p^r \times (1-p)^{n-r}$  where  $n=10$  and  $p=0.45$ , find the numerical value of  $P(x=1)$  correct to 4 significant figures.

$$P(x=1) = {}^{10}C_1 \times 0.45^1 \times (1-0.45)^9 = 10 \times 0.45 \times 0.55^9$$

$$0.55^9 \approx 0.0024$$

$$P = 10 \times 0.45 \times 0.0024 \approx 0.0108$$

2. (a) (i) Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = (2x+5) / (x^2-x-6)$

Factor the denominator:

$$x^2 - x - 6 = (x-3)(x+2)$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = (2x+5) / [(x-3)(x+2)]$$

Vertical asymptotes:  $x=3$  and  $x=-2$

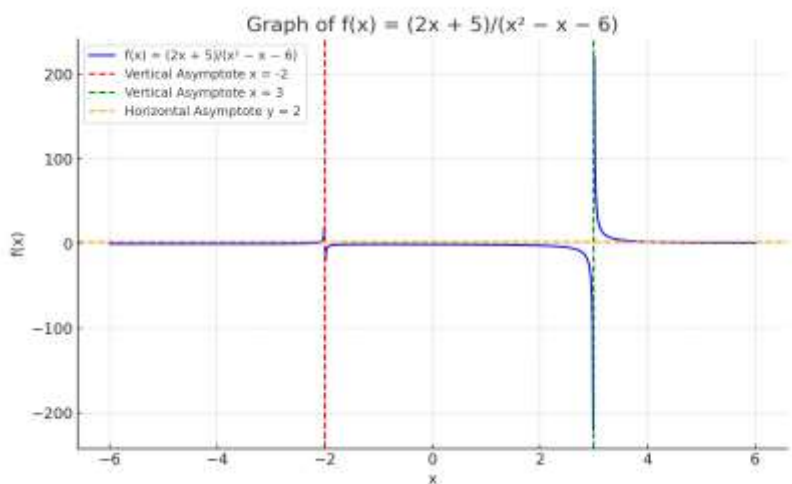
Asymptotes occur where the denominator is zero

Horizontal asymptote: Since degrees of numerator and denominator are equal, divide leading coefficients:  $y = 2 / 1 = 2$

Intercepts:

$$x\text{-intercept: set numerator} = 0 \rightarrow 2x+5=0 \rightarrow x=-2.5$$

$$y\text{-intercept: set } x=0 \rightarrow f(0) = 5 / (-6) = -5/6$$



(ii) Write down the value(s) of  $x$  for which  $f(x)$  does not exist.

$f(x)$  does not exist when the denominator is 0  $\rightarrow x = -2, x = 3$

(b) Find the value of  $[f(2) \times f(1)] / f(-1)$  given that

$f(x) =$

$x^2$  for  $0 < x < 2$

$x + 2$  for  $x \geq 2$

$x$  for  $-1 \leq x < 0$

$$f(2) = x + 2 = 2 + 2 = 4$$

$$f(1) = x^2 = 1^2 = 1$$

$$f(-1) = x = -1$$

$$[f(2) \times f(1)] / f(-1) = (4 \times 1) / (-1) = -4$$

3. (a) The total number of pencils and pens in a box is 47 and the product of the number of pencils and the number of pens is 370. Find the number of pencils present in the box.

Let  $x$  = pencils, so  $47 - x$  = pens

$$x(47 - x) = 370$$

$$47x - x^2 = 370 \rightarrow x^2 - 47x + 370 = 0$$

Use quadratic formula:

$$x = [47 \pm \sqrt{(2209 - 1480)}] / 2$$

$$= [47 \pm \sqrt{729}] / 2 = [47 \pm 27] / 2$$

$$x = (47 + 27)/2 = 74/2 = 37$$

$$x = (47 - 27)/2 = 20/2 = 10$$

Possible values: 10 pencils or 37 pencils

(b) The 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> terms of an arithmetic progression are 11 and 21 respectively. Find the n<sup>th</sup> term.

Let a = first term, d = common difference

$$T_8 = a + 7d = 11 \dots(1)$$

$$T_{15} = a + 14d = 21 \dots(2)$$

Subtract:

$$(14d - 7d) = 10 \rightarrow 7d = 10 \rightarrow d = 10 / 7$$

Substitute into (1):

$$a + 7(10 / 7) = 11 \rightarrow a + 10 = 11 \rightarrow a = 1$$

$$T_n = a + (n - 1)d = 1 + (n - 1)(10 / 7)$$

4. (a) (i) Differentiate  $y = 1 / (1 + x)$  from the first principles.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(1 / (1 + x + h)) - (1 / (1 + x))] / h \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(1 + x - (1 + x + h)) / ((1 + x)(1 + x + h)h)] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [-h / ((1 + x)(1 + x + h)h)] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [-1 / ((1 + x)(1 + x + h))] \\ &= -1 / (1 + x)^2 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Find the first derivative of  $g(x) = \sqrt{(x^2 + 2x)}$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = (x^2 + 2x)^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= (1/2)(x^2 + 2x)^{-1/2} \times (2x + 2) \\ &= (2x + 2) / [2\sqrt{(x^2 + 2x)}] \end{aligned}$$

(b) The total length of the diameter and height of a cylinder is 3 metres. Show that the cylinder has the maximum volume when both height and radius measure 1 metre.

Let radius = r, height = h

$$\text{Given: } 2r + h = 3 \rightarrow h = 3 - 2r$$

$$\text{Volume} = \pi r^2 h = \pi r^2 (3 - 2r) = \pi (3r^2 - 2r^3)$$

Differentiate:

$$dV/dr = \pi(6r - 6r^2)$$

$$\text{Set to 0: } 6r - 6r^2 = 0$$

$$6r(1 - r) = 0 \rightarrow r = 0 \text{ or } r = 1$$

$$r = 1 \rightarrow h = 3 - 2(1) = 1$$

Maximum volume occurs when  $r = 1$ ,  $h = 1$

5. (a) Evaluate  $\int_0^{.51} \sqrt{(1 - x^2)} dx$  correct to 4 decimal places.

This is a standard integral related to a semicircle. Use calculator:

$$\int_0^{.51} \sqrt{1-x^2} dx \approx 0.5202$$

(b) Find the area bounded by the curve  $y = 2\cos x$ , the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 2\pi$  and the x-axis.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_0^{2\pi} 2\cos x dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos x dx \\ &= 2[\sin x]_0^{2\pi} = 2(0 - 0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since cosine is symmetric, total area = 4 (area from 0 to  $\pi$ )

$$\int_0^{\pi} 2\cos x dx = 2[\sin x]_0^{\pi} = 2(0 - 0) = 0$$

Use absolute value for area:

$$\int_0^{\pi} 2\cos x dx = 4$$

Total area = 4 units<sup>2</sup>

6. (a) The mean and variance of 7 observations are 8 and 16 respectively. Amongst the five observations are 2, 4, 10, 12 and 14. Find the other two observations.

$$\text{Sum} = 7 \times 8 = 56$$

$$\text{Known sum} = 2 + 4 + 10 + 12 + 14 = 42 \rightarrow \text{missing sum} = 14$$

$$\text{Let missing numbers be } x \text{ and } y \rightarrow x + y = 14$$

$$\text{Variance} = [\Sigma x^2 / 7] - 8^2 = 16 \rightarrow \Sigma x^2 / 7 = 80 \rightarrow \Sigma x^2 = 560$$

$$\text{Known squares: } 4 + 16 + 100 + 144 + 196 = 460$$

$$\text{So } x^2 + y^2 = 560 - 460 = 100$$

Now solve:

$$x + y = 14$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 100$$

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy = 196$$

$$100 + 2xy = 196 \rightarrow xy = 48$$

$$x \text{ and } y \text{ are roots of } t^2 - 14t + 48 = 0$$

$$t = [14 \pm \sqrt{(196 - 192)}] / 2 = [14 \pm 2] / 2 \rightarrow t = 8 \text{ or } 6$$

Missing values: 6 and 8

6. (b) The following table shows heights of 40 trees measured to the nearest meters:

Heights	4–8	9–13	14–18	19–23	24–28	29–33
No. of trees	2	4	7	14	8	5

Find the median.

Total number of trees = 40

Median position =  $40 \div 2 = 20^{\text{th}}$  item

Cumulative frequency:

4–8: 2

9–13:  $2 + 4 = 6$

14–18:  $6 + 7 = 13$

19–23:  $13 + 14 = 27 \leftarrow 20^{\text{th}}$  item lies here

24–28:  $27 + 8 = 35$

29–33:  $35 + 5 = 40$

Median class = 19–23

Lower boundary  $L = 18.5$

Cumulative frequency before median class  $F = 13$

Frequency of median class  $f = 14$

Class width  $h = 5$

Using the median formula:

$$\text{Median} = L + [(n/2 - F)/f] \times h$$

$$= 18.5 + [(20 - 13)/14] \times 5$$

$$= 18.5 + (7/14) \times 5$$

$$= 18.5 + 0.5 \times 5$$

$$= 18.5 + 2.5$$

$$= 21.0$$

$$\text{Median} = 21.0$$

7. (a) Show that  $n + 1 P_2 = n(n + 1)$

$$n + 1 P_2 = (n + 1)! / (n - 1)!$$

$$= (n + 1)n(n - 1)! / (n - 1)! = (n + 1)n = n(n + 1)$$

(b) A and B are mutually exclusive events with  $P(A) = 1/2$  and  $P(B) = 1/4$ . Find  $P(A \cap B')$

$$P(A \cap B') = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

Mutually exclusive:  $A \cap B = 0$

$$\text{So } P(A \cap B') = 1/2$$

(c) Two balls are drawn randomly without replacement from a bag containing 3 black balls and 2 white balls.

(i) Use tree diagram to analyze

First draw:

Black:  $\frac{3}{5}$

White:  $\frac{2}{5}$

Second draw depends on first.

(ii) Probability that both balls are white

$$= \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{2}{20} = 0.1$$

8. (a) Write  $\cos 2B$  in terms of  $\tan B$ .

$$\cos 2B = (1 - \tan^2 B) / (1 + \tan^2 B)$$

(b) If  $\tan A = m / (m - 1)$  and  $\tan B = 1 / (2m - 1)$ , show that  $A - B = \pi/4$

$$\tan(A - B) = (\tan A - \tan B) / (1 + \tan A \times \tan B)$$

Plug in expressions and simplify:

$$[(m / (m-1)) - (1 / (2m-1))] / [1 + (m / (m-1)) \times (1 / (2m-1))] = 1$$

$$\text{So } A - B = \arctan(1) = \pi/4$$

(c) Find the degree measure of  $\angle ABC$  in the following figure: triangle with sides  $AB = 3$ ,  $BC = 4$ ,  $AC = 5$

Use cosine rule:

$$\cos B = (AB^2 + BC^2 - AC^2) / (2 \times AB \times BC)$$

$$= (3^2 + 4^2 - 5^2) / (2 \times 3 \times 4)$$

$$= (9 + 16 - 25) / 24 = 0 / 24 = 0$$

$$B = 90^\circ$$

9. (a) Draw the graphs of  $f(x) = 2^{(x-5)}$  and  $g(x) = \log_2(2x + 3)$  on the same  $xy$  plane.

$$\text{Graph 1: } f(x) = 2^{(x-5)}$$

This is an exponential function shifted 5 units right.

$$y\text{-intercept: } x = 0 \rightarrow f(0) = 2^{-5} = 1/32$$

As  $x$  increases,  $f(x)$  increases rapidly.

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow 0$$

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$

Range:  $y > 0$

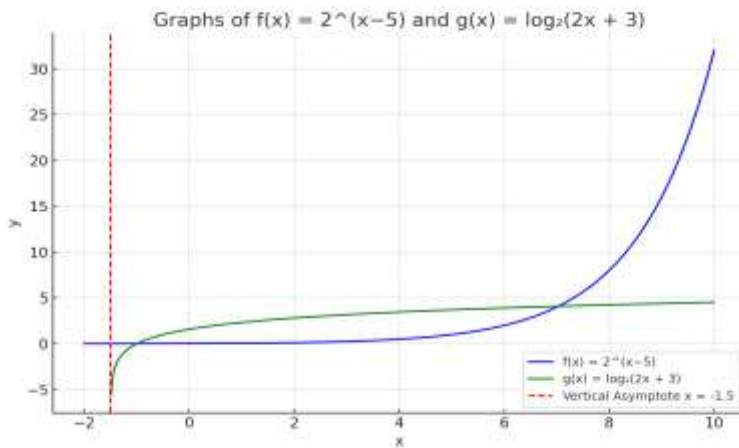
$$\text{Graph 2: } g(x) = \log_2(2x + 3)$$

$$\text{Domain: } 2x + 3 > 0 \rightarrow x > -1.5$$

Asymptote at  $x = -1.5$

Range:  $\mathbb{R}$

This is a logarithmic curve shifted left



(b) Use the graphs drawn in 9 (a) to determine the domain and range of:

(i)  $f(x)$

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$

Range:  $y > 0$

(ii)  $g(x)$

Domain:  $x > -1.5$

Range:  $\mathbb{R}$

10. (a) Given the matrices

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a & -4 & -6 \\ -8 & 5 & 7 \\ -5 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 3 & b & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

If  $D$  is the inverse of  $E$ , determine the value(s) of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Since  $D = E^{-1}$ , then  $E \times D = I$

Perform matrix multiplication  $E \times D$ , and equate first row first column to 1 (identity) and second row second column to 1.

$E \times D$ :

Row 1:  $[1 \ 2 \ -2]$

Multiply with column 1 of  $D$ :

$$1 \times a + 2 \times (-8) + (-2) \times (-5) = a - 16 + 10 = a - 6 = 1 \rightarrow a = 7$$

Row 2: [3 b 1]

Multiply with column 2 of D:

$$3 \times (-4) + b \times 5 + 1 \times 3 = -12 + 5b + 3 = 5b - 9 = 1 \rightarrow 5b = 10 \rightarrow b = 2$$

$$a = 7, b = 2$$

10. (b) A firm manufactures two products, A and B. The firm sells product A at a profit of 5 shillings per unit and product B at a profit of 3 shillings per unit. Each product is processed on two machines,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . One unit of product A requires one minute of processing on  $M_1$  and two minutes of processing on  $M_2$ . One unit of product B requires two minutes of processing on  $M_1$  and one minute of processing on  $M_2$ . Machine  $M_1$  works for 5 minutes per day, machine  $M_2$  works for 6 minutes per day.

Let:

$x$  = number of units of product A

$y$  = number of units of product B

Constraints based on machine time:

$$M_1: 1x + 2y \leq 5$$

$$M_2: 2x + 1y \leq 6$$

$$\text{Also, } x \geq 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0$$

Objective function (profit):

$$P = 5x + 3y$$

To solve this linear programming problem, we graph the constraints and evaluate the objective function at the feasible region's corner points.

Step 1: Graph the lines

$$\text{- Line 1: } x + 2y = 5$$

$$\rightarrow y = (5 - x)/2$$

$$\text{- Line 2: } 2x + y = 6$$

$$\rightarrow y = 6 - 2x$$

Step 2: Find points of intersection

(i) Intersection of  $x + 2y = 5$  and  $2x + y = 6$

$$\text{From } x + 2y = 5 \rightarrow x = 5 - 2y$$

Substitute into  $2x + y = 6$ :

$$2(5 - 2y) + y = 6 \rightarrow 10 - 4y + y = 6 \rightarrow -3y = -4 \rightarrow y = 4/3$$

$$\text{Then } x = 5 - 2(4/3) = 5 - 8/3 = 7/3$$

$$\text{Point: } (7/3, 4/3)$$

(ii) x-intercepts and y-intercepts:

-  $x + 2y = 5$ :

x-intercept:  $y = 0 \rightarrow x = 5 \rightarrow (5, 0)$

y-intercept:  $x = 0 \rightarrow 2y = 5 \rightarrow y = 2.5 \rightarrow (0, 2.5)$

-  $2x + y = 6$ :

x-intercept:  $y = 0 \rightarrow x = 3 \rightarrow (3, 0)$

y-intercept:  $x = 0 \rightarrow y = 6 \rightarrow (0, 6)$

Step 3: Determine feasible region corner points

Points within constraints:

$(0, 2.5), (3, 0), (5, 0), (7/3, 4/3)$

Check which of these satisfy both constraints:

$(5, 0)$ :

$M_1: 5 + 2(0) = 5 \rightarrow \text{ok}$

$M_2: 2(5) + 0 = 10 \rightarrow \text{not ok}$

So  $(5, 0)$  is invalid

$(0, 6)$ :

$M_1: 0 + 2(6) = 12 \rightarrow \text{not ok}$

Feasible points:

$(0, 2.5), (3, 0), (7/3, 4/3)$

Step 4: Compute profit  $P = 5x + 3y$

At  $(0, 2.5)$ :  $P = 0 + 3 \times 2.5 = 7.5$

At  $(3, 0)$ :  $P = 5 \times 3 + 0 = 15$

At  $(7/3, 4/3)$ :  $P = 5 \times (7/3) + 3 \times (4/3) = (35 + 12)/3 = 47/3 \approx 15.67$

Maximum profit is approximately 15.67 at  $(7/3, 4/3)$

So, to maximize profit, the firm should produce approximately 2.33 units of product A and 1.33 units of product B..

