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Question 6, formatting amended.

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Mathematical Methods Examination 1

Question and Answer Book

VCE Examination – Wednesday 6 November 2024

- Reading time is **15 minutes**: 9.00 am to 9.15 am
- Writing time is **1 hour**: 9.15 am to 10.15 am

Materials supplied

- Question and Answer Book of 12 pages
- Formula Sheet

Instructions

Students are **not** permitted to bring any technology (calculators or software), or notes of any kind, into the examination room.

Students are **not** permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.

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8 questions (40 marks)	2–10

Instructions

- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
 - Write your responses in English.
 - In all questions where a numerical answer is required, an **exact** value must be given unless otherwise specified.
 - In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working **must** be shown.
 - Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this book are **not** drawn to scale.
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Question 1 (3 marks)

a. Let $y = e^x \cos(3x)$.

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

1 mark

b. Let $f(x) = \log_e(x^3 - 3x + 2)$.

Find $f'(3)$.

2 marks

Question 2 (3 marks)

Consider the simultaneous linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}3kx - 2y &= k + 4 \\(k - 4)x + ky &= -k\end{aligned}$$

where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and k is a real constant.

Determine the value of k for which the system of equations has no real solution.

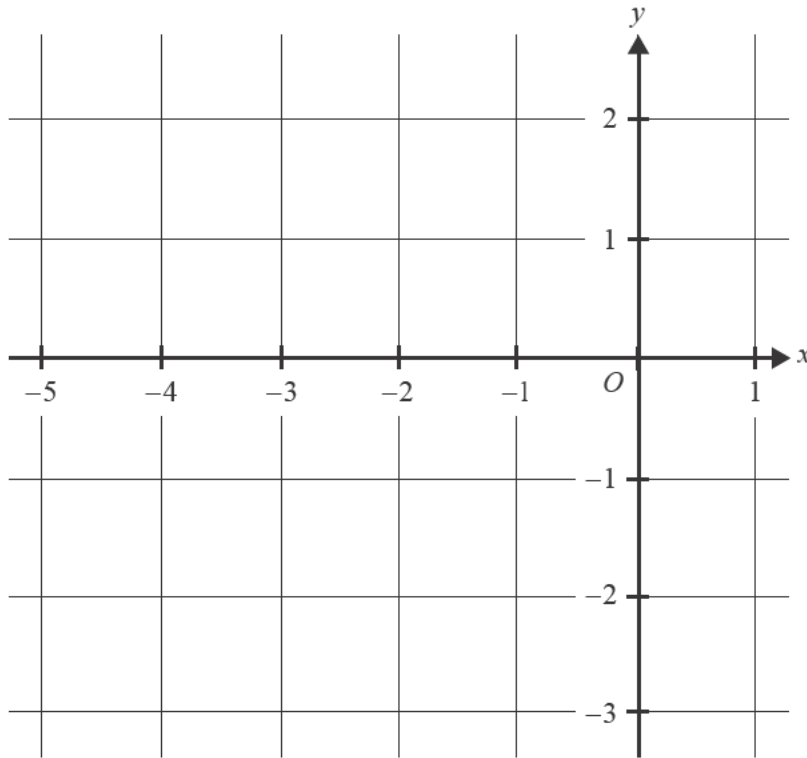
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Question 3 (5 marks)

$$\text{Let } g : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-3\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \frac{1}{(x+3)^2} - 2.$$

- a. On the axes below, sketch the graph of $y = g(x)$, labelling all asymptotes with their equations and axis intercepts with their coordinates.

3 marks



- b. Determine the area of the region bounded by the line $x = -2$, the x -axis, the y -axis and the graph of $y = g(x)$.

2 marks

Question 4 (3 marks)

Let X be a binomial random variable where $X \sim \text{Bi}\left(4, \frac{9}{10}\right)$.

a. Find the standard deviation of X .

1 mark

b. Find $\Pr(X < 2)$.

2 marks

Question 5 (6 marks)

The function $h: [0, \infty) \rightarrow R$, $h(t) = \frac{3000}{t+1}$ models the population of a town after t years.

- a. Use the model $h(t)$ to predict the population of the town after four years. 1 mark

- b. A new function, h_1 , models a population where $h_1(0) = h(0)$ but h_1 decreases at half the rate of h at any point in time.

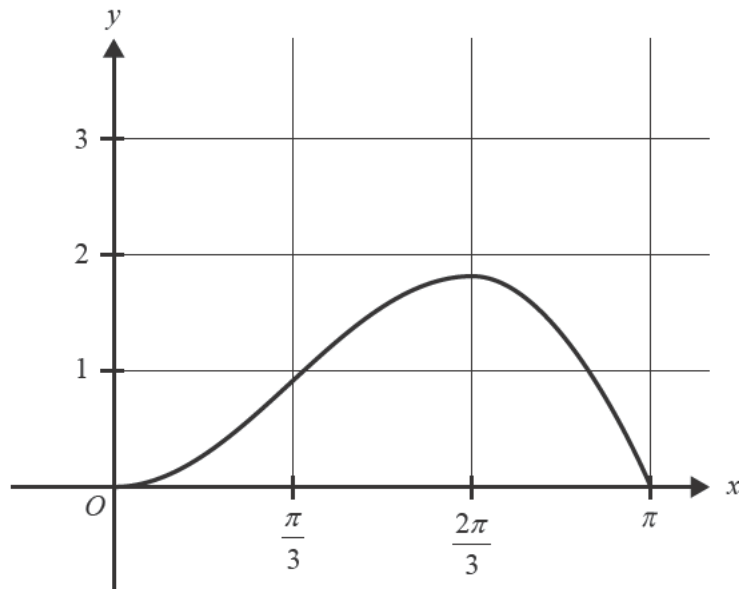
State a sequence of two transformations that maps h to this new model h_1 . 2 marks

- c. In the town, 100 people were randomly selected and surveyed, with 60 people indicating that they were unhappy with the roads.

- i. Determine an approximate 95% confidence interval for the proportion of people in the town who are unhappy with the roads. Use $z = 2$ for this confidence interval. 2 marks

Question 7 (9 marks)

Part of the graph of $f : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x \sin(x)$ is shown below.



- a. Use the trapezium rule with a step size of $\frac{\pi}{3}$ to determine an approximation of the total area between the graph of $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis over the interval $x \in [0, \pi]$.

3 marks

- b. i. Find $f'(x)$.

1 mark

ii. Determine the range of $f'(x)$ over the interval $\left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]$.

1 mark

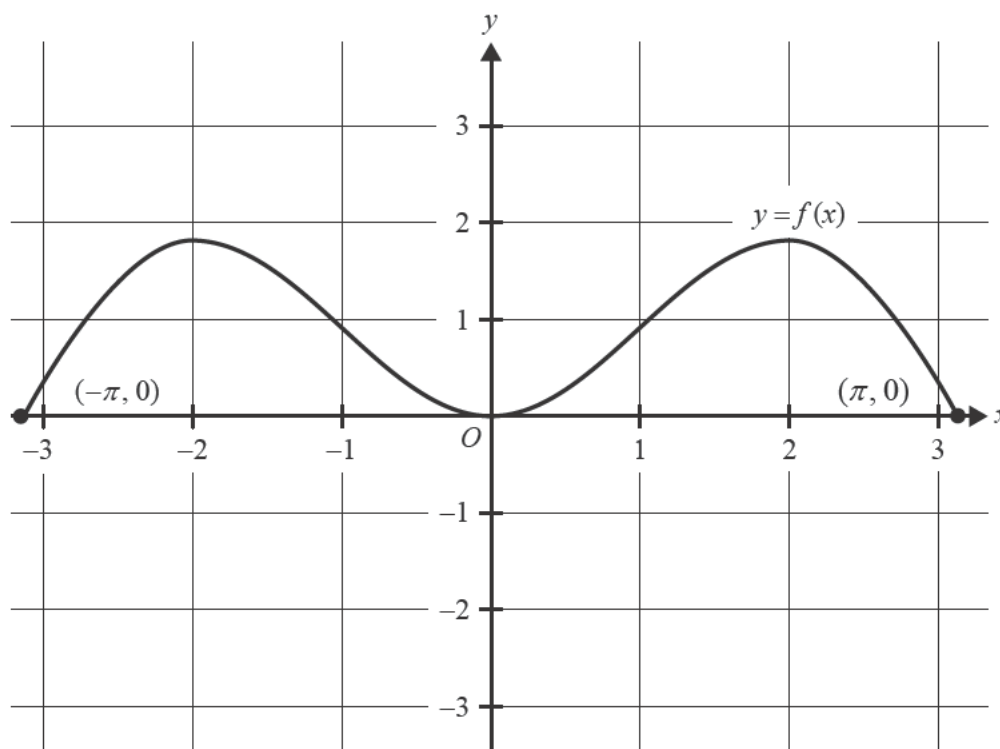
iii. Hence, verify that $f(x)$ has a stationary point for $x \in \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]$.

1 mark

c. On the set of axes below, sketch the graph of $y = f'(x)$ on the domain $[-\pi, \pi]$, labelling the endpoints with their coordinates.

You may use the fact that the graph of $y = f'(x)$ has a local minimum at approximately $(-1.1, -1.4)$ and a local maximum at approximately $(1.1, 1.4)$.

3 marks



Question 8 (7 marks)

Let $g : R \rightarrow R, g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-k} + m$, where $k \in R \setminus \{0\}$ and $m \in R$.

Let the point P be the y -intercept of the graph of $y = g(x)$.

- a. Find the coordinates of P , in terms of k and m . 1 mark

- b. Find the gradient of g at P , in terms of k . 2 marks

- c. Given that the graph of $y = g(x)$ passes through the origin, express k in terms of m . 1 mark

- d. Let the point Q be a point different from the point P , such that the gradient of g at points P and Q are equal.


Given that the graph of $y = g(x)$ passes through the origin, find the coordinates of Q in terms of m . 3 marks

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2024 Formula Sheet

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Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$	volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$	area of a triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$		

Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}((ax+b)^n) = an(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e(x) + c, x > 0$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = \frac{a}{\cos^2(ax)} = a \sec^2(ax)$			
product rule	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
chain rule	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$	Newton's method	$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$
trapezium rule approximation	$Area \approx \frac{x_n - x_0}{2n} \left[f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n) \right]$		

Probability

$\Pr(A) = 1 - \Pr(A')$		$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$	
$\Pr(A B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$			
mean	$\mu = E(X)$	variance	$\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$
binomial coefficient	$\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$		

Probability distribution		Mean	Variance
discrete	$\Pr(X=x) = p(x)$	$\mu = \sum x p(x)$	$\sigma^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 p(x)$
binomial	$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$	$\mu = np$	$\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$
continuous	$\Pr(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$	$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$	$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$

Sample proportions

$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$	mean	$E(\hat{p}) = p$
standard deviation	$\text{sd}(\hat{p}) = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$	approximate confidence interval $\left(\hat{p} - z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$

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