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Mathematical Methods Examination 2

Question and Answer Book

VCE (NHT) Examination – Wednesday 28 May 2025

- Reading time is **15 minutes**: 10.30 am to 10.45 am
- Writing time is **2 hours**: 10.45 am to 12.45 pm

Approved materials

- Protractors, set squares and aids for curve sketching
- One bound reference
- One approved CAS calculator or CAS software, and one scientific calculator

Materials supplied

- Question and Answer Book of 24 pages
- Formula Sheet
- Multiple-Choice Answer Sheet

Instructions

- Follow the instructions on your Multiple-Choice Answer Sheet.
- At the end of the examination, place your Multiple-Choice Answer Sheet inside the front cover of this book.

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

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Section A – Multiple-choice questions

Instructions

- Answer **all** questions in pencil on your Multiple-Choice Answer Sheet.
- Choose the response that is **correct** for the question.
- A correct answer scores 1; an incorrect answer scores 0.
- Marks will **not** be deducted for incorrect answers.
- No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this book are **not** drawn to scale.

Question 1

If $x - a$ is a factor of $3x^3 - 5x^2 - ax$, where $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, then the value of a is

A. -2

B. $-\frac{4}{3}$

C. $\frac{4}{3}$

D. 2

Question 2

Suppose that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are functions such that $f'(x) = g'(x) - 2$, $f(0) = 1$ and $g(0) = 2$.

Then

A. $g(x) = f'(x) + 2$

B. $g(x) = f(x) + 2x + 1$

C. $g(x) = 3$

D. $g(x) = f(x) + 2$

$$f(x) = g(x) - 2x + c$$

$$f(0) = 1 = 2 - 0 + c$$

$$c = -1$$

$$f(x) = g(x) - 2x - 1, \quad g(x) = f(x) + 2x + 1$$

Question 3

If $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 3$, then $\int_b^a (2f(x) + 3) dx$ is equal to

A. $3(b - a + 2)$

B. $3(b - a - 2)$

C. $3(a - b + 2)$

D. $3(a - b - 2)$

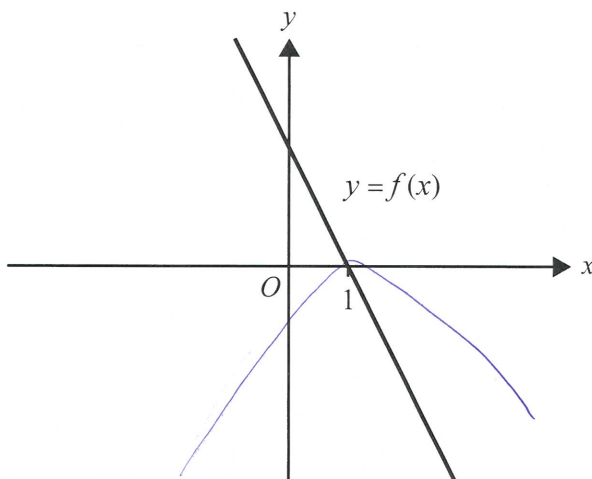
$$2 \int_b^a f(x) dx + \int_b^a 3 dx$$

$$= -6 + 3a - 3b$$

$$= 3(a - b - 2)$$

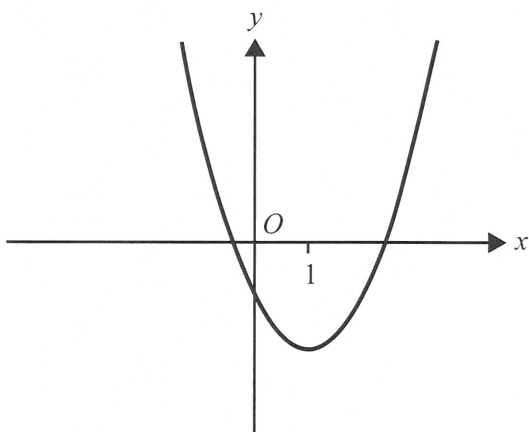
Question 4

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown below.

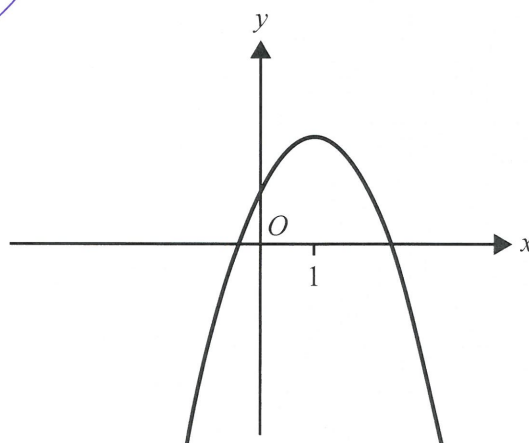


Which option shows the graph of $y = F(x)$, where F is an anti-derivative of f ?

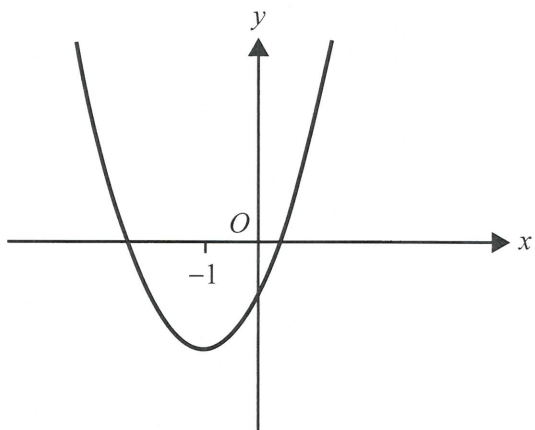
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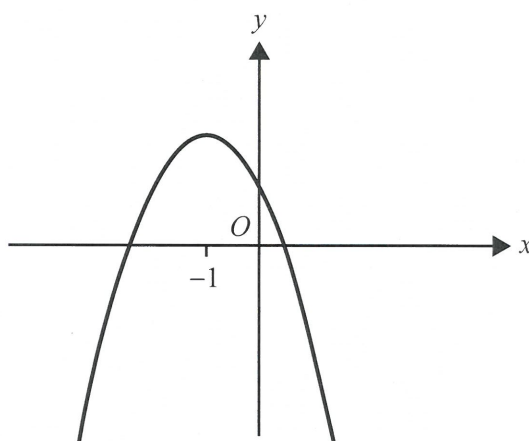
B.



C.



D.



Question 5

The scores of a national standardised test are approximately normally distributed with mean of 120 and standard deviation of 15. Andrew scored 117.9 and Chloe's score is 1.2 standard deviations above the mean. The probability that a randomly selected participant achieved a score between Andrew and Chloe is closest to

- A. 0.33
 B. 0.39
 C. 0.44
 D. 0.87

$$\mu = 120, \sigma = 15$$

$$X_A = 117.9$$

$$X_C = \mu + 1.2\sigma$$

Question 6

A biased coin has a probability of 0.4 of showing heads. The coin is flipped 10 times.

The probability of the coin showing heads at most twice is closest to

- A. 0.12
 B. 0.13
 C. 0.16
 D. 0.17

$$\Pr(H) = 0.4$$

$$n = 10$$

$$\Pr(X \leq 2) =$$

Question 7

Let $g : [-1.1, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = x^5 - 3x^4 + 2x^3 - 6x + 2$.

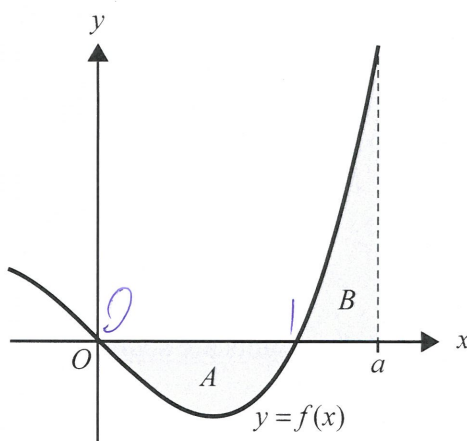
The range of g , correct to two decimal places, is

- A. [0.00, 2.00]
 B. [-0.06, 4.71]
 C. [0.00, 4.71]
 D. [-0.06, 2.00]

$$-0.06 \quad 4.71$$

Question 8

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown below, where $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^3 - x$.



The area of the region marked A is the same as the area of the region marked B.

Given that $a > 0$, the value of a is

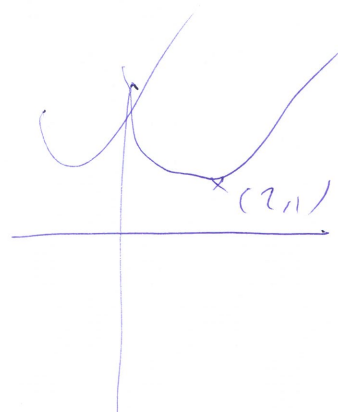
A. $\frac{1}{4}$

B. 1

C. $\sqrt{2}$

D. $\sqrt{3}$

$A = \frac{1}{4}$



Question 9

Given that the graph of $y = g(x)$ has a local minimum at $(2, 1)$, the graph of $y = g(-2x)$ must have

A. a local minimum at $(-1, 1)$.

B. a local minimum at $(-4, 1)$.

C. a local maximum at $(-4, 1)$.

D. a local maximum at $(2, -2)$.

$(-1, 1)$

$\frac{1}{2}$

Question 10

Let $f(x) = e^{2x+3}$, $g(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$, and $h(x) = g(f(x))$.

Then $h'(x)$ is equal to

A. $4f(x)(f(x)+1)$

B. $g'(f(x))$

C. $16f(2x)f(x)$

D. $4g(x) + 4f(x)$

$h'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$
 $h'(x) = 4e^{4x+6} + 4e^{2x+3}$

Do not write in this area.

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Question 11

Consider the functions $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow R, f(x) = \log_e(x)$ and $g: R \rightarrow R, g(x) = \sin(x) + 2$.

The range of the function $f(g(x))$ is

- A. $(0, \infty)$
- B. $[0, 1]$
- C. $[0, \log_e(3)]$
- D. $[1, 3]$

$h(x)$
 $c \quad 0 \quad 1.0986$

Question 12

A game consists of rolling a fair six-sided die. Points are scored according to the following table.

Number rolled	Points	Pr
1 or 2	6	$\frac{2}{6}$
3, 4 or 5	-3	$\frac{3}{6}$
6	9	$\frac{1}{6}$

Let X be the random variable representing the number of points scored per roll.

The mean $E(X)$ is

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

Question 13

Let $f(x) = e^{2x+4}$, where $x \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$.

The inverse of f is

- A. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_e(x) - 2$, where $x \in (0, \infty)$
- B. $f^{-1}(x) = 2 \log_e(x) + 4$, where $x \in (0, \infty)$
- C. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_e(x) - 4$, where $x \in (e^4, e^5)$
- D. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_e(x) - 2$, where $x \in (e^4, e^5)$

$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x) - 2$

54.5982 148.4132

Question 14

Consider the functions $f(x) = \log_e(x^2 + 2x - 3)$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{2x + 7}$, each defined over its maximal domain.

The maximal domain of the product function $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$ is

A. $(-\infty, -3) \cup (1, \infty)$

B. $(1, \frac{7}{2})$

C. $(-\frac{7}{2}, \infty)$

D. $(-\frac{7}{2}, -3) \cup (1, \infty)$

on CAS, domain $(h(x), x)$
 too easy? NOT UDF

Question 15

The function g is differentiable over the domain R and satisfies $g(2) = g(4) = a$ and $g'(2) = g'(4) = b$.

Given that $p(x) = g(x)g(2x)$, then $p'(2)$ must be equal to

A. ab

B. $2ab$

C. $3ab$

D. $a^2 + b^2$

$p'(x) = g(x) \cdot 2g'(2x) + g(2x) \cdot g'(x)$
 $p'(2) = g(2) \cdot 2g'(4) + g(4) \cdot g'(2)$
 $= a \cdot 2b + ab$

Question 16

Let X be a normal random variable that satisfies $\Pr(X > 6) = \Pr(X < 8) = \Pr(Z < 0.5)$, where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ is the standard normal random variable.

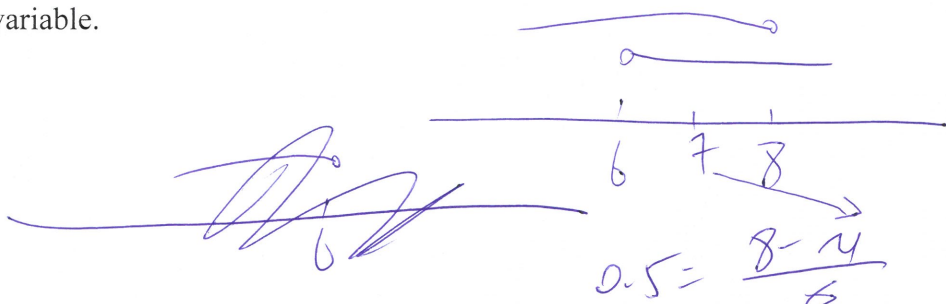
The standard deviation of X is

A. 0.5

B. 1

C. 2

D. 4



Question 17

In a set of 10 products, six products are defective. Two products are randomly selected, without replacement, from the set of 10 products. It is known that at most one of the two selected products is defective.

What is the probability that exactly one of the two selected products is defective?

A. $\frac{4}{5}$

B. $\frac{2}{3}$

C. $\frac{8}{13}$

D. $\frac{8}{15}$

$\Pr(X=1 | X \leq 1) = \frac{\Pr(X=1)}{\Pr(X \leq 1)}$
 $\Pr(X=1) = \frac{{}^6C_1 \cdot {}^4C_1}{{}^{10}C_2} = \frac{8}{15}$, $\Pr(X=2) = \frac{{}^6C_2 \cdot {}^4C_0}{{}^{10}C_2} = \frac{1}{3}$
 $\frac{8/15}{2/3} = \frac{8}{5}$

Question 18

Consider the algorithm below, which can be used to find an approximate solution to the equation $\log_e(x) - \frac{x}{3} = 0$.

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define f(x)
    return  $\log_e(x) - x/3$ 

a  $\leftarrow$  4
b  $\leftarrow$  6

for i from 1 to 3
    c  $\leftarrow$  (a + b)/2
    if  $-0.01 < f(c) < 0.01$  then
        print c
    else if  $f(a) \times f(c) < 0$  then
        b  $\leftarrow$  c
    else
        a  $\leftarrow$  c
    end if
end for

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Bisection

Which of the following numbers would be printed by this algorithm?

- A. 4.54
- B. 4.5**
- C. 1.9
- D. 1.86

a	b	i	c
4	6		
	5	1	5
		2	9/2

Question 19

Let B and C be discrete random variables whose values are obtained from two rolls of a fair six-sided die.

Let B be the number obtained on the first roll and C be the number obtained on the second roll.

Find the probability that the quadratic equation $x^2 + Bx + C = 0$ has at least one real solution.

- A. $\frac{19}{36}$
- B. $\frac{1}{2}$
- C. $\frac{17}{36}$
- D. $\frac{1}{18}$

$25 - 24 = 1$

$\Delta = b^2 - 4c$
 $b^2 - 4c < 0$
 $4c > b^2$
 $c > \frac{b^2}{4}$

b	c
1	c anything
2	$c \in [2, 6]$
3	$c \in [3, 6]$
4	$c \in [5, 6]$
5	No $c \rightarrow$ yes soln
6	No $c \rightarrow$ yes soln

$P(\text{No solution}) = \frac{17}{36}$

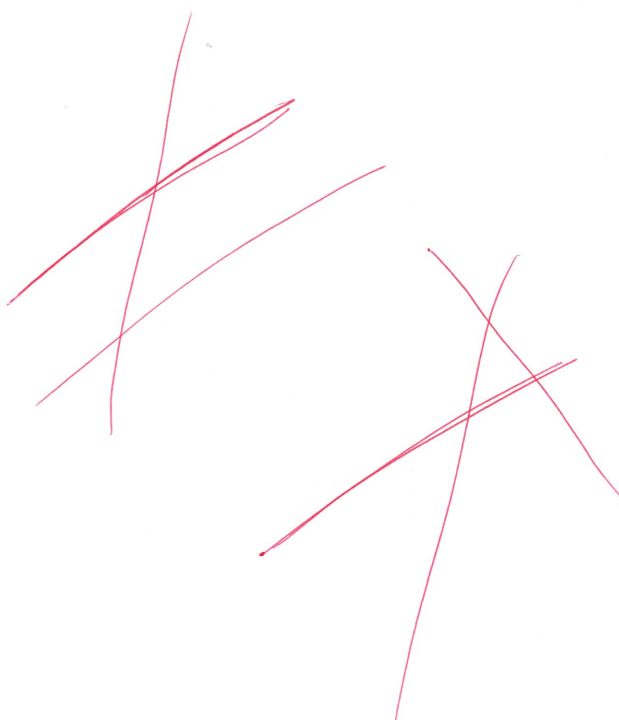
Question 20

In the xy -plane, there is a system of two linear equations with a unique solution and another system of two linear equations with infinitely many solutions.

These four linear equations are combined into a new system of four linear equations.

All possibilities for the number of solutions of this new system will be

- A. 0 or 1
- B. 1 or infinitely many
- C. 1
- D. 0, 1 or infinitely many



Section B

Instructions

- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
- Write your responses in English.
- In 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.

Question 1 (12 marks)

Consider the function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = (x^2 - 1)(x + 1)^2$. $= (x+1)(x-1)(x+1)^2 = (x+1)^3(x-1)$

- a. Find the x -value of the stationary point of inflection of the graph of $y = g(x)$. 1 mark

Bad format
 $x = -1$

- b. Find the coordinates of the local minimum of the graph of $y = g(x)$. 1 mark

~~$(-1, -1)$~~ $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-27}{16})$

- c. Find the average rate of change of $g(x)$ between $x = 0$ and $x = 2$. 1 mark

$$\frac{g(2) - g(0)}{2} = 14$$

- d. Find the equations of the tangent lines to the graph of $y = g(x)$ that have a gradient of -2 . 2 marks

plural
 $g'(x) = 2(x+1)(2x^2 + x - 1)$

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

$$x = \frac{-3}{2} \text{ or } x = 0$$

when $x = \frac{-3}{2}$, tangent is $y = -2x - \frac{43}{16}$

when $x = 0$, tangent is $y = -2x - 1$

- e. Describe a sequence of two transformations that maps the graph of $y = g(x)$ to the graph of $y = g(1 - x)$. 2 marks

1. Reflection in the vertical axis

2. Translation of 1 unit in the positive direction of horizontal axis

- f. Let a and b be positive real numbers, such that the graph of $y = a \times g(x) + b$ has a local minimum on the x -axis.

Express b in terms of a .

1 mark

$$a = \frac{16b}{27}$$

$$b = \frac{27a}{16}$$

Bad format

- g. For each real number k , let g_k be the function $g_k: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g_k(x) = (x^2 - k)(x + k)^2$.

- i. Find all values of k for which the graph of $y = g_k(x)$ has exactly one x -intercept.

1 mark

$$k \leq 0$$

~~$$k \in (-\infty, 0]$$~~

$$k \in (-\infty, 0]$$

- ii. Find all values of k for which the graph of $y = g_k(x)$ has exactly one stationary point.

3 marks

$$g'_k(x) = 2(x+k)(2x^2+kx-k)$$

$$0 = 2(x+k)(2x^2+kx-k)$$

$$x = -k \text{ or } x = \frac{\pm\sqrt{k(k+8)} - k}{2}$$

To have one solution

$$k(k+8) < 0$$

$$-8 < k < 0$$

$$k \in (-8, 0)$$

when $k=0$

$g_0(x) = x^2 \cdot x^2 = x^4$ which has only ~~one~~ one stationary point.

$$k \in (-8, 0]$$

Not worth
3 marks?

Question 2 (12 marks)

$$f(x) = 4x^3$$

Consider the function $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 4e^{3 \log_e(x)}$, where D is the maximal domain of f .

a. Find D .

1 mark

$$D = \mathbb{R}^+ \quad \text{or} \quad D = (0, \infty)$$

b. Show that f can be expressed in the form $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 4x^3$.

1 mark

$$4e^{3 \log_e(x)} = 4e^{\log_e(x^3)} = 4x^3$$

$$f(x) = 4x^3$$

c. Find the area bounded by the graph of $y = f(x)$, the x -axis and the lines $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

1 mark

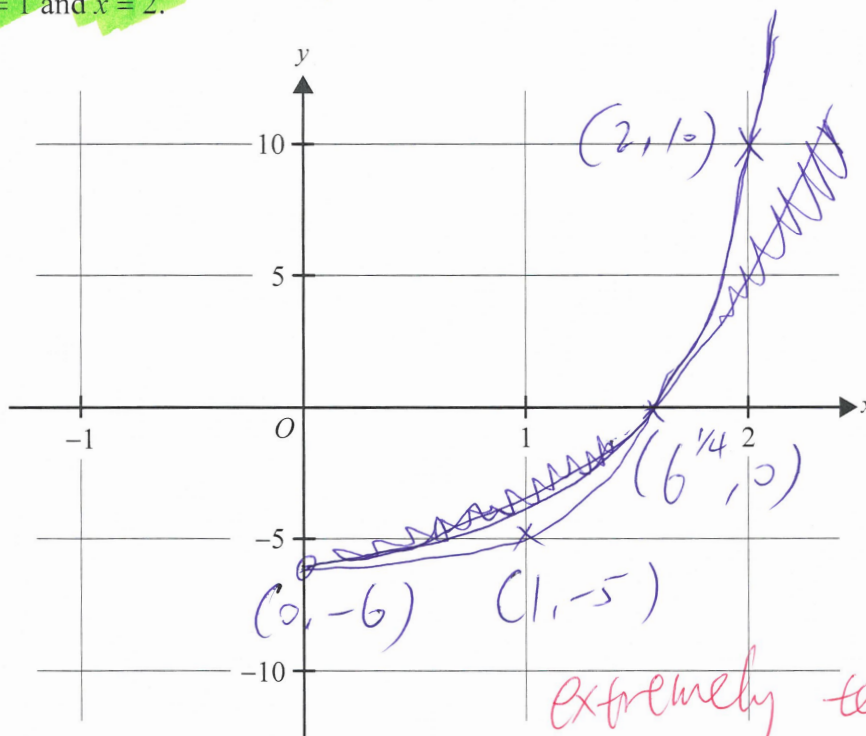
$$\int_1^2 f(x) dx = 15 \text{ units}^2$$

d. The function g is the anti-derivative of f that passes through the point $(1, -5)$.

i. Sketch the function g on the axes below, over the domain D .

Label the coordinates of the endpoint, the x -intercept and the points on the graph where $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

3 marks



extremely tedious to fit grid lines, what's the value?

$$g(x) = x^4 - 6$$

$$x \in (0, \infty)$$

ii. Let $a > 0.5$

The area bounded by the graph of $y = f(x)$, the x -axis and the lines $x = 0.5$ and $x = a$ can be expressed in the form $g(a) + b$.

Find the value of b .

2 marks

$$\int_{0.5}^a f(x) dx = a^4 - \frac{1}{16}$$

$$g(a) + b = a^4 - 6 + b$$

$$-6 + b = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$b = \frac{95}{16}$$

e. Consider the function $h : (1.5, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $h(x) = f(2x - 3) - f(x)$.

i. Find a quadratic expression for $h'(x)$.

1 mark

$$h'(x) = 84x^2 - 288x + 216$$

ii. Hence, or otherwise, find the coordinates of the point on the graph of $y = h(x)$ where the **gradient** is a minimum.

2 marks

$$h'(x) \text{ has minimum when } x = \frac{12}{7}$$

$$h\left(\frac{12}{7}\right) = -\frac{972}{49}$$

$$\left(\frac{12}{7}, -\frac{972}{49}\right)$$

iii. Over the interval $(1.5, p]$, the **gradient** of h is strictly decreasing.

Find the largest possible value of p .

1 mark

$$p = \frac{12}{7}$$

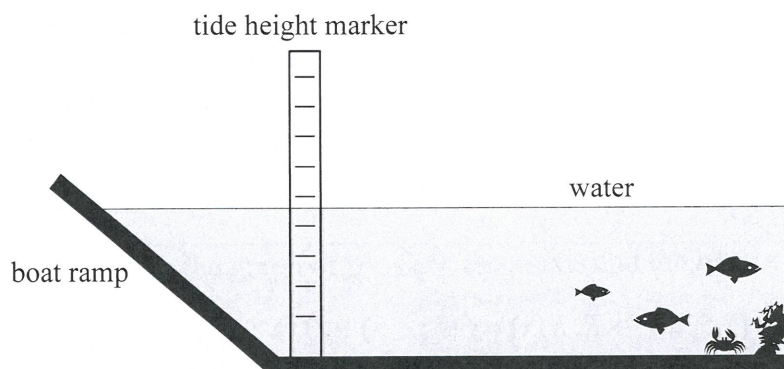
Question 3 (9 marks)

Let $h(t) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi t}{25}\right) + \frac{1}{5} \sin(3\pi t) + 3$, where $t \geq 0$.

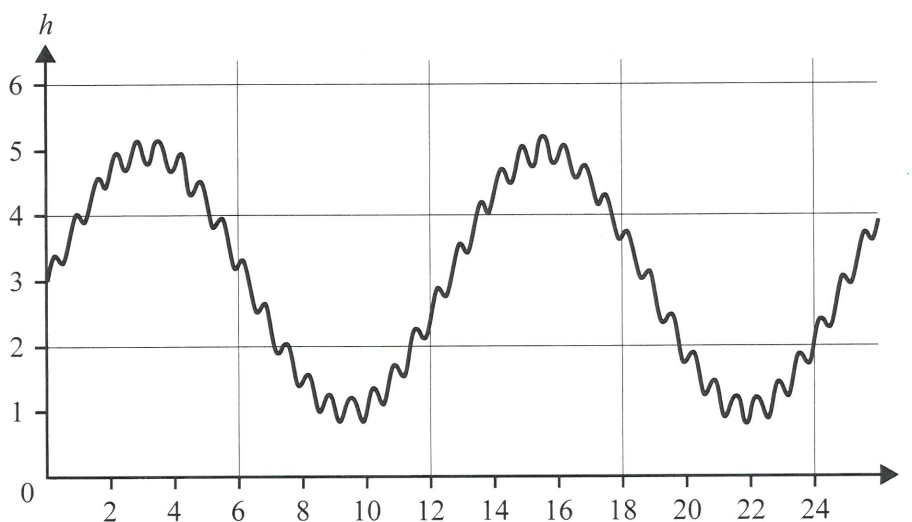
The function h models the water height, in metres, on a tide height marker at the base of a boat ramp.

The variable t represents time in hours after midnight on one particular Monday morning.

For example, $t = 6$ represents 6.00 am on this Monday morning.



Part of the graph of h is shown below.



- a. Find the water height at 6.00 am on this Monday morning. $t=6$

Give your answer in metres, correct to two decimal places.

1 mark

$$h(6) \approx 3.25 \text{ metres}$$

- b. Find the average height of water between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm on this Monday. $t=6$ $t=18$

Give your answer in metres, correct to two decimal places.

2 marks

$$\frac{1}{18-6} \int_6^{18} h(t) dt \approx 2.98 \text{ metres}$$

- c. A boat requires a water height of more than 1.4 metres to be safely launched off the ramp.

Between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm on this Monday, find the total amount of time when it is safe to launch this boat.

Give your answer in hours, correct to two decimal places.

2 marks

$$1.4 = h(t)$$

$$t = 7.8035, 7.9493, 8.2762, 10.6639$$

$$(7.8035 - 6) + (8.2762 - 7.9493) + (18 - 10.6639)$$

$$\approx 9.47 \text{ hours}$$

- d. Find the absolute maximum height of the water on this Monday after 6.00 am, and the time when it occurs.

Give the height in metres, correct to two decimal places, and the time correct to the nearest minute.

2 marks

$$t = 15.503456 \text{ hours}$$

$$h(15.503456) = 5.196163$$

Absolute maximum height is 5.20 metres.

$$\cancel{7.803456} \times 60 = 30 \text{ minutes}$$

Time is 3:30 pm.

- e. Show that $h(25k) = 3$ for all positive integers k .

1 mark

$$h(25k) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{25} \cdot 25k\right) + \frac{1}{5} \sin(3\pi \cdot 25k) + 3$$

$$= 2 \sin(4\pi k) + \frac{1}{5} \sin(75k\pi) + 3$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 3$$

$$= 3$$

- f. Find the period of the function h .

1 mark

period of $\sin\left(\frac{4\pi t}{25}\right)$ is $\frac{25}{2}$

period of $\sin(3\pi t)$ is $\frac{2}{3}$

Least common multiple is 50

period is 50.

Question 4 (13 marks)

A claim is a request to an insurance company for payment after an incident.

Company A offers car insurance. Let X be a random variable representing the claim amount, in thousands of dollars, for each claim to insurance company A.

The probability density function of X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{9x^4} & x \geq \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- a. Find the mean claim amount, $E(X)$, in thousands of dollars.

1 mark

$$\int_{\frac{2}{3}}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx = 1 \text{ thousand of dollars} \\ = E(X)$$

- b. A claim of more than \$2000 (that is, $X > 2$) is classified as large.

- i. Find the probability that a claim is classified as large.

1 mark

$$\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{27} = \text{Pr}(X > 2)$$

- ii. Given that a claim is classified as large, find the probability that it is more than \$4000.

2 marks

$$\text{Pr}(X > 4 \mid X > 2) = \frac{\text{Pr}(X > 4)}{\text{Pr}(X > 2)} \\ = \frac{1}{8}$$

iii. In a random sample of 10 claims, find the probability that more than one claim is classified as large. $n=10$

Give your answer correct to three decimal places.

2 marks

Let $Y \sim \text{Bin}(10, \frac{1}{27})$
 $\Pr(Y > 1) = 0.051$

iv. A household has two cars insured with company A.

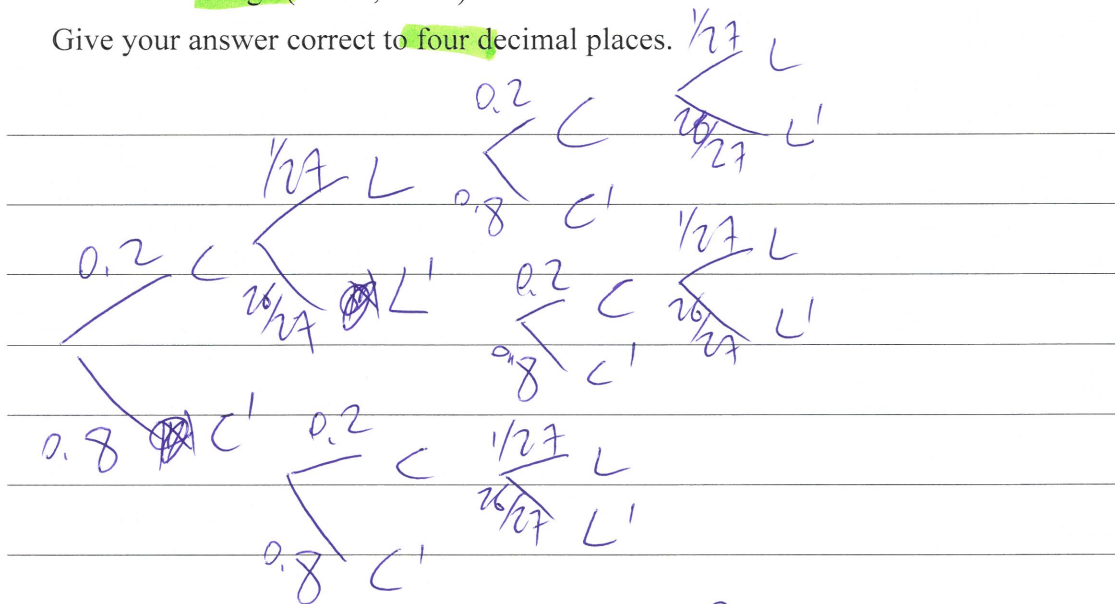
For each car, there is a 20% chance that a claim will be made next year, independent of the other car. The claim amounts are also independent.

At most one claim can be made per car next year.

Find the probability that next year in this household there is at least one claim classified as large (that is, $X > 2$).

Give your answer correct to four decimal places.

2 marks



$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{No large claim}) &= 0.2 \cdot \frac{26}{27} \cdot 0.2 \cdot \frac{26}{27} + \\ &\quad 0.2 \cdot \frac{26}{27} \cdot 0.8 + 0.8 \cdot 0.2 \cdot \frac{26}{27} + \\ &\quad 0.8 \cdot 0.8 \\ &= \frac{17956}{18225} \\ 1 - \frac{17956}{18225} &= \frac{269}{18225} \approx 0.0148 \end{aligned}$$

- c. Let T_A be a random variable that approximates the time taken, in days, for company A to settle a claim.

Suppose T_A follows a normal distribution with a mean of 32 days and a standard deviation of 7 days.

$$\sigma = 7$$

$$\mu = 32$$

- i. Find $\Pr(T_A < 45)$.

Give your answer correct to three decimal places.

1 mark

$$0.968$$

- ii. Company A settles 99.5% of claims within k days.

Find the value of k .

Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

1 mark

$$\Pr(T_A < k) = 0.995$$

$$k = 50$$

- iii. Company B also offers car insurance. In a random sample of 80 claims to company B, 76 were paid.

Find the approximate 95% confidence interval for the proportion of claims paid by company B.

Give your answer correct to three decimal places.

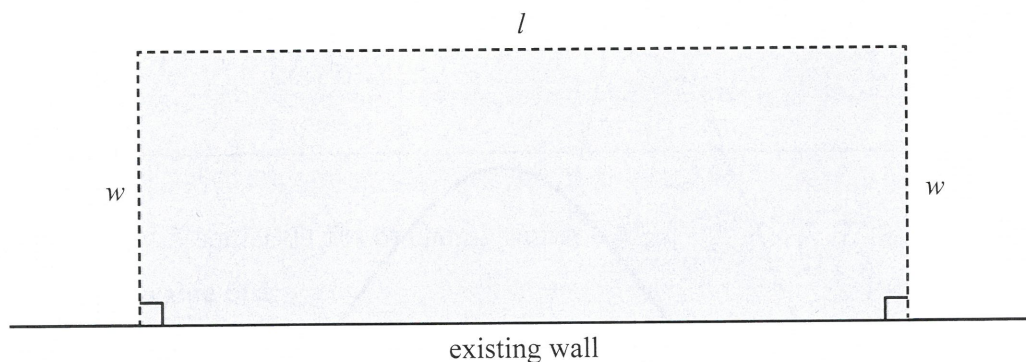
1 mark

$$(0.902, 0.998)$$

Question 5 (14 marks)

David is planning to build a vegetable garden in his backyard, using an existing wall for one side and up to 12 metres of timber for the remaining sides. Assume that David's backyard is modelled by a flat plane.

- a. David considers building a rectangular vegetable garden as shown below, with length l metres and width w metres.



- i. David uses 12 metres of timber for the remaining three sides.

Show that the area of the rectangular vegetable garden, in square metres, can be expressed as $12w - 2w^2$.

1 mark

$$2w + l = 12$$

$$l = 12 - 2w$$

Let A be the area

$$A(w) = wl = w(12 - 2w) = 12w - 2w^2$$

- ii. Find the maximum possible area of the rectangular vegetable garden.

Give your answer in square metres.

2 marks

Max area occurs when $w = 3$

$$A(3) = 18$$

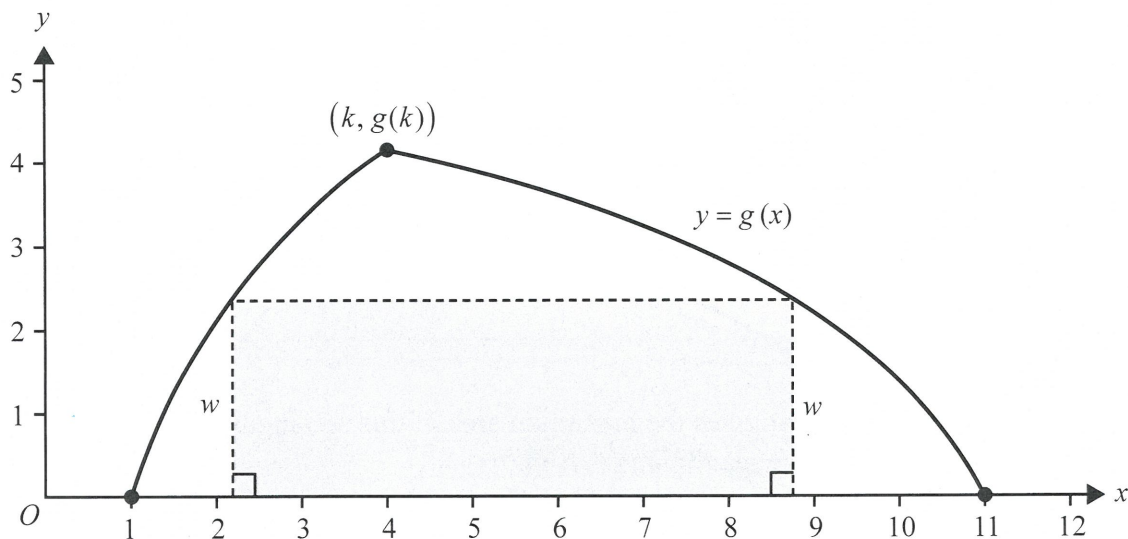
Maximum possible area is 18 m^2

could just use A_{Max} on CAS, why 2 marks?

- b. David realises that his new vegetable garden must fit within the boundary created by his garden path.

Let the existing wall be defined by the x -axis and the boundary of the garden path be defined by the continuous function g below.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 3\log_e(x) & 1 \leq x \leq k \\ 2\log_e(12-x) & k < x \leq 11 \end{cases}$$



Both x and y have units of metres.

David considers a rectangular vegetable garden, with two corners on the existing wall and two corners on the boundary of the garden path. Let w metres be the width of the rectangular vegetable garden, perpendicular to the existing wall, and $A(w)$ square metres be the area of the rectangular vegetable garden.

- i. Given that g is continuous, find the value of k .

2 marks

$$3\log_e(x) = 2\log_e(12-x)$$

$$x = 4$$

$$k = 4$$

very easy solve() on CAS.
why 2 marks?

ii. Show that $A(w) = w \left(12 - e^{\frac{w}{2}} - e^{\frac{w}{3}} \right)$.

2 marks

on the left boundary, $w = 3 \log_e(x)$
 $x = e^{\frac{w}{3}}$

on the right boundary, $w = 2 \log_e(12-x)$
 $x = 12 - e^{\frac{w}{2}}$

The length is $12 - e^{\frac{w}{2}} - e^{\frac{w}{3}}$

$$A(w) = w \cdot (12 - e^{\frac{w}{2}} - e^{\frac{w}{3}})$$

iii. Hence, find the value of w that gives the maximum area of this rectangular vegetable garden, and state the maximum of $A(w)$.

2.4908, 15.52

Give your answers correct to two decimal places.

2 marks

$w = 2.49$ gives maximum area
~~15.52~~ 15.52 is Maximum A .

iv. Can David build the rectangular vegetable garden of maximum area, as described in part b.iii, with less than 12 metres of timber?

Justify your answer.

1 mark

width is 2.49, area is 15.52, so
 length must be $15.52 \div 2.49 = 6.23$

$$2.49 + 2.49 + 6.23 = 11.21 \text{ metres}$$

$$11.21 < 12$$

Yes, David can build with less than 12 metres of timber.

- c. Finally, David considers a pentagonal vegetable garden, using the existing wall for one side and his 12 metres of timber for the remaining four sides.

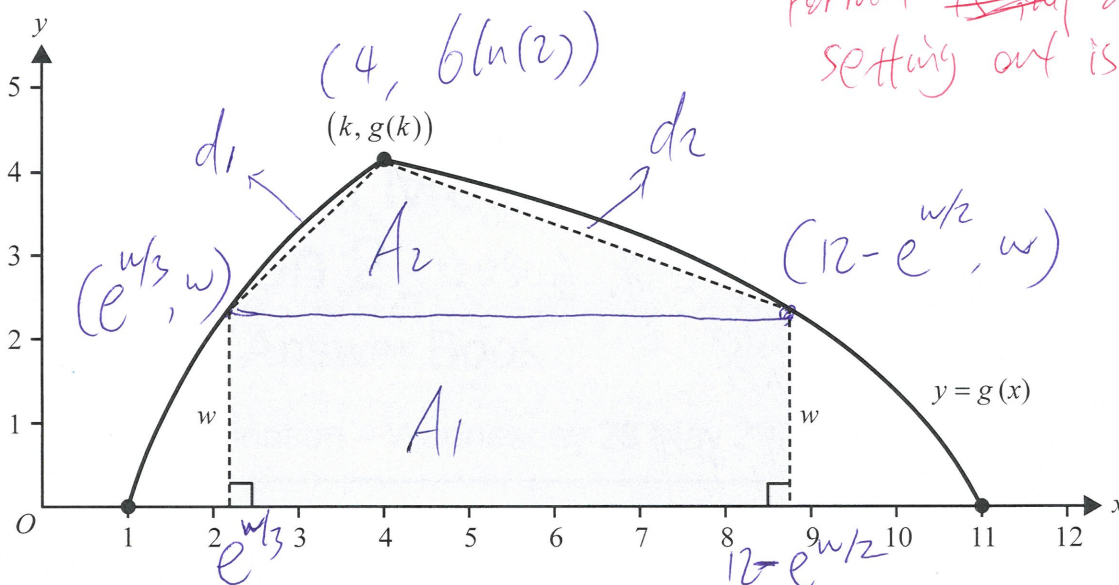
He requires two sides of equal length w metres from the existing wall to the garden path $y = g(x)$.

Both of these sides are perpendicular to the existing wall. The remaining two sides will meet at the point $(k, g(k))$.

The function g and the value k are those defined in part b.

information about $g(x)$ should be outside question b.

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Find the maximum possible area for this pentagonal vegetable garden that David can build with 12 metres of timber or less.

Give your answer in square metres, correct to two decimal places.

4 marks

$$A_1(w) = w(12 - e^{w/2} - e^{w/3})$$

Base ~~length~~ of A_2 triangle is $12 - e^{w/2} - e^{w/3}$

Height of A_2 triangle is $6 \ln(2) - w$

$$A_2(w) = (12 - e^{w/2} - e^{w/3})(6 \ln(2) - w) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

Total area is

$$A(w) = wL + L(6 \ln(2) - w) \frac{1}{2}, \text{ where } L = 12 - e^{w/2} - e^{w/3}$$

Max A occurs at $(1.3765, 23.3248)$

check if this is within 12 metres of timber

Between $(e^{w/3}, w)$ and $(4, 6 \ln(2))$, distance is

$$d_1 = \sqrt{e^{2w/3} - 8e^{w/3} + w^2 - 12 \ln(2)w + 36(\ln(2))^2 + 16}$$

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Between $(4, 6 \ln(2))$ and $(12 - e^{w/2}, w)$
distance is

$$d_2 = \sqrt{-16e^{w/2} + e^w + w^2 - 12 \ln(2)w + 36(\ln(2))^2 + 64}$$

when $w = 1.3165$,

$2w + d_1 + d_2 = 13.06 > 12$, so this
does not work.

Solve for $2w + d_1 + d_2 = 12$,

$$w = 2.6383 \text{ or } 4.6006$$

$$a(2.6383) = 19.88$$

$$a(4.6006) = -11.44$$

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~~w can be~~ By looking at graph of
 $2w + d_1 + d_2$, w can be between 2.6383 and 4.6006
in this domain, $A(w)$ looks like

So maximum area is 19.88 m^2

A lot of writing, not enough space, time-consuming

Overall, no FIRE question in paper.

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Mathematical Methods Examination 2

2025 Formula Sheet

You may keep this Formula Sheet.

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	$Area \approx \frac{x_n - x_0}{2n} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$		

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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