

- 1) Which of the following statements is true?
  - a) Every group of order 12 has non-trivial proper normal subgroup
  - b) Some group of order 12 does not have a non-trivial proper normal subgroup
  - c) Every group of order 12 has a subgroup of order 6
  - d) Every group of order 12 has an element of order 12
  
- 2) For an odd prime  $p$ , consider the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-p}] = \{a + b\sqrt{-p} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Then the element 2 in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-p}]$  is
 

a) a unit	c) a prime
b) a square	d) irreducible
  
- 3) Consider the following two statements:
 

P: The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$  has infinitely many LU factorizations, where  $L$  is lower triangular with each diagonal entry 1, and  $U$  is upper triangular.

Q: The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  has no LU factorization, where  $L$  is lower triangular with each diagonal entry 1, and  $U$  is upper triangular.

Then which one of the following options is correct?

  - a) P is TRUE and Q is FALSE
  - b) Both P and Q are TRUE
  - c) P is FALSE and Q is TRUE
  - d) Both P and Q are FALSE
  
- 4) If the characteristic curves of the partial differential equation  $xu_{xx} + 2x^2u_{xy} = u_x - 1$  are  $\mu(x, y) = c_1$  and  $v(x, y) = c_2$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants, then
  - a)  $\mu(x, y) = x^2 - y$ ,  $v(x, y) = y$
  - b)  $\mu(x, y) = x^2 + y$ ,  $v(x, y) = y$
  - c)  $\mu(x, y) = x^2 + y$ ,  $v(x, y) = x^2$
  - d)  $\mu(x, y) = x^2 - y$ ,  $v(x, y) = x^2$
  
- 5) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map from a Hausdorff topological space  $X$  to a metric space  $Y$ . Consider the following two statements:
 

**P:**  $f$  is a closed map and the inverse image  $f^{-1}(y) = \{x \in X : f(x) = y\}$  is compact for each  $y \in Y$ .

**Q:** For every compact subset  $K \subset Y$ , the inverse image  $f^{-1}(K)$  is a compact subset of  $X$ .

Which one of the following is true?

- a)  $Q$  implies  $P$  but  $P$  does NOT imply  $Q$
  - b)  $P$  implies  $Q$  but  $Q$  does NOT imply  $P$
  - c)  $P$  and  $Q$  are equivalent
  - d) neither  $P$  implies  $Q$  nor  $Q$  implies  $P$
- 6) Let  $X$  denote  $\mathbb{R}^2$  endowed with the usual topology. Let  $Y$  denote  $\mathbb{R}$  endowed with the co-finite topology. If  $Z$  is the product topological space  $Y \times Y$ , then
- a) the topology of  $X$  is the same as the topology of  $Z$
  - b) the topology of  $X$  is strictly coarser (weaker) than that of  $Z$
  - c) the topology of  $Z$  is strictly coarser (weaker) than that of  $X$
  - d) the topology of  $X$  cannot be compared with that of  $Z$
- 7) Consider  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the usual topology for  $n = 1, 2, 3$ . Each of the following options gives topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  with respective induced topologies. In which option is  $X$  home-omorphic to  $Y$ ?
- a)  $X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ ,  $Y = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z = 0, x^2 + y^2 \neq 0\}$
  - b)  $X = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = \sin(1/x), 0 < x \leq 1\} \cup \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = 0, -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$ ,  $Y = [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
  - c)  $X = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = x \sin(1/x), 0 < x \leq 1\}$ ,  $Y = [0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
  - d)  $X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ ,  $Y = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 = z^2 \neq 0\}$
- 8) Let  $\{X_i\}$  be a sequence of independent Poisson( $\lambda$ ) variables and let  $W_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then the limiting distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(W_n - \lambda)$  is the normal distribution with zero mean and variance given by
- (A) 1
  - (B)  $\sqrt{\lambda}$
  - (C)  $\lambda$
  - (D)  $\lambda^2$
- 9) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed random variables with probability density function given by

$$f_X(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta(x-1)}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Also, let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is

- a)  $\frac{1}{\bar{X}}$
- b)  $\frac{1}{\bar{X}} - 1$
- c)  $\frac{1}{\bar{X}-1}$
- d)  $\bar{X}$

10) Consider the Linear Programming Problem (LPP):

$$\text{Maximize } \alpha x_1 + x_2$$

Subject to

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 6, \quad -x_1 + x_2 \leq 1, \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 4, \quad x_1 \geq 0, \quad x_2 \geq 0,$$

where  $\alpha$  is a constant. If  $(3, 0)$  is the only optimal solution, then

a)  $\alpha < -2$

c)  $1 < \alpha < 2$

b)  $-2 < \alpha < 1$

d)  $\alpha > 2$

11) Let  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrices over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define the linear transformation  $S : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{R})$  by  $S(X) = 2X + X^T$ , where  $X^T$  denotes the transpose of the matrix  $X$ . Then the trace of  $S$  equals \_\_\_\_\_.

12) Consider  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the usual inner product. If  $d$  is the distance from  $(1, 1, 1)$  to the subspace  $\text{span}(\{1, 1, 0\}, \{0, 1, 1\})$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $3d^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

13) Consider the matrix  $A = I_9 - 2uu^T$  with  $u = \frac{1}{3}[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]^T$ , where  $I_9$  is the  $9 \times 9$  identity matrix and  $u^T$  is the transpose of  $u$ . If  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are two distinct eigenvalues of  $A$ , then  $|\lambda - \mu| =$  \_\_\_\_\_.