

Full Solutions

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Question 1 (a)**Easiness: 53/100**

SOLUTION. As we see in the formula for the limit of the Riemann sum

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\frac{b-a}{N} \right) \cdot f \left(a + \frac{k(b-a)}{N} \right) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

the factor that is divided by N , must be $b-a$. So, we know that $b-a=3$.
Now we search for the variable

$$x_k = a + \frac{k(b-a)}{N} = a + \frac{3k}{N}.$$

The only term, that matches this expression is

$$-2 + \frac{3k}{N}$$

and thus a must be equal to -2 . With $3=b-a=b+2$ we find that $b=1$.

The last thing is to find the function f . From the formula of the limit of the Riemann sum we know that

$$f \left(a + \frac{k(b-a)}{N} \right) = \left[\left(a + \frac{k(b-a)}{N} \right)^3 - 1 \right],$$

$$f \left(-2 + \frac{3k}{N} \right) = \left(-2 + \frac{3k}{N} \right)^3 - 1,$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 1.$$

So the answer is **(b)**,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\frac{3}{N} \right) \cdot \left[\left(-2 + \frac{3k}{N} \right)^3 - 1 \right] = \int_{-2}^1 (x^3 - 1) dx.$$

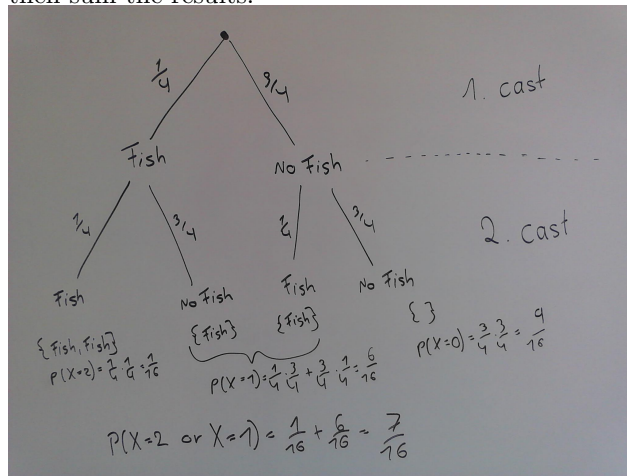
Question 1 (b)**Easiness: 58/100**

SOLUTION 1. This is a Bernoulli process with probability of success $p = 1/4$, and $n = 2$ repetitions.
Let X be the random variable that counts the number of successful casts. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob(at least 1 success)} &= \text{Prob}(X \geq 1) \\ &= \text{Prob}(X = 1 \text{ or } X = 2) \\ &= \text{Prob}(X = 1) + \text{Prob}(X = 2) \\ &= C(2, 1) \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} \right)^{2-1} \\ &\quad + C(2, 2) \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} \right)^{2-2} \\ &= \frac{7}{16}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, answer **(b)** is correct.

SOLUTION 2. We can also use a tree diagram to solve this. Recall that we multiply along branches, and then sum the results.



Question 1 (c)

Easiness: 88/100

SOLUTION. We need to check for which of these differential equations $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$ it holds that $f(3) = 0$.
 For the first one we see that $2(3) - 6 = 0$. So, $y=3$ is a steady state.
 For the second equation we have $3^2 + 9 = 18 \neq 0$. So, $y=3$ is *no* steady state.
 The third equation $\frac{1}{3-3}$ is not even defined for $y=3$.
 For the fourth equation we have $\cos(\pi/3) \leq 0$, and $y=3$ is *no* steady state.
 Last we have the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3$ which is never equal to 0 and has no steady state.
So, the answer is (a).

Question 1 (d)

Easiness: 64/100

SOLUTION. In total we have 100 students. So we need to find the number of points such that 50 students have more and 50 students have less points.

We line up the marks of the students:

20, 20, 20, 20, 20, 30, 30, ..., 30, 40, ..., 40, 50, ..., 50, 60, ..., 60, 70, ..., 70, ...
 5 times 15 times 10 times 15 times 5 times 15 times
 50 students

Unfortunately we end up between 60 and 70. So, we need to think closer. The column at the figure between 20 and 30 marks means, that the student got an amount of marks in the interval $[20, 30]$.

So, the students in the column between 60 and 70 got an amount of marks between 60 and 70. The students in the column between 70 and 80 got an amount of marks between 70 and 80. So, the 70 lies exactly in the middle.

Hence the mean is about 70 and answer **c)** is correct.

Question 1 (e)

Easiness: 61/100

SOLUTION. We find, that we need to solve the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}x''(t) &= \cos(t) \\x'(0) &= 0 \\x(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

We integrate $x''(t) = \cos(t)$ and get $x'(t) = \sin(t) + c_1$. With $0 = x'(0) = \sin(0) + c_1 = c_1$ we find $c_1 = 0$. We continue with integrating $x'(t) = \sin(t)$, which leads to $x(t) = -\cos(t) + c_2$. With $x(0) = 1$ we find $1 = x(0) = -\cos(0) + c_2 = -1 + c_2$ and get $c_2 = 2$. The velocity being $x'(t) = \sin(t)$ reaches -1 at $t = \frac{3}{2}\pi$, and we get $x(\frac{3}{2}\pi) = -\cos(\frac{3}{2}\pi) + 2 = -0 + 2 = 2$.
So, the answer is (d).

Question 1 (f)

Easiness: 1/100

SOLUTION. By using the formula for the bernoulli experiment

$$P(X = k) = \binom{N}{k} p^k (1-p)^{N-k}$$

for $p = 0.7$, $N = 10$ and $k = 8$ and get

$$P(X = 8) = \binom{10}{8} 0.7^8 \cdot (0.3)^2 = 45 \cdot 0.7^8 \cdot 0.3^2$$

So, the answer is (a).

Question 2

Easiness: 71/100

SOLUTION. We just plug in the functions

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)^2 = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k\right)^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \cdot \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^m$$

Next we start to multiply the two infinite sums term by term, and sort the result by powers of x .

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \cdot \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^m &= (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \\&= (1 \cdot 1) + (x \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot x) + (1 \cdot x^2 + x \cdot x + x^2 \cdot 1) \\&\quad + (1 \cdot x^3 + x \cdot x^2 + x^2 \cdot x + x^3 \cdot 1) + \dots \\&= 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Now we can see the pattern: There are always $k + 1$ combinations that give the term x^k . Hence the Taylor series is given by $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)x^k$.

Question 3 (a)

Easiness: 57/100

SOLUTION. To solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{x^2 - 2}{2x}$$

with separation of variables we rewrite the equation as

$$\frac{2x dx}{x^2 - 2} = dt$$

and integrate both sides

$$\int \frac{2x}{x^2-2} dx = \int 1 dt.$$

The integral on the right hand side simply gives $t+c$. The integrand on the left hand side is of the form $\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$, with $f(x) = x^2-2$, which has anti-derivative $\ln|f(x)| = \ln|x^2-2|$. If you don't see this easily you can simply use the substitution $u = x^2-2$. Either way, we obtain

$$\ln(|x^2-2|) = t + c$$

for a constant c .

To solve this equation for x we first take the exponential on both sides

$$|x^2-2| = e^{t+c} = e^c e^t = d e^t,$$

where d is another constant, which has to be positive. Finally, to remove the absolute value we write

$$\pm(x^2-2) = |x^2-2| = d e^t,$$

i.e.

$$x^2-2 = \pm d e^t = \tilde{c} e^t$$

for another constant \tilde{c} that has no restriction on its sign (i.e. can be positive or negative). Now we can finally solve for x and obtain

$$x(t) = \pm\sqrt{\tilde{c}e^t + 2}.$$

Question 3 (b)

Easiness: 72/100

SOLUTION. Recall the solution from part (a):

$$x(t) = \pm\sqrt{\tilde{c}e^t + 2}.$$

To satisfy the initial condition $x(0) = 2$, we calculate

$$2 = x(0) = \pm\sqrt{\tilde{c}e^0 + 2}$$

We see, that this can only be fulfilled with the plus sign.

$$x(0) = \sqrt{\tilde{c} + 2} = 2,$$

$$\tilde{c} = 2.$$

So, the solution of the differential equation with initial condition is

$$x(t) = \sqrt{2e^t + 2}.$$

Question 4 (a)

Easiness: 81/100

SOLUTION. For calculating this integral we use substitution.

$$\int_{-1}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} dx = \int_{-1}^0 (1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx.$$

We define $u=1-x$, $du=-dx$. The new limits of the integral are $u(-1)=1-(-1)=2$ and $u(0)=1-0=1$. Hence

$$\int_2^1 u^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-du) = \int_1^2 u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \left[2u^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_1^2 = 2(\sqrt{2} - 1).$$

Question 4 (b)

Easiness: 65/100

SOLUTION. For calculating this integral we use integration by parts two times. We take $dv = x dx$ and $u = (\ln(x))^2$. Then $v = \frac{x^2}{2}$ and $du = 2\ln(x)\frac{1}{x} dx$ (don't forget the derivative $1/x$ of $\ln(x)$).

$$\begin{aligned} \int x(\ln(x))^2 dx &= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} (\ln(x))^2 \right] - \int \frac{x^2}{2} 2\ln(x) \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} (\ln(x))^2 - \int \underbrace{x}_{dv} \underbrace{\ln(x)}_u dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} (\ln(x))^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) + \int \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} (\ln(x))^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) + \int \frac{x}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} (\ln(x))^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) + \frac{x^2}{4} + c \end{aligned}$$

for a constant c .

Question 4 (c)

Easiness: 76/100

SOLUTION. Before we can calculate the integral, we use partial fraction.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x+7}{(x-3)(x+2)} &= \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x+2} \\ &= \frac{A(x+2) + B(x-3)}{(x-3)(x+2)} = \frac{x \overbrace{(A+B)}^{=1} + \overbrace{2A-3B}^{=7}}{(x-3)(x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

So, we get two equations to solve for A and B

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 1, \\ 2A - 3B &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

and we get $A = 2$, $B = -1$.
So we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x+7}{(x-3)(x+2)} dx &= \int \left(\frac{2}{x-3} - \frac{1}{x+2} \right) dx \\ &= 2 \ln(x-3) - \ln(x+2) + C \end{aligned}$$

Question 5 (a)

Easiness: 89/100

SOLUTION. We take the disk method to calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{12} (\sqrt{14-x})^2 \pi dx &= \pi \int_0^{12} (14-x) dx \\ &= \pi \left(14x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{12} \\ &= 96\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Question 5 (b)

Easiness: 17/100

SOLUTION. To find the amount A of Vitamin A in the carrot, we need to multiply every infinitely small disk with unit cm^3 with the passend concentration of Vitamin A and then integrate over all disks:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_0^{12} \frac{1}{12} e^{-\frac{x}{12}} (\sqrt{14-x})^2 \pi dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{12} \int_0^{12} e^{-\frac{x}{12}} (14-x) dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{12} \left[\int_0^{12} 14e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx - \int_0^{12} xe^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx \right] \end{aligned}$$

We let the former integral as is for now and use integration by parts for the latter. Let $u = x$, $du = dx$, $dv = e^{-x/12} dx$ and $v = -12e^{-x/12}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \frac{\pi}{12} \left[\int_0^{12} 14e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx - \int_0^{12} x e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{12} \left[\int_0^{12} 14e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx - \left(x(-12)e^{-\frac{x}{12}} \Big|_0^{12} - \int_0^{12} (-12)e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{12} \left[14 \int_0^{12} e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx - 12 \int_0^{12} e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx + (12)(12)e^{-1} - 0 \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{12} \left[2 \int_0^{12} e^{-\frac{x}{12}} dx + (12)(12)e^{-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{12} \left[2(-12)e^{-\frac{x}{12}} \Big|_0^{12} + (12)(12)e^{-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{12} [-2(12)(e^{-1} - 1) + (12)(12)e^{-1}] \\
&= \pi [-2e^{-1} + 2 + 12e^{-1}] \\
&= \pi \left[\frac{10}{e} + 2 \right] \\
&= \frac{2\pi(5+e)}{e}.
\end{aligned}$$

Question 5 (c)

Easiness: 40/100

SOLUTION. We are searching for a $x_m \in [0, 12]$ such that $\int_0^{x_m} (\sqrt{14-x})^2 \pi dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{12} (\sqrt{14-x})^2 \pi dx = \frac{1}{2} 96\pi = 48\pi$.
We calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{x_m} (\sqrt{14-x})^2 \pi dx &= \pi \int_0^{x_m} (14-x) dx \\
&= \pi \left(14x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{x_m} \\
&= \pi \left(14x_m - \frac{x_m^2}{2} \right) = 48\pi
\end{aligned}$$

We cancel the π and continue

$$0 = x_m^2 - 28x_m + 96 = (x_m - 24)(x_m - 4)$$

$$x_{m_1} = 4, x_{m_2} = 24$$

Since $24 \notin [0, 12]$ we conclude $x_m = 4$.

You need to cut 4cm from $x = 0$.

Question 6 (a)

Easiness: 69/100

SOLUTION. Since we look for the maximum of s , we set its derivative to zero.

$$0 = \frac{d}{dr} 50 \sin\left(\frac{\pi r}{10}\right) = 50 \frac{\pi}{10} \cos\left(\frac{\pi r}{10}\right),$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi r}{10}\right) = 0,$$

Due to the restriction on r the only possible zero is when

$$\frac{\pi r}{10} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

which is attained at

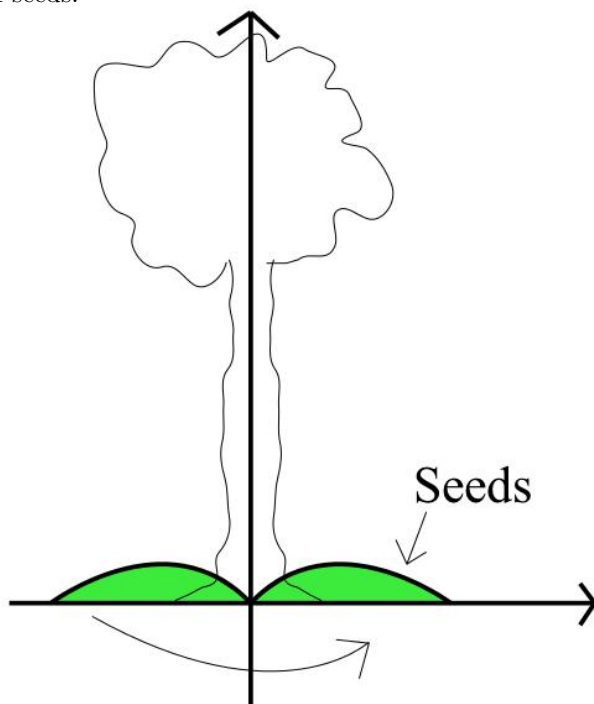
$$r = 5$$

Note that $\sin(\pi(5)/10) = \sin(\pi/2) = 1$ gives indeed the maximum value for sine and hence for s .

Question 6 (b)

Easiness: 18/100

SOLUTION. The total number of seeds is the sum of all m^2 around the tree times the passend concentration of seeds.



Because the area around the tree is a ring, the field of seeds looks like a the function rotated around the tree (y-axis).

To calculate this integral, we use the shell method $\int 2\pi x h(x) dx$

For integration we use integration by parts.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{10} 2\pi \underbrace{r}_{=u} \underbrace{50 \sin\left(\frac{\pi r}{10}\right)}_{dv} dr &= 100\pi \left[-r \cos\left(\frac{\pi r}{10}\right) \frac{10}{\pi} \Big|_0^{10} + \frac{10}{\pi} \int_0^{10} \cos\left(\frac{\pi r}{10}\right) dr \right] \\ &= 100 \left[-10 \cdot 10 \cos(\pi) + 0 + 10 \sin\left(\frac{\pi r}{10}\right) \frac{10}{\pi} \Big|_0^{10} \right] \\ &= 10000. \end{aligned}$$

There are 10000 seeds around the tree.

Question 7 (a)

Easiness: 49/100

SOLUTION. To find the expected length, we multiply the length x with the probability density function $p(x)$ and integrate over all possible lengths. In other words, the mean, or expected value, $E[X]$ is given by

$$E[X] = \int_a^b xp(x) dx.$$

In this problem $a = 1$, $b = e$ and $p(x) = 1/x$, thus

$$E[X] = \int_1^e x \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = \int_1^e dx = x|_1^e = e - 1.$$

Question 7 (b)

Easiness: 67/100

SOLUTION. $P\{X \leq 2\} = \int_1^2 p(x) dx = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx = [\ln(x)]_1^2 = \ln(2).$

Question 7 (c)

Easiness: 27/100

SOLUTION. At first we calculate the Variance $Var[X]$.

$$\begin{aligned} Var[X] &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \\ &= \int_1^e x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx - (e - 1)^2 \\ &= \int_1^e x dx - (e - 1)^2 \\ &= \left. \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_1^e - (e - 1)^2 \\ &= \frac{e^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - e^2 + 2e - 1 \\ &= -\frac{e^2}{2} + 2e - \frac{3}{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(e - 3)(e - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(3 - e)(e - 1) \quad (\approx 0.242) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(3 - e)(e - 1)} \approx 0.492$$

Question 8 (a)

Easiness: 78/100

SOLUTION. Since the growth rate is the derivative of the height for any time $t \geq 0$, we need to integrate the function $g(t)$ to find the height depending on t .

$$h(t) = \int g(t)dt = \int ae^{\frac{t}{2}}dt = 2ae^{\frac{t}{2}} + c$$

for a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

We find that constant by using the initial condition.

$$0 = h(0) = 2a + c,$$

$$c = -2a.$$

So, the function of height is

$$h(t) = 2a(e^{\frac{t}{2}} - 1).$$

Question 8 (b)

Easiness: 78/100

SOLUTION. By knowing that $h(1) = 1$, we calculate

$$1 = h(1) = 2a(e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2(e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1)}.$$

So, the function of height is

$$h(t) = \frac{e^{\frac{t}{2}} - 1}{e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}.$$

Question 8 (c)

Easiness: 58/100

SOLUTION. The change of height between day 4 and 5 is

$$\begin{aligned} h(5) - h(4) &= \frac{e^{\frac{5}{2}} - 1}{e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1} - \frac{e^{\frac{4}{2}} - 1}{e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1} \\ &= \frac{e^{2.5} - e^2}{e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1} = e^2 \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1} = e^2 \end{aligned}$$

Good Luck for your exams!