Quiz: August 29, 2018

## Part I: Candidate Quiz Questions

1. Solve for x and simplify for each of the following:

(a) 
$$y^{-n} = \frac{1}{x}$$

(b) 
$$y^m \cdot y^n = y^x$$

(c) 
$$\frac{y^m}{y^n} = y^x$$

$$(d) (y^m)^n = y^x$$

(e) 
$$y^n \cdot z^n = x^n$$

(f) 
$$\sqrt{y} \cdot \sqrt{z} = \sqrt{x}$$

(g) 
$$\log_b 1 = x$$

(h) 
$$\log_b b = x$$

(i) 
$$\log_b b^a = x$$

(j) 
$$b^{\log_b a} = x$$

(k) 
$$\log_b m + \log_b n = \log_b x$$

(l) 
$$\log_b m - \log_b n = \log_b x$$

(m) 
$$\log_b(m^p) = x \log_b m$$

(n) 
$$(x+2)(y-3) = 10$$

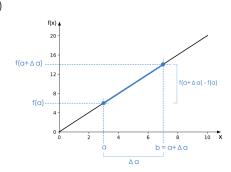
(o) 
$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 25$$

(p) 
$$y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

(q) 
$$y_1 \cdot y_2 \cdot \dots \cdot y_n = \prod_{i=1}^n y_i$$

2. What is the derivative dy/dx for the following functions:

(a)



(b) 
$$y = ax$$

(c) 
$$y = x^a$$

(d) 
$$y = 1/x$$

(e) 
$$y = \log(x)$$

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

3. Write a basic Python function (no imports) that creates a list of values, given n as an input argument. As n gets very large, what does the sum of this series approach?

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\begin{bmatrix} 1, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, \dots, \frac{1}{n^2} \end{bmatrix}
def series(n):
    pass

print(series(3))

print(series(5))

Output:

[1.0, 0.25, 0.11111111111111, 0.0625]
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[1.0, 0.25, 0.111111111111111, 0.0625, 0.04, 0.02777777777777776]

4. What is the result of each of the following expressions? If an expression cannot be evaluated, explain why.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a)  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$
- (b) **u v**
- (c)  $\mathbf{u} \odot \mathbf{v}$
- (d)  $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$
- (e) **Iv**
- (f)  $\mathbf{A}^T$
- (g) **Au**
- (h) **A** ⊙ **A**
- (i) **AA**
- (j)  $A^{-1}A$

Note: • is the dot-product and ⊙ is the Hadamard (element-wise) product.

## Part II: Additional Candidate Exam Questions

1. What is the length of the projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  on  $\mathbf{w}$ ? Can the "length" be negative? Why, or why not? The definition of the dot product for your convenience:

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} v_j w_j = |\mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{w}| \cos \theta$$

2. In basic Python (no imports), write a function that computes the dot-product between two lists. You can assume that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  have the same length.  $x = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \cdots + u_nv_n$ .

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def dot_product(u, v):
    # compute x
    return x

u = [1, 2, 3]
v = [4, 5, 6]
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print(dot_product(u, v))
  u = [1, 2, 3, 4, 10]
  v = [-1, 3, 5, 4, 6]
  print(dot_product(u, v))
  Output:
  32
  96
3. In basic Python (no imports), write a function that computes matrix multiplication from two
  lists of lists: c_j^{(i)} = \sum_{k=1}^p a_k^{(i)} b_j^{(k)}.
  def matrix_multiply(a, b):
       # compute the list of lists, c
       return c
  a = [[1, 3], [2, 4]]
  b = [[5, 7], [6, 8]]
  print(matrix_multiply(a, b))
  a = [[-1, 2], [6, 9]]
  b = [[0, -4], [-1, 18]]
  print(matrix_multiply(a, b))
  Output:
   [[23, 31], [34, 46]]
   [[-2, 40], [-9, 138]]
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