

Calculation sheet for Math Aptitude Test

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1. Now $\frac{df}{dx} = \exp(-x) - x \exp(-x) = \exp(-x) - f$, so

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\exp(-x) - \frac{df}{dx} = -2\exp(-x) + f.$$

2. For $y = \ln|1-x|$, $\frac{df}{dx} = -\frac{1}{1-x}$. Hence $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$ and

$$\frac{df}{dx} + x \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = -\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}.$$

3. Now $\frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} = 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2$, so

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} = 3x^2.$$

4. If x is near 0 and $x \neq 0$, $\frac{2x+\sin x}{x(x-1)} = \frac{2+\frac{\sin x}{x}}{x-1}$. Using $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x + \sin x}{x(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 + \frac{\sin x}{x}}{x-1} = \frac{2+1}{0-1} = -3.$$

5. Using a variable transformation $x^2 = u$ in the domain $x \geq 0$, $2xdx = du$ and

$$I = \int_0^\infty x \exp(-x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \exp(-u) du = \frac{1}{2}.$$

6. Using $\frac{1}{x^2+3x+2} = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x+2}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2+3x+2} dx &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x+2} \right) dx \\ &= \left[\ln(x+1) - \ln(x+2) \right]_0^1 \\ &= (\ln 2 - \ln 3) - (\ln 1 - \ln 2) = -\ln \frac{3}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

7. The n -th order derivative of $f(x) = \exp x$ is $\exp x$, so the n -th order term in the Taylor series expansion of f about $x = -3$ is

$$\frac{e^{-3}}{n!} (x - (-3))^n.$$

8. The derivative of the function $\ln(1+x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$, so in some convergence radius,

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(1+x) &= \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx = \int dx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int dx (-1)^n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} (-1)^n x^{n+1}.\end{aligned}$$

9. k needs to satisfy $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) dx = 1$. Now

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) dx = \int_0^1 k(1-x^3) dx = k \left[x - \frac{1}{4} x^4 \right]_0^1 = \frac{3}{4} k,$$

so $k = \frac{4}{3}$.

10. For given random variable X , the probability $P(0 \leq X \leq \frac{1}{2})$ is

$$P(0 \leq X \leq \frac{1}{2}) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{3}{4} (1-x^2) dx = \frac{3}{4} \left[x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{11}{32}.$$

11. $E(X^2) = E((X-\mu)^2) + \mu^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 = 2^2 + 4^2 = 20$.
12. The skew of the distribution with the mean μ and the standard derivation σ is $\frac{E((X-\mu)^3)}{\sigma^3}$. The uniform distribution is symmetric around its mean, so the integral $\int_0^1 (x - \frac{1}{2})^3 dx = 0$ and our skew is 0.
13. First we calculate $V = E((X-\mu)^2)$. Set $s = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\gamma}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}} x \cdot x \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2s^2}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}} \left\{ \left[x \cdot (-s^2) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2s^2}\right) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (-s^2) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2s^2}\right) dx \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}} \cdot s^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2s^2}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}} \cdot s^2 \cdot \sqrt{2\pi s^2} = s^2.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the standard derivation which we calculate is $s = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma}}{\gamma}$.

14. Here $f_x = 2x - 4y$, $f_{xx} = 2$, $f_y = -4x + 3y^2 + 4$, and $f_{yy} = 6y$, so $f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 2 + 6y$.

15. From given equation, $\frac{dy}{1+y^2} = \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$. Let $\theta_y = \tan^{-1} y$ and $\theta_x = \tan^{-1} x$, then an indefinite integral of $\frac{dy}{1+y^2}$ is θ_y and that of $\frac{dx}{1+x^2}$ is θ_x . Hence, using some integral constant C_0 , it holds $\theta_y = \theta_x + C_0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \tan(\theta_x + C_0) \\ &= \frac{\tan \theta_x + \tan C_0}{1 - \tan \theta_x \tan C_0} \\ &= \frac{x + C}{1 - Cx}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C = \tan C_0$.

16. From given equation, $\frac{dy}{1+y} = x dx$ and $\ln|1+y| = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$ by taking indefinite integration. Hence $y = A \exp(\frac{1}{2}x^2) - 1$, where $A = \pm \exp C$.
17. Let $u_0 = y$ and $u_1 = y'$, then given equation is equivalent to

$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -13 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_0 \end{pmatrix} = \exp \left(x \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -13 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for some initial value $(u_1(0), u_0(0)) = (a_1, a_0)$. We need to calculate the right hand side explicitly. Set $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -13 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

First we calculate the eigencvalue of the matrix A . Let E be the identity matrix. Solve $\det A - \lambda E = 0$, then $\lambda = 2 \pm 3\sqrt{-1}$.

A has distinct eigenvalues, so A is diagonalizable and $A = UDU^*$ for some unitary matrix and

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 3\sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 - 3\sqrt{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(xA) &= U \exp(xD) U^* \\ &= U \begin{pmatrix} e^{(2+3\sqrt{-1})x} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{(2-3\sqrt{-1})x} \end{pmatrix} U^* \\ &= U \begin{pmatrix} e^{2x}(\cos 3x + \sqrt{-1} \sin 3x) & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2x}(\cos 3x - \sqrt{-1} \sin 3x) \end{pmatrix} U^* \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_0 \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} e^{2x}(\cos 3x + \sqrt{-1} \sin 3x) & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2x}(\cos 3x - \sqrt{-1} \sin 3x) \end{pmatrix} U^* \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now u_1 and u_0 take real values if the initial value is real, so taking real part after matrix multiplication

$$y = u_0 = e^{2x}(A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x).$$

for some constants A and B .

18. Consider $y = x^n u$, then

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= nx^{n-1}u + x^n u', \\ y'' &= n(n-1)x^{n-2}u + 2nx^{n-1}u' + x^n u'' \end{aligned}$$

and the ODE for u is

$$(n(n-1) - 4n + 6)x^n u + (2n-4)x^{n+1}u' + x^{n+2}u'' = 0.$$

We would like to choose n such that the coefficient of 0-th order in the ODE of u is 0. This coefficient is $n(n-1) - 4n + 6 = (n-2)(n-3)$, so we choose $n = 2$.

Then the ODE is

$$x^{n+2}u'' = 0$$

and the solution is $u = A + Bx$ for some constants A and B . Hence the solution y is

$$y = x^2 u = Ax^2 + Bx^3.$$

19. From $\begin{vmatrix} k & k \\ 8 & 4k \end{vmatrix} = 4k^2 - 8k = 4k(k-2)$, the solution is $k = 0, 2$.

20. The augmented matrix of given linear system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Using elementary row operation,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & 33 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 11 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This means that $z = 3, y = -3z + 11 = 2, x = 2z - 5 = 1$.

21. The determinant of given matrix is $20 + 0 + (-9) - 18 - 0 - (-2) = -5$.
22. The inner product $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = -6 + 0 + 2k = 2k - 6$, so the value of k such that $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ is $k = 3$.
23. $|x| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{13}$.
24. $f(\sin 2\theta, \cos 2\theta) = \sin^2 2\theta + \cos^2 2\theta = 1$, so $\frac{df}{d\theta} = 0$.
25. Solve $\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-1)(\lambda-4) = 0$, then $\lambda = 1, 4$.
26. $\int_{-2}^1 |x| dx = \int_0^2 x dx + \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2}(2^2 + 1) = \frac{5}{2}$.

End.