

1. The solution to the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$  for which  $y = 2$  when  $x = 0$  can be written in the form  $y = Ae^{kx}$ . Find the values of  $A$  and  $k$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -5y.$$

$$y = 2, \quad x = 0.$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int -5 dx$$

$$2 = ce^0.$$

$$c = 2.$$

$$\ln y = -5x + c$$

$$\text{Therefore, } A = 2, \quad k = -5. \quad \checkmark$$

$$y = e^{-5x} \cdot e^c = ce^{-5x}.$$

2. A fair coin is tossed until five heads occur. Find the probability that the fifth head occurs on the tenth toss.

$$X \sim NB(5, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$P(X=10) = \binom{9}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = 0.123 \text{ (3 s.f.)} \quad \checkmark$$

3. An isomorphism from a group to itself is called an *automorphism*. Show that the function  $f: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  with rule  $f(z) = z^*$  is an automorphism of the group  $(\mathbb{C}^*, \times)$ .

• let  $z = a+bi$ ,  $w = c+di$ .

$$f(z \cdot w) = f(ac + adi + bci - bd) = ac - bd - (ad + bc)i$$

$$f(z) \cdot f(w) = (a-bi)(c-di) = ac - bd - (ad + bc)i. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{so } f(z \cdot w) = f(z) \cdot f(w).$$

• for any  $z = a+bi$  in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , there will be a  $w = a-bi$  that satisfies

$$f(z) = w, \text{ which shows surjection.}$$

• Suppose there is  $f(z_1) = f(z_2) = w = c+di$ . then  $z_1 = c-di$ ,  $z_2 = c-di$ ,  $z_1$  has to be equal to  $z_2$ . injection.  $\checkmark$

Hence,  $f$  is a isomorphism so it's automorphism.  $\checkmark$

4. The random variable  $X$  has probability generating function  $G(t) = \frac{t}{3-2t}$ , mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Find  $P(|X - \mu| < \sigma)$ .

$$G'(t) = \frac{3}{(3-2t)^2} \quad G'(1) = 3 = \mu.$$

$$G''(t) = \frac{12}{(3-2t)^3} \quad G''(1) = 12.$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 = 12 + 3 - 3^2 = 6.$$

$$P(|X - 3| < \sqrt{6}). \quad 3 - \sqrt{6} < X < \sqrt{6} + 3, \quad X = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$

$$G(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{3}t}{1 - \frac{2}{3}t} = \frac{1}{3}t + \frac{2}{9}t^2 + \frac{4}{27}t^3 + \frac{8}{81}t^4 + \frac{16}{243}t^5 + \dots$$

$$P = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{27} + \frac{8}{81} + \frac{16}{243} = 0.868 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

5. Newton's law of cooling states that a body cools at a rate proportional to the difference between the temperature of the body and its surroundings. Sherlock Holmes finds that the core temperature of a corpse is  $17^\circ\text{C}$  at 6.30 am and three hours later that this temperature has fallen to  $11^\circ\text{C}$ . If the temperature of the surroundings had been approximately  $5^\circ\text{C}$  throughout the night and the normal living body temperature is  $37^\circ\text{C}$ , what did Holmes estimate as the time of death?

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - 5)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{T-5} dT = \int -k dt.$$

$$\ln(T-5) = -kt + c$$

$$T-5 = ce^{-kt}$$

$$T = ce^{-kt} + 5$$

$$\text{at } t=0, T=37.$$

$$37 = ce^0 + 5.$$

$$c = 32.$$

$$T = 32e^{-kt} + 5.$$

$$17 = 32e^{-kt_1} + 5$$

$$11 = 32e^{-k(t_1+3)} + 5 = 32e^{-kt_1} \cdot e^{-3k} + 5$$

$$32e^{-kt_1} = 12, \quad 32e^{-kt_1} \cdot e^{-3k} = 6.$$

$$e^{3k} = 2.$$

$$3k = \ln 2$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{3}$$

$$\text{So } T = 32e^{-\frac{t \ln 2}{3}} + 5$$

$$\text{when } T=17, \quad t = 4.2451125 \text{ h} = 4 \text{ h } 15 \text{ min.}$$

Therefore, the time of death is 2:15 am.

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