

MIDTERM

MA1521 CALCULUS FOR COMPUTING

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 mins.

The test is open book. You may use online graphic calculator.

Answer all 7 questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

Justify your answers and show your steps clearly.

1. Let a and b be integers. It is known that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 2x}{x^3} + \frac{a}{3} + \frac{b}{x^2} \right) = 0.$$

Determine the value of $a + b$.

2. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{3x + \sqrt{x}}$ for $x > 0$. An equation of the tangent line to the graph of $f(x)$ at $x = 1$ is of the form $ax - by + 9 = 0$, where a and b are integers. Find the value of $a + b$.
3. A robot X moves from left to right along the positive x -axis whose speed at time t is given by $5(1 - \frac{1}{t+1})$ meters per min. Another robot Y moves upward along the positive y -axis whose speed at time t is given by $12(1 - \frac{1}{t+1})$ meters per min. At time $t = 0$ min, they both start moving from rest at the origin O . The distance between the two robots at time $t = 12$ min is increasing at the rate of R meters per min. Determine the value of R .
4. A farmer wishes to employ tomato pickers to harvest 42500 tomatoes. Each picker can harvest 625 tomatoes per hour and is paid \$6 per hour. In addition, the farmer must pay a supervisor \$10 per hour and pay the union \$10 for each picker employed. How many pickers should the farmer employ to minimize the cost of harvesting the tomatoes? Your answer should be a positive integer.
5. The curve $y^4 = 36(y^2 - x^2)$ has a shape like a figure 8. Find the area of the region enclosed by the two loops of the curve.
6. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{10} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^x \sqrt{2 + \sin t + \sin^2 t} dt$.
- Show that f^{-1} exists by proving that f is increasing on \mathbb{R} . Find also the value of $(f^{-1})'(0)$.

7. It is known that the improper integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x+1)[\ln(x+1)]^2} dx = \frac{p - \ln 8}{\ln 4}$.

Determine the value of p . Justify your answer.

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