



## Mathematics problems

### 1 Elementary algebra

**Problem 1.1.** Simplify

$$\frac{x^{32}}{x^9 \cdot x^2} \cdot \frac{x^7}{x^2} = \frac{x^{39}}{x^{13}} = x^{26}$$

**Problem 1.2.** Solve for  $x$ :

$$8^2 \cdot 4^x \cdot 2^x = 8^4 \quad 2^{2x} \cdot 2^x = 8^2 \quad 2^{3x} = 2^6 \Leftrightarrow x=2$$

**Problem 1.3.** Calculate the missing value. If  $\frac{x}{y}$  is 3, then  $x^{-4}y^4 = \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{3^4} = \frac{1}{81}$

**Problem 1.4.** Calculate

$$\frac{\sqrt{4^{15}}}{\sqrt{16^7}} = \frac{2^{15}}{4^7} = \frac{2^{15}}{2^{14}} = 2$$

**Problem 1.5.** True or False ( $x$  and  $y$  and  $z$  are real numbers):

(a)  $x + (y + z) = (y + x) + z$  T

(b)  $y(x + z) = xy + zy$  T

(c)  $x^{y+z} \neq x^z + x^y$  F

(d)  $\frac{x^z}{x^y} \neq x^{y-z}$  F

**Problem 1.6.** Find the solution set for the inequality below:

$$\ln(x) \geq e$$

$$e^{\ln(x)} \geq e^e \\ \underline{\underline{x \geq e^e}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 212 - 32 \\ 100 \end{array} \cdot C + 32 = C \\ 180C + 320 = 100C \\ 18C = -22 \\ C = \frac{-22}{18} = \underline{\underline{-\frac{11}{9}}} = \underline{\underline{-1\frac{2}{9}}}$$

### 2 Functions of one variable

**Problem 2.1 (Based on SYD 2.5.6).** The relationship between temperatures measured in Celsius and Fahrenheit is linear.  $0^\circ\text{C}$  is equivalent to  $32^\circ\text{F}$  and  $100^\circ\text{C}$  is the same as  $212^\circ\text{F}$ . Which temperature is measured by the same number on both scales?

**Problem 2.2.** Take the following function  $f(x) = 3x - 12$ . Find  $y$  if  $f(y) = 0$ .  $3y - 12 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{\underline{y=4}}$

**Problem 2.3.** Find all values of  $x$  that satisfy:

$$9x^2 - 6x + 2 = 81 \quad x^2 - 6x + 2 = 79 \Leftrightarrow x(x-6) = 0 \\ x_1 = 0, x_2 = 6$$

**Problem 2.4.** Solve the following problem. If the annual GDP growth of a country is 3%, how long does it take the economy to triple its GDP?  $1.03^x = 3 \quad \log_{1.03} 3 = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 1.03} = \underline{\underline{37.17 \text{ yrs}}}$

**Problem 2.5.** Calculate the following value

$$\log_{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\pi^5} \right) = \log_{\pi} \pi^{-5} = \underline{\underline{-5}}$$

### 3 Calculus

Problem 3.1. Calculate the following sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{5^i} + 0.3^i \right) = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{1-0.3} = \frac{5}{4} + \frac{10}{7} = \frac{35+40}{28} = \frac{75}{28}$$

Problem 3.2. Find the following limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)(x+5)}{x-5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x+5) = 10$$

Problem 3.3. Find the slope of the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 4$  at  $(-2, -12)$ .

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 \quad f'(-2) = 12$$

Problem 3.4. Find the derivative of the following function:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^5 + 3}{x^2 - 1} \quad f'(x) = \frac{5x^4(x^2-1) - (x^5+3)2x}{x^4 - 2x^2 + 1} = \frac{3x^6 - 11x}{(x^2-1)^2}$$

Problem 3.5. Find the second derivative of the following function:

$$f(x) = x^9 + 3 \quad f''(x) = (x^9 + 3)'' = (9x^8)' = 72x^7$$

Problem 3.6. Is the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  continuous at 0? Why?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$$

$0 \notin D \Rightarrow$  the question is not applicable

Problem 3.7. Consider the following function. Find all of its local minima, local maxima or inflection points.

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 12x \quad (\text{on new page})$$

Problem 3.8. Let  $f(x, y) = x^3 - y^2$ . Calculate  $f(2, 3) = 2^3 - 3^2 = 8 - 9 = -1$

Problem 3.9. Consider the following function:  $f(x, y) = \ln(x - 3y)$ . For what combinations of  $x$  and  $y$  is this function defined?

$$x - 3y > 0 \Leftrightarrow y < \frac{x}{3}$$



Problem 3.10. Find the following partial derivative:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( x^5 y^7 + \frac{x^2}{y^3} \right) = 5x^4 y^7 + \frac{2x}{y^3}$$

Problem 3.11. Find the local maxima or minima of the following function:

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{xy} - x - y \quad \text{Pls. see separate page}$$

Problem 3.12. Solve the following constrained optimization problem using Lagrange's method:  $\max x^2 y^2$  s.t.  $2x + y = 9$

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### 4 Linear algebra

Problem 4.1. Take the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 11 \\ 55 & 76 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is  $B \cdot A$ ? =

3.7  $f(x) = 4x^3 - 12x$  find

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x_{1,2} = \pm 1 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{MAX} \\ \text{MIN} \end{matrix}$$

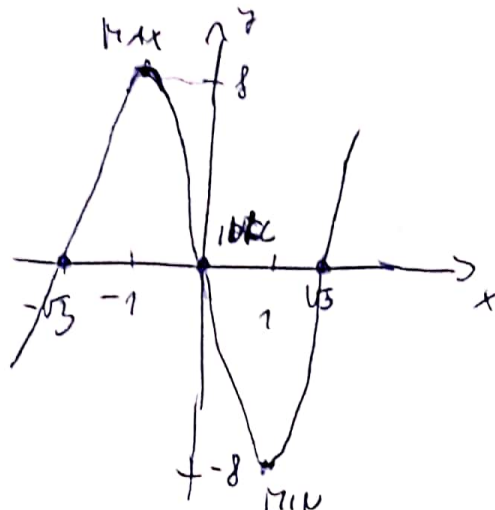
$$f''(x) = 24x = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{inflection}$$

$$f(x) = 0$$

$$4x^3 - 12x = 0$$

$$x(4x^2 - 12) = 0 \quad x_{1,2,3} = \begin{matrix} \text{IV}\sqrt{3} \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$



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max  $x^2y^2$  st.  $2x+y=9$  (!  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ , otherwise no MAX!)

$$f(x,y) = x^2y^2 \quad g(x,y) = 2x+y-9$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x,y,\lambda) = f(x,y) - \lambda g(x,y) = x^2y^2 - 2\lambda x - \lambda y + 9\lambda$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 1) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathcal{L} &= 2y^2x - 2\lambda = 0 \\ 2) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathcal{L} &= 2x^2y - \lambda = 0 \\ 3) \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \mathcal{L} &= -2x - y + 9 = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow y = -2x + 9$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 1) &\Rightarrow 2(4x^2 - 36x + 81)x = 2\lambda \\ 2) &\Rightarrow 2x^2(-2x + 9) = \lambda \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$4x^3 - 36x^2 + 81x = -4x^3 + 18x^2$$

$$8x^3 - 54x^2 + 81x = 0$$

$$x(8x^2 - 54x + 81) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0, y_1 = 9, \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$8x^2 - 54x + 81 = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{\max x^2y^2 = 81}}$$

$$x_{2,3} = \begin{matrix} 4.5 & y_2 = 0 & \lambda_2 = 0 \\ 2.25 & y_3 = 4 & \lambda_3 = 40.5 \end{matrix}$$





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Problem 4.2. Take the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 8 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{matrix}$$

What is  $A \cdot B$ ?

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 4.3. What is the transpose of the following matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} e & 93 & 4.7 \\ 2 & 6.1 & 4.22 \\ 4 & \pi & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} e & 2 & 4 \\ 93 & 6.1 & \pi \\ 4.7 & 4.22 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 4.4. Calculate the determinant of

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot 8 - 6 \cdot 2 = 16 - 12 = 4$$

## 5 Probability theory

Problem 5.1. You run an experiment where you toss a dice two times. Each time you get either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. What is the sample space of your experiment?  $\{1, 2, \dots, 6\} \times \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$

Problem 5.2. Assume that in a certain country 0.1% of the population uses a certain drug. You have a way to test drug use, which will give you a positive result in 98% of the cases where the individual is indeed a drug user and a negative result in 99.7% of the cases where the individual doesn't use the drug. What is the probability that someone with a positive drug test is indeed a drug user?

Problem 5.3. You run an experiment in which you toss a dice 20 times and record how many times you ended up with a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. Your random variable is the number of times you ended up with a 5. What is expected value of this random variable?  $\frac{20}{6} = \frac{10}{3}$

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$$\frac{\cancel{1000}}{1000} \cdot 0.98$$


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$$\frac{\cancel{1000}}{1000} \cdot 0.98 + \frac{999 \cdot \cancel{10}}{1000} \cdot 0.003 = 0.2464 = 24.64\%$$