

Q1(1):

Note that 7^{2677} can be written as $a \cdot 10^n$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $0 < a < 10$, then, the number of digits of 7^{2677} will be $n + 1$.

As $\log_{10} 7^{2677} \approx 2677(0.8451) \approx 2262.3327 < 2263$, we have $n + 1 = 2263$ and hence the number of digits is $\boxed{2263}$.

On the other hand, we observe the pattern of the last digit of 7^n :

$$n = 1 : 7$$

$$n = 2 : 9$$

$$n = 3 : 3$$

$$n = 4 : 1$$

$$n = 5 : 7$$

$$n = 6 : 9$$

$$\vdots$$

We can see that the last digit of 7^{4k} .

As $7^{2677} = 7^{667} \cdot 7$, the last digit of it will be 7.

Q1(2):

By rationalisation, we have $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}} = \sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n+1}$.

Note that the expression $= \sum_{n=1}^4 \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}} = \boxed{1 - \sqrt{5}}$ by the telescoping property.

Q1(3):

$$\text{As } \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta} = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{\tan^2 \theta + 1}.$$

If $\sin 2\theta = \frac{1}{4}$, we have

$$\frac{2 \tan \theta}{\tan^2 \theta + 1} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\tan^2 \theta - 8 \tan \theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\tan \theta = 4 \pm \sqrt{15}$$

On the other hand, $\frac{\sin \theta + \cos \theta}{-\sin \theta + \cos \theta} = \frac{\tan \theta + 1}{-\tan \theta + 1}$.

If $\tan \theta = 4 + \sqrt{15}$, the expression will be valued negative, which contradicts the condition $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4}$.

$$\text{Therefore, the expression} = \frac{5 - \sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{15} - 3} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}}.$$

Q1(4):

A triangle can be formed if i, j, k are mutually different.

$$\text{Then, the probability} = \frac{P^6}{6^3} = \boxed{\frac{5}{9}}.$$

Q1(5):

$$4^x - 2^x - 12 = 0$$

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

$$(2^x - 4)(2^x + 3) = 0$$

$$2^x = 4$$

$$x = \boxed{2}$$

Q1(6):

The position vector of the centroid of a triangle with position vector $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ is given by $\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3}$.

Therefore, we have $\vec{OF} = \frac{\vec{OA} + \vec{OB}}{3}$, $\vec{OG} = \frac{\vec{OB} + \vec{OC}}{3}$, and $\vec{OH} = \frac{\vec{OC} + \vec{OA}}{3}$.

Moreover, $\vec{OP} = \frac{\vec{OF} + \vec{OG} + \vec{OH}}{3} = \frac{2}{9}(\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC})$.

Q1(7):

Let the point on OA be $P(p, 0)$ and the point on OB be $Q(q, q)$.

When the length of the path is minimised, CP reflected along the normal of OA to reach Q , and the same for PQ^* .

As C becomes $(2, -1)$ (denote it as C') after reflected along OA , we have the equation of the reflected line CP , $y + 1 = \frac{-1}{2-p}(x - 2)$. As the line reaches Q , we have $q + 1 = \frac{q-1}{p-2}$.

Moreover, C' becomes $(-1, 2)$ after reflected along OB , we have the equation of the reflected line QD , $y - 2 = \frac{2-q}{-1-q}(x + 1)$. Now, substitute the coordinates of D inside the equation, we have $-1 = \frac{q-2}{1+q}(4)$, i.e. $q = \frac{7}{5}$.

Now, substitute it into the former equation of p, q , we have $\frac{7}{5} + 1 = \frac{\frac{7}{5}-2}{p-2}$, i.e. $p = \frac{7}{4}$.

Therefore, the point on OA is $(\boxed{\frac{7}{4}}, \boxed{0})$ and the point on OB is $(\boxed{\frac{7}{5}}, \boxed{\frac{7}{5}})$.

Moreover, the length of the path=

$$\sqrt{(2 - \frac{7}{4})^2 + (1 - 0)^2} + \sqrt{(\frac{7}{4} - \frac{7}{5})^2 + (0 - \frac{7}{5})^2} + \sqrt{(\frac{7}{5} - 3)^2 + (\frac{7}{5} - 1)^2} \\ = \boxed{\sqrt{17}}.$$

(*: To prove it, see the Fermat's principle.)

Q1(8):

We plot the graph of $2|m| + 3|n - 1| = 7$ on the m, n -plane first:

Note that the turning points are $(0, \pm\frac{7}{3} + 1)$ and $(\pm\frac{7}{2}, 1)$.

Joining the turning points with straight line, we get the graph of the equation, a parallelogram.

Therefore, the region of $2|m| + 3|n - 1| \leq 7$ will be the region inside the parallelogram.

Obviously $m + n$ won't attain to maximum when either m or n is negative.

Therefore, we are going to exhaust those lattices point inside the region in the Quadrant I .

Hence, we can see that $m + n$ attains to its maximum when $(m, n) = (3, \boxed{1})$ or $(\boxed{2}, \boxed{2})$, and the maximum value is $\boxed{4}$.

(Note: Using the methodology of linear programming by graph, we should have the maximum value taken when $(m, n) = (3, 1)$. The maximum value also taken when $(m, n) = (2, 2)$ is just an coincidence that that point, which is lying inside the region, also lies on the line $x + y = 4$. Therefore, using the methode of

exhaustion will be more suitable here than linear programming.)

Q1(9):

As $f(x)$ is maximised at $(1, 5)$, we have $f(x)$ is in a form of $a(x - 1)^2 + 5$.

Moreover, by $f(-2) = -22$, we can solve $a = -3$.

Therefore, we have $f(x) = -3(x - 1)^2 + 5 = \boxed{-3}x^2 + \boxed{6}x + \boxed{2}$.

Q1(10):

As for a geometric series, we have $\sum_{l=k}^n 2^l = 2^{\boxed{n+1}} - 2^{\boxed{k}}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \sum_{k=1}^n k2^k &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=k}^n 2^l \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n (2^{n+1} - 2^k) \\ &= n2^{n+1} - (2^{n+1} - 2) \\ &= (\boxed{n-1})2^{\boxed{n+1}} + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Q1(11):

As we have:

$$123456 = 3 \cdot 41152$$

$$41152 = 3 \cdot 13717 + 1$$

$$13717 = 3 \cdot 4572 + 1$$

$$4572 = 3 \cdot 1524$$

$$1524 = 3 \cdot 508$$

$$508 = 3 \cdot 169 + 1$$

$$169 = 3 \cdot 56 + 1$$

$$56 = 3 \cdot 18 + 2$$

$$18 = 3 \cdot 6$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3,$$

$$\text{we have } 123456 = 3 \cdot (3 \cdot 13717 + 1)$$

$$= 3 \cdot (3 \cdot (3 \cdot 4572 + 1) + 1)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3^{10} + 2 \cdot 3^7 + 3^6 + 3^5 + 3^2 + 3$$

$$= \boxed{20021100110}_2.$$

Q2:

$$(1): f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6ax + 3b.$$

As $x = 1, 3$ are extremum points, we have $f'(1) = f'(3) = 0$, i.e. $3 - 6a + 3b = 0$

and $27 - 18a + 3b = 0$.

By solving, we have $a = \boxed{2}$ and $b = \boxed{3}$.

Now, solving $f(x) = 0$, by testing among possible rational roots, we have $x = 2$

is a root*.

Then, by long division, we can factorise

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x - 2 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x^2 - 4x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = \boxed{2 - \sqrt{5}}, \boxed{2}, \boxed{2 + \sqrt{5}}$$

(2): If $f(x)$ is monotonously increasing, then $f'(x) \geq 0$.

By completing the square, $f(x) = 3(x - a)^2 + 3a - 3a^2$, we have $f'(x) \geq 0$ if and only if

$$3a - 3a^2 \geq 0$$

$$a(a - 1) \leq 0$$

$$\boxed{0} \leq a \leq \boxed{1}$$

Q3:

(1): We consider the horizontal (parallel to the xy-plane) cross section of B .

For a fixed z , say $z = t$, we have $x^2 + y^2 \leq t^4$, which is a circle with radius t^2 .

Hence, we have the cross section area of B is πt^4 .

Now, the volume of B is $\int_0^1 (\pi t^4) dt = \pi [\frac{1}{5} t^5]_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{5}}$.

(2): As $\frac{1}{9}x^2 + \frac{1}{4}y^2 \leq z^4 \iff (\frac{x}{3})^2 + (\frac{y}{2})^2 \leq z^2$, we have the solid A is given by elongating the solid B $\boxed{3}$ times in the x-axis direction and $\boxed{2}$ times in the y-axis direction.

(3): By (2), the volume of A is $2 \cdot 3 = \boxed{6}$ times as large as that of B .

(4): By (3), the volume of A is $6 \cdot \frac{\pi}{5} = \boxed{\frac{6\pi}{5}}$.