

IB Maths AI SL Paper 2 Question Bank



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1. Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$.

(a) Find the composite function $(f \circ g)(x)$

To find the composite function $(f \circ g)(x)$, we substitute $g(x)$ into $f(x)$ to get:

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = (x^2 + 1)^3 - 2(x^2 + 1)^2 + 3(x^2 + 1) - 1$$

(b) Find the inverse function of $(f \circ g)(x)$

To find the inverse function of $(f \circ g)(x)$, we have to find the inverse function of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ first, and then compose them:

$$f^{-1}(x) = (x + 1)^{1/3} + 1/3 \text{ and } g^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x - 1}$$

$$\text{So } (f \circ g)^{-1}(x) = g^{-1}(f^{-1}(x)) = \sqrt{((x + 1)^{1/3} + 1/3) - 1}$$

(c) Find the domain and range of $(f \circ g)(x)$

To find the domain and range of $(f \circ g)(x)$, we need to consider the domain and range of both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$. The domain of $g(x)$ is the set of real numbers, and the range of $g(x)$ is the set of real numbers greater than or equal to 1. The domain of $f(x)$ is the set of real numbers, and the range of $f(x)$ is the set of real numbers.

So the domain of $(f \circ g)(x)$ is the set of real numbers, and the range of $(f \circ g)(x)$ is the set of real numbers greater than or equal to 1.

(d) Find the points of discontinuity of $(f \circ g)(x)$

To find the points of discontinuity of $(f \circ g)(x)$, we first need to find the points of discontinuity of both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$.

$g(x)$ has no points of discontinuity.

$f(x)$ has a point of discontinuity at $x = 1$ as the function is not defined for $x=1$.

So $(f \circ g)(x)$ also has a point of discontinuity at $x=1$.

2. Let $f(x) = e^x - x^2$ and $g(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 1$

a) Find the derivative of $f(x)$ using the chain rule and the product rule.

$$f'(x) = e^x - 2x$$

b) Find the derivative of $g(x)$ using the power rule

$$g'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 2$$

c) Find the point(s) of the intersection of the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ and state whether they are minima or maxima.

The point(s) of intersection can be found by solving the equation $f(x) = g(x)$, which gives $x = 0.5$ and $x = -0.5$. Since the second derivative of $f(x)$ at those points is positive, it follows that the points of intersection are minima.

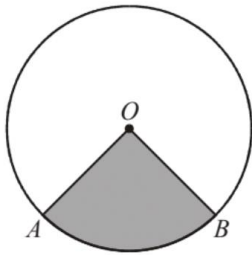
d) Find the second derivative of $f(x)$ and express it in terms of x .

$$f''(x) = e^x - 2$$

e) Using the information from parts 1-4, determine the concavity of the graph of $y = f(x)$ and state the point(s) of inflection.

The second derivative of $f(x)$ is positive for $x < -0.5$ and $x > 0.5$, it follows that $f(x)$ is concave up on those intervals, and therefore the points of inflection are $x = -0.5$ and $x = 0.5$.

3. O is the centre of the circle which has a radius of 5.4 cm.



Area of the shaded sector OAB is 21.6 cm^2 . Find the length of the minor arc AB

$$\frac{1}{2}(5.4)^2\theta = 21.6$$

$$\theta = 1.481 \text{ radians}$$

$$AB = r\theta = 5.4 \times 1.481 = 8 \text{ cm}$$

4. In the triangle PQR, PR = 5 cm, QR = 4 cm and PQ = 6 cm. Calculate

a) The size of PQR

$$5^2 = 4^2 + 6^2 - 2(4)(6)(\cos Q)$$

$$PQR = 55.8^\circ$$

b) The area of the triangle PQR

$$\frac{1}{2} (4)(6)(\sin 55.8) = 9.92 \text{ cm}^2$$

5. The random variable X follows a normal distribution with $\mu = 100$ and $\sigma = 20$.

(a) Given that $P(X < a) = 0.8$ find the value of a.

(use tail left, area 0.8) $a = 116.8$

(b) Given that $P(X > b) = 0.3$ find the value of b.

(use tail right, area 0.3) $b = 110.5$

(c) Find Q1 and Q3.

(Use tail central, area 0.5) $Q1 = 86.5$ and $Q3 = 113.5$

6. Let $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 4$ and $g(x) = x^3 - 4x$.

a) Find the domain and range of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$.

The domain of $f(x)$ is all real numbers because the function is defined for all real values of x . The range of $f(x)$ is also all real numbers, because the function is a polynomial and can take on any real value. Similarly, the domain of $g(x)$ is all real numbers and the range of $g(x)$ is all real numbers.

b) Find the inverse of f(x) and g(x).

To find the inverse of f(x) we need to solve f(x) = y for x.

$$3x^2 + 2x - 4 = y$$

$$x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{y}{3}$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{y}{3} + \frac{4}{3}} - \frac{1}{3}$$

To find the inverse of g(x) we need to solve g(x) = y for x.

$$x^3 - 4x = y$$

$$x = (y + 4x)^{1/3}$$

c) Find the x-coordinate of the point of intersection between f(x) and g(x).

To find the x-coordinate of the point of intersection between f(x) and g(x) we need to solve the equation f(x) = g(x)

$$3x^2 + 2x - 4 = x^3 - 4x$$

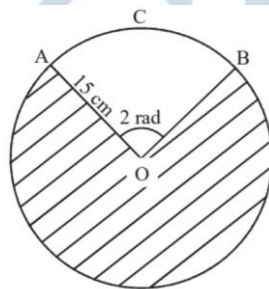
We can use the polynomial division or the rational root theorem to find the roots of the equation.

$$3x^2 + 2x - 4 = x^3 - 4x$$

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

By Factorization or synthetic division we can find the roots of the equation which are $x = 1$, $x = -2$, $x = 2$

7. The following diagram shows a circle of centre O, and a radius of 15 cm. The arc ACB subtends an angle of 2 radians at the centre O.



a) Find the length of arc ACB.

$$ACB = 2 \times OA = 30\text{cm}$$

b) Find the area of the shaded region.

$$AOB = 2\pi - 2$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(r)^2\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(15)^2(2\pi - 2)$$

$$= 482\text{cm}^2$$

8. (a) The population of village A increases by 8% every year. If the population today is 1000 people find

$$FV = 1000(1 + (8/100))^n = 1000(1.08)^n$$

(i) the population after 5 years;

$n=5$, hence 1469

(ii) the population 5 years ago;

$n=-5$, hence 681

(iii) the number of full years after the population will exceed 2000.

Solve for n : $1000(1.08)^n=2000$, $n=9.0064$ so $n=10$

(b) The population of village B decreases by 8% every year. If the population today is 1000 people find

$FV= 1000(1-(8/100))^n = 1000(0.92)^n$

(i) the population after 5 years;

$n=5$, hence 659

(ii) the population 5 years ago;

$n=-5$, 1517

(iii) the number of full years after the population will fall under 500

Solve for n : $1000(0.92)^n=500$, $n=8.31$ so $n=9$

9. Consider the geometric sequence 10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, ...

(a) Write down the first term u_1 and the common ratio r .

$u_1= 10$, $r= 0.5$

(b) Find the 10th term of the sequence.

0.0195

(c) Find the sum of the first 10 terms.

19.98

(d) Express the general term u_n in terms of n .

$10 \cdot 0.5^{(n-1)}$

(e) Hence find the value of n given that $u_n=0.3125$

$n= 6$

10. Let A be the matrix

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Find the characteristic polynomial of A

To find the characteristic polynomial of A, we find the determinant of the matrix $A - \lambda I$, where λ is a scalar and I is the identity matrix.

$$\text{Characteristic polynomial of } A = \det(A - \lambda I) = \det\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5-\lambda & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda)((5-\lambda)(9-\lambda) - 86) - 24 \cdot 7 = \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6$$

(b) Find the eigenvalues of A

To find the eigenvalues of A, we find the roots of the characteristic polynomial.

$$\text{Eigenvalues of } A = \text{roots of } \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6 = 0 = \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6 = (\lambda-3)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-1) = \lambda = 3, 2, 1$$

(c) Find the eigenvectors of A corresponding to the eigenvalues found in (b)

To find the eigenvectors of A corresponding to the eigenvalues found in (b), we solve the system of equations $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ for each eigenvalue λ .

$$\text{For } \lambda = 3, \text{ we have } (A - 3I)v = 0, \text{ which gives us the equation } (1-3)x + 2y + 3z = 0, 4x + (5-3)y + 6z = 0, 7x + 8y + (9-3)z = 0$$

$$\text{This system can be written as } [1 \ -2 \ 3][x] = [0], [4 \ -1 \ 6][y] = [0], [7 \ 8 \ -6][z] = [0]$$

$$\text{Eigenvectors of } A \text{ corresponding to } \lambda=3 \text{ are } [1 \ -2 \ 3]^T$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 2, \text{ we have } (A - 2I)v = 0, \text{ which gives us the equation } (1-2)x + 2y + 3z = 0, 4x + (5-2)y + 6z = 0, 7x + 8y + (9-2)z = 0$$

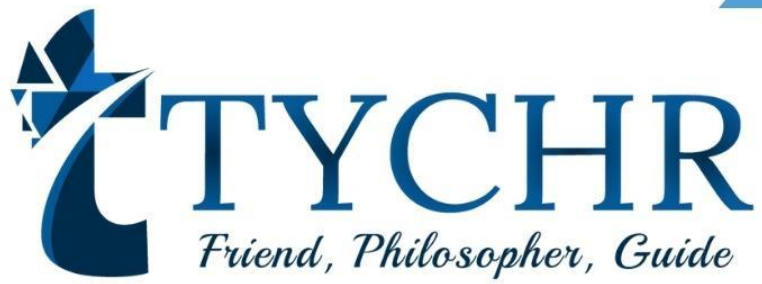
$$\text{This system can be written as } [-1 \ 2 \ 3][x] = [0], [4 \ 3 \ 6][y] = [0], [7 \ 8 \ 7][z]$$

$$\text{Eigenvectors of } A \text{ corresponding to } \lambda=2 \text{ are } [-1 \ 2 \ 3]^T$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 1, \text{ we have } (A - I)v = 0, \text{ which gives us the equation } (1-1)x + 2y + 3z = 0, 4x + (5-1)y + 6z = 0, 7x + 8y + (9-1)z = 0$$

$$\text{This system can be written as } [0 \ 2 \ 3][x] = [0], [4 \ 4 \ 6][y] = [0], [7 \ 8 \ 8][z]$$

$$\text{Eigenvectors of } A \text{ corresponding to } \lambda=1 \text{ are } [0 \ 2 \ 3]^T$$



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