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- (21.)** Let  $V$  be the real vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  denote the linear transformation defined by  $T(B) = AB$  for all  $B \in V$ , where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . What is the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ ?
- (a.)  $(x-2)(x-1)$   
 (b.)  $x^2(x-2)(x-1)$   
 (c.)  $(x-2)^2(x-1)^2$   
 (d.)  $(x^2-2)(x^2-1)$
- (22.)** Let  $A : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a non-zero linear transformation. Which of the following statement is true?
- (a.) If  $A$  is one-to-one but not onto, then  $m > n$   
 (b.) If  $A$  is onto but not one-to-one, then  $m < n$   
 (c.) If  $A$  is bijective, then  $m = n$   
 (d.) If  $A$  is one-to-one, then  $m = n$
- (23.)** Consider the set  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 < (\sqrt{2} - 1)x < \sqrt{2} + 1\}$  as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Which of the following statements is true?
- (a.)  $\sup A = 2 + 2\sqrt{3}$   
 (b.)  $\sup A = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$   
 (c.)  $\inf A = 2 + 2\sqrt{3}$   
 (d.)  $\inf A = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$
- (24.)** Let  $u$  be the solution of the Volterra integral equation
- $$\int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \sin(t-\tau) \right] u(\tau) d\tau = \sin t.$$
- Then the value of  $u(1)$  is
- (a.) 0

- (b.) 1  
 (c.) 2  
 (d.)  $2e^{-1}$

(25.) Let  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & a \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$  be a  $2 \times 2$  real matrix for which 6 is an eigenvalue. Which of the following statements is necessarily true?

- (a.)  $24 - ab = 4c$   
 (b.)  $a + b = 8$   
 (c.)  $c = 6$   
 (d.)  $ab = 0$

(26.) Consider the initial value problem (IVP)

$$\begin{cases} y'(x) = \sqrt{|y(x) + \varepsilon|}, & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

Consider the following statements:

S1: There is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for all  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , the IVP has more than one solution.

S2: There is a  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the IVP has more than one solution.

Then

- (a.) both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are true  
 (b.)  $S_1$  is true but  $S_2$  is false  
 (c.)  $S_1$  is false but  $S_2$  is true  
 (d.) both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are false

(27.) The expected number of distinct units in a simple random sample of 3 units drawn with replacement from a population of 100 units is

- (a.)  $3 - \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^3$   
 (b.)  $100 - \frac{99^3}{100^2}$   
 (c.)  $2 + \frac{99^2}{100^3}$   
 (d.)  $3 - \left(\frac{99}{100}\right)^2$

(28.) Let  $f$  be an entire function. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- (a.) If  $\operatorname{Re}(f)$ ,  $\operatorname{Im}(f)$  are bounded then  $f$  is constant  
 (b.) If  $e^{|\operatorname{Re}(f) + \operatorname{Im}(f)|}$  is bounded, then  $f$  is constant  
 (c.) If the sum  $\operatorname{Re}(f) + \operatorname{Im}(f)$  and the product  $\operatorname{Re}(f)\operatorname{Im}(f)$  are bounded, then  $f$  is constant

(d.) If  $\sin(\operatorname{Re}(f) + \operatorname{Im}(f))$  is bounded, then  $f$  is constant

(29.) Let  $\{X_n \mid n \geq 0\}$  be a homogeneous Markov chain with state spaces  $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 0 & 0 & 3/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3/4 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/2 & 1/8 & 1/8 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Let  $\alpha$  denote the probability that starting with state 4 the chain will eventually get absorbed in closed class  $\{0, 3\}$ . Then the value of  $\alpha$  is

- (a.)  $\frac{6}{21}$
- (b.)  $\frac{11}{21}$
- (c.)  $\frac{8}{21}$
- (d.)  $\frac{10}{21}$

(30.) The number of group homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}/150\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}/90\mathbb{Z}$  is

- (a.) 30
- (b.) 60
- (c.) 45
- (d.) 10

(31.) Consider a petrol pump which has a single petrol dispensing unit. Customers arrive there in accordance with a Poisson process having rate  $\lambda = 1$  minutes. An arriving customer enters the petrol pump only if there are two or less customers in the petrol pump, otherwise he/she leaves the petrol pump without taking the petrol (at any point of time a maximum of three customers are present in the petrol pump). Successive service times of the petrol dispensing unit are independent exponential random variables having mean  $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes. Let  $X$  denote the average number of customers in the petrol pump in the long run. Then  $E(X)$  is equal to

- (a.)  $7/15$
- (b.)  $3/5$
- (c.)  $11/15$
- (d.)  $13/15$



- (32.) Consider a solid cylinder of radius 2 meters and height 3 meters of uniform density. If the density of the cylinder is  $\rho$  kg/meter<sup>3</sup>, then the moment of inertia (in kg meter<sup>2</sup>) of the cylinder about a diameter of its base is
- (a.)  $48\pi\rho$   
 (b.)  $43\pi\rho$   
 (c.)  $24\pi\rho$   
 (d.)  $4\pi\rho$
- (33.) Let  $S = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 1 \text{ and } \frac{1-x^4}{1-x^3} > 22 \right\}$ . Which of the following is true about  $S$ ?
- (a.)  $S$  is empty.  
 (b.) There is a bijection between  $S$  and  $\mathbb{N}$   
 (c.) There is a bijection between  $S$  and  $\mathbb{R}$   
 (d.) There is a bijection between  $S$  and non-empty finite set
- (34.) Let  $X_0, X_1, \dots, X_p$  ( $p \geq 2$ ) be independent and identically distributed random variables with mean 0 and variance 1. Suppose  $Y_i = X_0 + X_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ . The first principal component based on the covariance matrix of  $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_p)^T$  is
- (a.)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{i=1}^p Y_i$   
 (b.)  $\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p Y_i$   
 (c.)  $\sqrt{p} \sum_{i=1}^p Y_i$   
 (d.)  $\sum_{i=1}^p Y_i$
- (35.) How many arrangements of the digits of the number 1234567 are there, such that exactly three of them occur in their original position. (e.g., in the arrangement 5214763, exactly the digits 2, 4 and 6 are in their original positions. In the arrangement 1243576, exactly the digits 1, 2 and 5 in their original positions)
- (a.) 525  
 (b.) 35  
 (c.) 840  
 (d.) 315
- (36.) Let  $S$  be a dense subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a given function. Define  $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = f(x)$ . Which of the following statements is necessarily true?
- (a.) If  $f$  is continuous on the set  $S$ , then  $f$  is continuous on the set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus S$   
 (b.) If  $g$  is continuous, then  $f$  is continuous on the set  $S$

- (c.) If  $g$  is identically 0 and  $f$  is continuous on the set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus S$ , then  $f$  is identically 0  
 (d.) If  $g$  is identically 0 and  $f$  is continuous on the set  $S$ , then  $f$  identically 0

**(37.)** An analyst consider standardized values of observations on three variables, consumption ( $C$ ), saving ( $S$ ) and total income ( $TI$ ) so that they have zero means and unit variances. She further considers disposable income ( $DI$ ) where  $DI = C + S$ . In the simple linear regressions of  $DI$  on  $TI$ ,  $DI$  on  $C$  and  $S$  on  $TI$ , the regression coefficients are 0.8, 0.5 and 0.4, respectively. There are 21 sample observations. Sample covariances and variances are calculated with divisor 20. Then, the value of sum of squared residuals in the regression of  $DI$  on  $S$  is

- (a.) 5  
 (b.) 10  
 (c.) 15  
 (d.) 20

**(38.)** For a quadratic form  $f(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$ , we say that  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is a zero of  $f$  if  $f(a, b, c) = 0$ . Which of the following quadratic forms has at least one zero different from  $(0, 0, 0)$ ?

- (a.)  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2$   
 (b.)  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 - 2xy$   
 (c.)  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 - 2xy - 2yz$   
 (d.)  $x^2 + 2y^2 - 3z^2$

**(39.)** If the value of the approximate solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y'(x) = x(y(x) + 1), & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ y(0) = \beta \end{cases}$$

at  $x = 0.2$  using the forward Euler method with step size 0.1 is 1.02, then the value of  $\beta$  is

- (a.) 0  
 (b.) -1  
 (c.) 2  
 (d.) 1

**(40.)** For a complex number  $a$  such that  $0 < |a| < 1$ , which of the following statements is true?

- (a.) If  $|z| < 1$ , then  $|1 - \bar{a}z| < |z - a|$   
 (b.) If  $|z - a| = |1 - \bar{a}z|$ , then  $|z| = 1$   
 (c.) If  $|z| = 1$  then  $|z - a| < |1 - \bar{a}z|$   
 (d.) If  $|1 - \bar{a}z| < |z - a|$ , then  $|z| < 1$

**(41.)** Consider the contour  $\gamma$  given by

[www.dipsacademy.com](http://www.dipsacademy.com)

$$\gamma(\theta) = \begin{cases} e^{2i\theta} & \text{for } \theta \in [0, \pi/2] \\ 1 + 2e^{2i\theta} & \text{for } \theta \in [\pi/2, 3\pi/2] \\ e^{2i\theta} & \text{for } \theta \in [3\pi/2, 2\pi] \end{cases}$$

Then what is the value of  $\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z(z-2)}$  ?

- (a.) 0
- (b.)  $\pi i$
- (c.)  $-\pi i$
- (d.)  $2\pi i$

**(42.)** Let  $A$  be a  $10 \times 10$  real matrix. Assume that the rank of  $A$  is 7. Which of the following statements is necessarily true?

- (a.) There exists a vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$  such that  $Av \neq 0$  and  $A^2v = 0$
- (b.) There exists a vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$  such that  $A^2v \neq 0$
- (c.)  $A$  must have a non-zero eigenvalue
- (d.)  $A^7 = 0$

**(43.)** Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  be events satisfying  $0 < P(A_i) < 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- (a.)  $P(A_1 | A_2)P(A_2 | A_3) \leq P(A_1 | A_3)$
- (b.)  $P(A_1 | A_2)P(A_3 | A_2) \geq P(A_1 \cap A_3 | A_2)$
- (c.)  $P(A_1 | A_2) + P(A_3 | A_2) \geq P(A_1 \cup A_3 | A_2)$
- (d.)  $P(A_1 | A_2) + P(A_2 | A_3) \leq P(A_1 | A_3)$

**(44.)** Let  $B(0,1) = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$  be the open unit disc in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\partial B(0,1)$  denote the boundary of  $B(0,1)$  and  $\nu$  denote unit outward normal to  $\partial B(0,1)$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a given continuous function. The Euler-Lagrange equation of the minimization problem

$$\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \iint_{B(0,1)} |\nabla u|^2 dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \iint_{B(0,1)} e^{u^2} dx dy + \int_{\partial B(0,1)} f u ds \right\} \text{ subject to } u \in C^1(\overline{B(0,1)}) \text{ is}$$

(a.) 
$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = -ue^{u^2} & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = f & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$

(b.) 
$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = ue^{u^2} + f & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$

(c.) 
$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = ue^{u^2} & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = -f & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$



$$(d.) \begin{cases} \Delta u = ue^{u^2} & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} + u = f & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$

(45.) Consider the ring  $R = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n X^n \mid a_n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } a_n \neq 0 \text{ only for finitely many } n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  where addition and multiplication are given by

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n X^n + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b_n X^n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_n + b_n) X^n$$

$$\left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n X^n \right) \left( \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} b_m X^m \right) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \sum_{n+m=k} a_n b_m \right) X^k$$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (a.)  $R$  is not commutative
  - (b.) The ideal  $(X - 1)$  is a maximal ideal in  $R$
  - (c.) The ideal  $(X - 1, 2)$  is a prime ideal in  $R$
  - (d.) The ideal  $(X, 5)$  is a maximal ideal in  $R$
- (46.) Let a point  $P$  be chosen at random on the line segment  $AB$  of length  $\alpha$ . Let  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  denote the lengths of line segments  $AP$  and  $BP$  respectively. Then the value of  $E(|Z_1 - Z_2|)$  is
- (a.)  $\alpha$
  - (b.)  $2\alpha$
  - (c.)  $\frac{\alpha}{2}$
  - (d.)  $\frac{2\alpha}{3}$

(47.) Let  $u = u(x, t)$  be the solution of the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t + 2024u_x = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

where  $u_0 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an arbitrary  $C^1$  function. Consider the following statements:

S1: If  $A_t = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : u(x, t) < 1\}$  and  $|A_t|$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of  $A_t$  for every  $t \geq 0$ , then

$$|A_t| = |A_0|, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

S2: If  $u_0$  is Lebesgue integrable, then for every  $t > 0$ , the function  $x \mapsto u(x, t)$  is Lebesgue integrable.

Then

- (a.) both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are true
- (b.)  $S_1$  is true but  $S_2$  is false
- (c.)  $S_2$  is true but  $S_1$  is false



(d.) both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are false

**(48.)** Let  $C$  be the collection of all sets  $S$  such that power set of  $S$  is countably infinite. Which of the following statements is true?

- (a.) There exists a non-empty finite set in  $C$
- (b.) There exists a countably infinite set in  $C$
- (c.) There exists an uncountable set in  $C$
- (d.)  $C$  is empty

**(49.)** Let  $X$  be a random variable with cumulative distribution function given by

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{x+1}{3}, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1. \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then the value of  $P\left(\frac{1}{3} < X < \frac{3}{4}\right) + P(X = 0)$  is equal to

- (a.)  $\frac{7}{36}$
- (b.)  $\frac{11}{36}$
- (c.)  $\frac{13}{36}$
- (d.)  $\frac{17}{36}$

**(50.)** Let  $a, b$  be two real numbers such that  $a < 0 < b$ . For a positive real number  $r$ , define

$\gamma_r(t) = re^{it}$  (where  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ ) and  $I_r = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_r} \frac{z^2 + 1}{(z-a)(z-b)} dz$ . Which of the following statements is

necessarily true?

- (a.)  $I_r \neq 0$  if  $r > \max\{|a|, b\}$
- (b.)  $I_r \neq 0$  if  $r < \max\{|a|, b\}$
- (c.)  $I_r = 0$  if  $r > \max\{|a|, b\}$  and  $|a| = b$
- (d.)  $I_r = 0$  if  $|a| < r < b$

**(51.)** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a bounded sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- (a.) If  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , then  $(a_n)$  is convergent
- (b.) If  $\inf\{a_n \mid n \geq 1\} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , then  $(a_n)$  is convergent
- (c.) If  $\sup\{a_n \mid n \geq 1\} = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , then  $(a_n)$  is constant
- (d.) If  $\sup\{a_n \mid n \geq 1\} = \inf\{a_n \mid n \geq 1\}$ , then  $(a_n)$  is constant





(52.) Consider a distribution with probability mass function

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\theta}{2}, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{\theta}{2}, & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

where  $\theta \in (0,1)$  is an unknown parameter. In a random sample of size 100 from the above distribution, the observed counts of 0, 1 and 2 are 20, 30 and 50 respectively. Then, the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  based on the observed data is

- (a.) 1  
 (b.)  $5/7$   
 (c.)  $1/2$   
 (d.)  $2/7$

(53.) Let  $X_1, X_2$  be a random sample from  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  distribution, where  $\sigma > 0$  and  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  denotes a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Suppose, for some constant  $c$ ,

$(c(X_1^2 + X_2^2), \infty)$  is a confidence interval for variance  $\sigma^2$  with confidence coefficient 0.95. Then the value of  $c$  is equal to

- (a.)  $-2\ln(0.05)$   
 (b.)  $-2\ln(0.95)$   
 (c.)  $-\frac{1}{2\ln(0.05)}$   
 (d.)  $-\frac{1}{2\ln(0.95)}$

(54.) What is the cardinality of the set of real solutions of  $e^x + x = 1$ ?

- (a.) 0  
 (b.) 1  
 (c.) Countably infinite  
 (d.) Uncountable

(55.) If  $u = u(x, t)$  is the solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \sin(4x) + x + 1, & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

Satisfying  $|u(x, t)| < 3e^{x^2}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t > 0$ , then

- (a.)  $u\left(\frac{\pi}{8}, 1\right) + u\left(-\frac{\pi}{8}, 1\right) = 2$

- (b.)  $u\left(\frac{\pi}{8}, 1\right) = u\left(-\frac{\pi}{8}, 1\right)$
- (c.)  $u\left(\frac{\pi}{8}, 1\right) + 2u\left(-\frac{\pi}{8}, 1\right) = 2$
- (d.)  $u\left(\frac{\pi}{8}, 1\right) = -u\left(-\frac{\pi}{8}, t\right)$

(56.) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{10}$  be a random sample from a distribution with the probability density function

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1}, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter. The prior distribution of  $\theta$  is given by

$$\pi(\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta}, & \text{if } \theta > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The Bayes estimator of  $\theta$  under squared error loss is

- (a.)  $\frac{12}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{10} \ln X_i}$
- (b.)  $\frac{11}{2 - \sum_{i=1}^{10} \ln X_i}$
- (c.)  $\frac{3 + \sum_{i=1}^{10} \ln X_i}{13}$
- (d.)  $\frac{2 + \sum_{i=1}^{10} \ln X_i}{11}$

(57.) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and consider the symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^4$  given by  $\langle v, w \rangle = v^t A w$ ,

for  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- (a.) A is invertible
- (b.) There exist non-zero vectors  $v, w$  such that  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$
- (c.)  $\langle u, v \rangle \neq \langle u, w \rangle$  for all non-zero vectors  $u, v, w$  with  $v \neq w$
- (d.) Every eigenvalue of  $A^2$  is positive

(58.) For each  $n \geq 1$  define  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f_n(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + \frac{1}{n}}}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Where  $\sqrt{\quad}$  denotes the non-negative square root. Wherever  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  exists, denote it by  $f(x)$ .

Which of the following statements is true?

- (a.) There exist  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x)$  is not defined
- (b.)  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- (c.)  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- (d.)  $f(x) = |x|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(59.) Let  $X_1, X_2$  be a random sample from a population having probability density function

$$f \in \{f_0, f_1\} \text{ where } f_0(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \text{ and } f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For testing the null hypothesis  $H_0 : f = f_0$  against the alternate hypothesis  $H_1 : f = f_1$ , the power of a most powerful test of size  $\alpha = 0.05$  is equal to

- (a.) 0.4625
- (b.) 0.5425
- (c.) 0.7625
- (d.) 0.6225

(60.) Let  $\varphi$  denote the solution to the boundary value problem (BVP)

$$\begin{cases} (xy')' - 2y' + \frac{y}{x} = 1, & 1 < x < e^4 \\ y(1) = 0, & y(e^4) = 4e^4 \end{cases}$$

Then the value of  $\varphi(e)$  is

- (a.)  $-\frac{e}{2}$
- (b.)  $-\frac{e}{3}$
- (c.)  $\frac{e}{3}$
- (d.)  $e$

### PART-C

#### (Mathematical Sciences)

(61.) Let  $X_1, X_2$  denote lifetimes (in years) of 2 components of an electronic system. Let  $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$ ,  $Y_2 = \max\{X_1, X_2\}$  and  $Y_3 = \min\{X_1, X_2\}$ . Assume that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent, each following exponential distribution with probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2}, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $P(Y_1 > 2) = 2e^{-1}$
- (b.)  $P(Y_2 > 2) = e^{-2}$
- (c.)  $P(Y_3 > 2) = e^{-2}$
- (d.)  $\text{Var}(Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3) = 32$

(62.) Define  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = x|x|$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$
- (b.)  $f$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$
- (c.)  $f$  is differentiable only at 0
- (d.)  $f$  is not differentiable at 0

(63.) Let  $f$  be an entire function such that for every integer  $k \geq 1$  there is an infinite set  $X_k$  such that

$f(z) = \frac{1}{k}$  for all  $z \in X_k$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

- (a.) There exists an infinite set  $X$  such that  $f(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in X$
- (b.) There exists a non-empty closed set  $X$  such that  $f(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in X$
- (c.) The set  $X_k$  is unbounded for each  $k \geq 1$
- (d.) If there exists a bounded sequence  $(z_k)_{k \geq 1}$  such that  $z_k \in X_k$  for each  $k \geq 1$ , then  $f$  has a zero

(64.) For two indeterminates  $x, y$ , let  $R = \mathbb{F}_3[x]$  and  $S = R[y]$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $S$  is a principle ideal domain
- (b.)  $S/(y^2 + x^2)$  is a unique factorization domain
- (c.)  $S$  is a unique factorization domain
- (d.)  $S/(x)$  is a principal ideal domain

(65.) Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be independent observation;  $Y_i \sim N(\beta x_i, \sigma^2)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ; where  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $\sigma^2 (> 0)$  are known constants and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  is an unknown parameter. Consider  $N(\beta_0, \tau^2)$  prior for the parameter  $\beta$ , where  $\beta_0$  and  $\tau^2 (> 0)$  are known constants, and  $N(\mu, \lambda^2)$  denotes a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\lambda^2$ . Suppose  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$  and  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  are observed sample means. Under squared error loss function which of the following statements are true?

- (a.) Bayes estimate of  $\beta$  tends to  $\beta_0$  as  $\tau^2 \rightarrow 0$
- (b.) Bayes estimate of  $\beta$  tends to  $\frac{\bar{y}}{\bar{x}}$  as  $\tau^2 \rightarrow 0$
- (c.) Bayes estimate of  $\beta$  tends to the BLUE of  $\beta$  as  $\tau^2 \rightarrow \infty$

(d.) Bayes estimate of  $\beta$  tends to MLE of  $\beta$  as  $\tau^2 \rightarrow \infty$

**(66.)** Consider the boundary value problem (BVP)

$$(e^{-5x}y')' + 6e^{-5x}y = -f(x), 0 < x < \ln 2$$

$$y(0) = 0, y(\ln 2) = 0.$$

If 
$$G(x, \xi) = \begin{cases} (e^{3x} + Be^{2x})(Ce^{2\xi} + De^{3\xi}), & 0 \leq \xi \leq x \\ (e^{3\xi} + Be^{2\xi})(Ce^{2x} + De^{3x}), & x \leq \xi \leq \ln 2 \end{cases}$$

(Green's function) is such that  $\int_0^{\ln 2} G(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi$  is the solution of the BVP, then values of  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are

- (a.)  $B = -2, C = -1, D = 1$
- (b.)  $B = -2, C = 1, D = -1$
- (c.)  $B = 2, C = 1, D = 1$
- (d.)  $B = 2, C = -1, D = -1$

**(67.)** Consider a six faced die whose  $i$ -th face is marked with  $i$  dots,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ . In a single random throw of the die, let  $p_i$  denote the probability that the obtained upper face has  $i$  dots,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ . The die is rolled 240 times independently and the following result is obtained

Face observed	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frequence	40	55	40	25	35	45

Suppose we want to test  $H_0 : p_i = \frac{1}{6}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ ; against  $H_1 : p_i \neq \frac{1}{6}$  for at least one  $i$ ;

$i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ . It is given that  $\chi^2_{5,0.05} = 11.07$ ,  $\chi^2_{6,0.05} = 12.59$ ,  $\chi^2_{5,0.01} = 15.09$ ,  $\chi^2_{6,0.01} = 16.81$ . Based on the asymptotic goodness of fit  $\chi^2$  test for testing  $H_0$  against  $H_1$ , which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $H_0$  is rejected at 5% level of significance
- (b.)  $H_0$  is rejected at 1% level of significance
- (c.)  $H_0$  is not rejected at 5% level of significance
- (d.) Observed value of the test statistic is 12.5

**(68.)** In a standard linear regression model, let  $R^2$  and  $\bar{R}^2$ , respectively, denote the coefficient of determination and adjusted coefficient of determination. Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $\bar{R}^2 < R^2$
- (b.)  $R^2$  increases as the number of independent variables increase
- (c.)  $\bar{R}^2$  decreases as the number of independent variables increase
- (d.)  $\bar{R}^2 > 0$

- (69.) Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  real matrix whose minimal polynomial is  $x^2 + x + 1$  and let  $B = A + I_4$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
- The minimal polynomial of  $B$  is  $x^2 + x + 1$
  - The minimal polynomial of  $B$  is  $x^2 - x + 1$
  - $B^3 = I_4$
  - $B^3 + I_4 = 0$

- (70.) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous and one-to-one function. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
- $f$  is strictly increasing
  - $f$  is strictly decreasing
  - $f$  is either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing
  - $f$  is onto

- (71.) Let  $\underline{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}$  be a bivariate random vector with covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Which of the following statements are true?

- The first principal component based on  $\Sigma$  explains exactly 90% of the total variability
  - The second principal component based on  $\Sigma$  explains exactly 10% of the total variability
  - $\sup\{\underline{a}^T \Sigma \underline{a} : \underline{a} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ and } \underline{a}^T \underline{a} = 1\} = 3$
  - The first principal component based on  $\Sigma$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(X_1 + \sqrt{2}X_2)$
- (72.) Let  $R$  and  $S$  be non-zero commutative rings with multiplicative identities  $1_R, 1_S$ , respectively. Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a ring homomorphism with  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ . Which of the following statements are true?
- If  $f(a)$  is a unit in  $S$  for every non-zero element  $a \in R$ , then  $S$  is a field
  - If  $f(a)$  is a unit in  $S$  for every non-zero element  $a \in R$ , then  $f(R)$  is a field
  - If  $R$  is a field, then  $f(a)$  is a unit in  $S$  for every non-zero element  $a \in R$
  - If  $a$  is unit in  $R$ , then  $f(a)$  is a unit in  $S$
- (73.) For  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} \sin\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$  and  $g(z) = f(z) \sin(z)$ . Which of the following statements are true?
- $f$  has an essential singularity at 0
  - $g$  has an essential singularity at 0

- (c.)  $f$  has a removable singularity at 0
- (d.)  $g$  has a removable singularity at 0

**(74.)** Observations on the shear strength of concrete from 5 randomly selected are given below:

Structure	1	2	3	4	5
Shear Strength	1718.4	1787.4	2562.3	2356.9	2153.2

The null hypothesis  $H_0$  that the median shear strength is 2000 units is tested against the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$  that the median shear strength is greater than 2000 units at 5% level of significance. Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $p$ -value of the sign test is 0.04
- (b.)  $H_0$  is NOT rejected at 5% level of significance by the sign test
- (c.) The observed value of Wilcoxon signed rank test statistic  $W^+$  is equal to 10
- (d.) If  $P_{H_0}(W^+ \geq 14) = 0.06$ , then  $H_0$  is rejected at 5% level of significance by the Wilcoxon signed rank test

**(75.)** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) be a random sample from a distribution having probability function

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x}, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter. Let  $T_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.) Uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  is  $\frac{n-1}{nT_n}$
- (b.) Cramer-Rao lower bound for the variance of an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  is  $\frac{\theta^2}{n}$
- (c.) Uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  attains the Cramer-Rao lower bound
- (d.)  $\left(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{T_n}}\right)$  is a consistent estimator of  $P_\theta(X_1 \leq 1)$

**(76.)** Which of the following conditions ensure that the power series  $\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n z^n$  defines an entire function?

- (a.) The power series converges for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$
- (b.) The power series converges for every  $z \in \mathbb{R}$
- (c.) The power series converges for every  $z \in (2^n : n \in \mathbb{N})$
- (d.) The power series converges for every  $z \in \left\{ \frac{1}{5^n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

**(77.)** Which of the following numbers are order of some element of the symmetric group  $S_5$ ?

- (a.) 3

- (b.) 4
- (c.) 5
- (d.) 6

(78.) Transition probability matrix of a homogeneous Markov chain with states 0,1,2,3 is

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 3/4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2/5 & 3/5 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} . \text{ Which of the following statements are true?}$$

- (a.) State 0 is positive recurrent
- (b.) State 3 is transient
- (c.) State 1 is aperiodic and positive recurrent
- (d.) State 2 is aperiodic and null-recurrent

(79.) Consider the following ANOVA table for a randomized block design:

Source of variation	Sum of squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean squares	F calculated
Treatments	48	4	12	$\beta$
Blocks	72	3	24	12
Error	$\alpha$	$m$	$\gamma$	
Total	144	19		

Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $\alpha = 20$
- (b.)  $\beta = 6$
- (c.)  $m = 10$
- (d.)  $\gamma = 2$

(80.) Let  $S$  denotes the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that the iterative sequence generated by the Gauss-Seidel method applied to the system of linear equations

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Converges for every initial guess. Then which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in S$
- (b.)  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in S$
- (c.)  $\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in S$



(d.)  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in S$

**(81.)** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be a linear map with four distinct eigenvalues and satisfying  $T^4 - 15T^2 + 10T + 24I = 0$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

- (a.) There exists a non-zero vector  $v_1 \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $Tv_1 = 2v_1$   
 (b.) There exists a non-zero vector  $v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $Tv_2 = v_2$   
 (c.) For every non-zero vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , the set  $\{2v, 3Tv\}$  is linearly independent  
 (d.)  $T$  is one-one function

**(82.)** Consider the initial value problem (IVP)

$$y'(x) = \frac{\sin(y(x))}{1 + y^4(x)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$y(0) = y_0.$$

Then which of the following statements are true?

- (a.) There is a positive  $y_0$  such that the solution of the IVP is unbounded  
 (b.) There is a negative  $y_0$  such that the solution of the IVP is bounded  
 (c.) For every  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , every solution of the IVP is bounded  
 (d.) For every  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , there is a solution to the IVP for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

**(83.)** Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be a random sample from a continuous distribution having cumulative distribution function  $F(t)$ , probability density function  $f(t)$ , and failure rate function

$$r(t) = \frac{f(t)}{1 - F(t)}, \quad t > 0, \text{ where } F(0) = 0. \text{ If } r(t) = 1 \text{ for all } t > 0, \text{ then which of the following}$$

statements are true?

- (a.)  $P(\max\{X_1, X_2\} < 1) = \frac{1}{2e}$   
 (b.)  $P(\min\{X_1, X_2\} > 1) = \frac{1}{2e}$   
 (c.)  $P(\min\{X_1, X_2\} < X_3) = \frac{2}{3}$   
 (d.)  $P(\max\{X_1, X_2\} < X_3) = \frac{1}{3}$

**(84.)** Consider the two-way ANOVA model

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + \varepsilon_{ij}, \quad i = 1, 2; j = 1, 2.$$

where  $\mu$  is the overall mean effect,  $\alpha_i$  is the effect of the  $i$ -th level of factor  $A$ ,  $\beta_j$  is the effect of  $j$ -th level of factor  $B$ ,  $Y_{ij}$  is the response of the  $(i, j)$ -th experimental unit and  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is the

corresponding error with  $E(\varepsilon_{ij}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2; j = 1, 2$ . Which of the following are estimable linear parametric function?

- (a.)  $\mu + \alpha_2 + \beta_2$
- (b.)  $\alpha_1 - \beta_1$
- (c.)  $\alpha_2 - \beta_2$
- (d.)  $u - \alpha_1 - \beta_1$

(85.) The infimum of the set  $\left\{ \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (y'(t))^2} dt : y \in C^1[a, b], y(a) = a^2, y(b) = b - 5 \right\}$  is

- (a.)  $\frac{19\sqrt{2}}{8}$
- (b.)  $19\sqrt{2}$
- (c.)  $\frac{19}{8}$
- (d.)  $\frac{19}{2\sqrt{2}}$

(86.) Consider a solid torus of constant density  $\rho$ , formed by revolving the disc

$(y - b)^2 + z^2 \leq a^2, x = 0$  about the  $z$ -axis, where  $0 < a < b$ . Then the moment of inertia of the solid torus about the  $z$ -axis is

- (a.)  $2\pi^2 a^2 b^2 (4b^2 + 3a^2) \rho$
- (b.)  $\frac{\pi^2}{2} a^2 b (4b^2 + 3a^2) \rho$
- (c.)  $\frac{\pi^2}{2} a^2 b (4b^2 + 3b^2) \rho$
- (d.)  $2\pi^2 a^2 b^2 (4b^2 + 3b^2) \rho$

(87.) Let  $V$  be the subspace spanned by the vectors

$v_1 = (1, 0, 2, 3, 1), v_2 = (0, 0, 1, 3, 5), v_3 = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$

in the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . Which of the following vectors are in  $V$ ?

- (a.)  $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$
- (b.)  $(0, 0, 1, 2, 4)$
- (c.)  $(1, 0, 1, 0, 1)$
- (d.)  $(1, 0, 1, 0, 2)$

(88.) Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be non-empty and  $f : K \rightarrow K$  be continuous such that  $|x - y| \leq |f(x) - f(y)| \forall x, y \in K$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $f$  need not be surjective

- (b.)  $f$  must be surjective if  $K = [0,1]$
- (c.)  $f$  is injective and  $f^{-1} : f(K) \rightarrow K$  is continuous
- (d.)  $f$  is injective, but  $f^{-1} : f(K) \rightarrow K$  need not be continuous

(89.) Let  $g(x)$  be the polynomial of degree at most 4 that interpolates the data

$x$	-1	0	2	3	6
$y$	-30	1	$c$	10	19

If  $g(4) = 5$ , then which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $c = 13$
  - (b.)  $g(5) = 6$
  - (c.)  $g(1) = 14$
  - (d.)  $c = 15$
- (90.) Let  $V(\neq \{0\})$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator. Suppose that the kernel of  $T$  equals the image of  $T$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
- (a.) The dimension of  $V$  is even
  - (b.) The trace of  $T$  is zero
  - (c.) The minimal polynomial of  $T$  cannot have two distinct roots
  - (d.) The minimal polynomial of  $T$  is equal to its characteristic polynomial
- (91.) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be jointly distributed continuous random variables with joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y}, & \text{if } 0 < x < y < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $P\left(X < \frac{1}{2} | Y = 1\right) = \frac{1}{4}$
  - (b.)  $E(Y) = \frac{1}{4}$
  - (c.)  $P\left(X < \frac{Y}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$
  - (d.)  $E\left(\frac{Y}{X}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$
- (92.) Consider the improper integrals

$$I = \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin x}} dx \text{ and, for } a \geq 0$$

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$$I_a = \int_a^{\infty} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx$$

- (a.) The integral  $I$  is convergent
- (b.) The integral  $I$  is not convergent
- (c.) The integral  $I_a$  converges for  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  but not for  $a = 0$
- (d.) The integral  $I_a$  converges for all  $a \geq 0$

**(93.)** If  $x_1 = x_1(t), x_2 = x_2(t)$  is the solution of the initial value problem

$$e^{-t} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = -x_1 + x_2,$$

$$e^{-t} \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -x_1 - x_2,$$

$$x_1(0) = 1, x_2(0) = 0$$

and  $r(t) = \sqrt{x_1^2(t) + x_2^2(t)}$ , then which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $r(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$
- (b.)  $r(\ln 2) = e^{-1}$
- (c.)  $r(\ln 2) = 2e^{-1}$
- (d.)  $r(t)e^t \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$

**(94.)** Consider the linear programming problem:

$$\max \{x_1 + x_2 + x_3\}$$

Subject to constraints

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \leq 1$$

$$x_1 + x_3 \leq 2,$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}, x_2 \geq 0,$$

and  $0 \leq x_3 \leq 1.$

Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.) The optimum value is 3
- (b.) The optimum value is  $\frac{3}{2}$
- (c.)  $(0, 2, 1)$  is an extreme point of the feasible region
- (d.)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 1\right)$  is the optimal solution

**(95.)** For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|\lambda| < \frac{5}{32}$ , let  $R(x, t, \lambda)$  and  $u$  denote the resolvent kernel and the solution, respectively, of the Fredholm integral equation

$$u(x) = x + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_{-2}^2 (xt + x^2 t^2) u(t) dt.$$

Then which of the following statements are true?

(a.)  $R(x, t, \lambda) = \frac{3xt}{3 - 8\lambda} - \frac{5x^2 t^2}{5 - 32\lambda}$

(b.)  $R(x, t, \lambda) = \frac{3xt}{3 - 8\lambda} + \frac{5x^2 t^2}{5 - 32\lambda}$

(c.)  $u(1) = -\frac{5}{5 - 32\lambda}$

(d.)  $u(1) = \frac{3}{3 - 8\lambda}$

**(96.)** Suppose that  $f$  is an entire function such that  $|f(z)| \geq 2024$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

(a.)  $f(z) = 2024$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

(b.)  $f$  is a constant function

(c.)  $f$  is an injective function

(d.)  $f$  is a bijective function

**(97.)** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with  $E(X_1) = 0$  and  $Var(X_1) = 1$ . Which of the following statements are true?

(a.)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{\sqrt{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2} \leq 0\right) = \frac{1}{2}$

(b.)  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}$  converges in probability to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

(c.)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  converges in probability to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

(d.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{n}} \leq 0\right) = \frac{1}{2}$

**(98.)** Let  $B(0,2) = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 4\}$ , and  $\partial B$  denote the boundary of  $B(0,2)$ . Assume  $(\alpha, \beta) \neq (0,0), k \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $u$  is any solution to

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = 0 & \text{in } B(0,2), \\ \alpha u(x,y) + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x,y) = 1 + (x^2 + y^2)k & \text{on } \partial B, \end{cases}$$

where  $\nu(x,y)$  is the unit outward normal to  $B(0,2)$  at  $(x,y) \in \partial B$ . Consider the following statements:

$S_1$ : If  $\beta = 0$ , then there exists a  $(x_0, y_0) \in B(0,2)$  such that  $|u(x_0, y_0)| = \frac{|1 + 4k|}{|\alpha|}$ .

$S_2$ : If  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $k = -\frac{1}{4}$ .

Then

- (a.)  $S_1$  is true but  $S_2$  is false
- (b.)  $S_2$  is true but  $S_1$  is false
- (c.) both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are true
- (d.) both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are false

(99.) Let  $\tau$  be the smallest topology on the set  $\mathbb{R}$  containing

$$\beta = \{[a, b) \mid a < b, a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $\beta$  is a basis for topology  $\tau$
- (b.)  $\mathbb{R}$  is compact in the topology  $\tau$
- (c.) Topology  $\tau$  is the same as the Euclidean topology
- (d.) Topology  $\tau$  is Hausdorff

(100.) Let  $R$  be a principal ideal domain with a unique maximal ideal. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

- (a.) Every quotient ring of  $R$  is a principal ideal domain
- (b.) There exists a quotient ring  $S$  of  $R$  and an ideal  $I \subseteq S$  which is not principal
- (c.)  $R$  has countably many ideals
- (d.) Every quotient ring  $S(\neq \{0\})$  of  $R$  has a unique maximal ideal which is principal

(101.) Let  $I$  be the ideal of the ring  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^2(1-t)^2)$ . Which of the following are the possible values of the cardinality of  $I$ ?

- (a.) 1
- (b.) 8
- (c.) 16
- (d.) 24

(102.) Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a bounded sequence of real numbers such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  does not exist.

Let  $S = \{l \in \mathbb{R} : \text{there exists a subsequence of } (a_n) \text{ converges to } l\}$ .

Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

- (a.)  $S$  is the empty set
- (b.)  $S$  has exactly one element
- (c.)  $S$  has at least two elements
- (d.)  $S$  has to be a finite set

- (103.)** Let  $M_5(\mathbb{C})$  be the complex vector space of  $5 \times 5$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $V$  be a non-zero subspace of  $M_5(\mathbb{C})$  such that every non-zero  $A \in V$  invertible. Which among the following are possible values for the dimension of  $V$ ?
- (a.) 1
  - (b.) 2
  - (c.) 3
  - (d.) 5

- (104.)** Let  $q_1(x_1, x_2)$  and  $q_2(y_1, y_2)$  be real quadratic forms such that there exist  $(u_1, u_2), (v_1, v_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $q_1(u_1, u_2) = 1 = q_2(v_1, v_2)$ . Define  $q(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) = q_1(x_1, x_2) - q_2(y_1, y_2)$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
- (a.)  $q$  is a quadratic form in  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2$
  - (b.) There exists  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $q_1(t_1, t_2) = 5$
  - (c.) There does not exist  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $q_2(s_1, s_2) = -5$
  - (d.) Given  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a vector  $w \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $q(w) = \alpha$

- (105.)** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a differentiable function such that  $(Df)(0, 0)$  has rank 2. Write  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
- (a.)  $f$  is injective in a neighbourhood of  $(0, 0)$
  - (b.) There exists an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $(0, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f_3$  is a function of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$
  - (c.)  $f$  maps an open neighbourhood of  $(0, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  onto an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$
  - (d.)  $(0, 0)$  is an isolated point of  $f^{-1}(\{f(0, 0)\})$

- (106.)** For  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , consider the following Fredholm integral equation

$$y(x) = 1 + x + cx^2 + 2 \int_0^1 (1 - 3xt)y(t) dt.$$

Then the values of  $c$  for which the integral equation admits a solution are

- (a.) -8
  - (b.) -6
  - (c.) 2
  - (d.) 6
- (107.)** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables with  $X \sim N(2, 4)$  and  $Y \sim N(-4, 9)$  where  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  denotes a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Given  $\Phi(1) = 0.8413$ ,  $\Phi(2) = 0.9772$  and  $\Phi(3) = 0.9987$  where  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal random variable. Which of the following statements are true?
- (a.)  $\text{Var}(2X + Y) = 17$
  - (b.)  $P(|2X + Y| \leq 15) = 0.9974$



- (c.)  $\text{cov}(3X + 2Y, 3X - 2Y) = 0$
- (d.)  $2X - Y \sim N(0, 25)$

**(108.)** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed  $U(0, \theta), \theta > 0$  random variables. Define  $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  and  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $\text{cov}\left(\frac{X_{(n)}}{X_{(1)}}, X_{(n)}\right) = 0$
- (b.)  $E\left(\frac{X_{(1)}}{X_{(n)}}\right) = \frac{E(X_{(1)})}{E(X_{(n)})}$
- (c.)  $\text{cov}\left(\frac{X_{(1)}}{X_{(n)}}, X_{(n)}\right) = 0$
- (d.)  $\text{cov}(\ln(X_{(1)}) - \ln(X_{(1)} + X_{(n)}), X_{(n)}) < 0$

**(109.)** Define  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ x & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ .

Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(0, 0)$  exists
- (b.)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(0, 0)$  exists
- (c.)  $f$  is not continuous at  $(0, 0)$
- (d.)  $f$  is not differentiable at  $(0, 0)$

**(110.)** Let  $X$  denote the topological space  $\mathbb{R}$  with the cofinite topology (i.e., the finite complement topology) and let  $Y$  denote the topological space  $\mathbb{R}$  with the Euclidean topology. Which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $X \times [0, 1]$  is closed in  $X \times Y$  with respect to the product topology
- (b.)  $X \times [0, 1]$  is compact with respect to the product topology
- (c.)  $X$  is compact
- (d.)  $X \times Y$  is compact with respect to the product topology

**(111.)** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{12}$  be a random sample from the  $N(2, 4)$  distribution and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{15}$  be a random sample from the  $N(-2, 5)$  distribution, where  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  denotes a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Assume that two random samples are mutually independent. Let

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{12} \sum_{i=1}^{12} X_i, S_1^2 = \frac{1}{11} \sum_{i=1}^{12} (X_i - \bar{X})^2,$$

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$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{15} \sum_{j=1}^{15} Y_j, S_2^2 = \frac{1}{14} \sum_{j=1}^{15} (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2,$$

which of the following statements are true?

- (a.) The distribution of  $\bar{X} + \bar{Y}$  is  $N\left(0, \frac{2}{3}\right)$
- (b.) The distribution of  $\frac{1}{20}(55S_1^2 + 56S_2^2)$  is  $\chi_{26}^2$
- (c.) The distribution of  $\frac{5 S_1^2}{4 S_2^2}$  is  $F_{11,14}$
- (d.) The distribution of  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}(\bar{Y} + 2)}{S_1}$  is  $t_{14}$

**(112.)** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Let  $b_n = \frac{a_n}{\max\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}}, n \geq 1$ .

Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

- (a.) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $\{a_n : n \geq 1\}$  is bounded
- (b.) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 1$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$
- (c.) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$
- (d.) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

**(113.)** Consider the initial boundary value problem (IBVP)

$$\begin{cases} u_t + u_x = 2u, & x > 0, t > 0 \\ u(0, t) = 1 + \sin t, & t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = e^x \cos x, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

If  $u$  is the solution of the IBVP, then the value of  $\frac{u(2\pi, \pi)}{u(\pi, 2\pi)}$  is

- (a.)  $e^\pi$
- (b.)  $e^{-\pi}$
- (c.)  $-e^\pi$
- (d.)  $-e^{-\pi}$

**(114.)** Let  $f : [0, 1) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $p_n(x) = 1 + x + \dots + x^n$ . Then which of the following statements are true?

- (a.)  $f(x)$  is not uniformly continuous on  $[0, 1)$
- (b.) The sequence  $(p_n(x))$  converges to  $f(x)$  pointwise on  $[0, 1)$
- (c.) The sequence  $(p_n(x))$  converges to  $f(x)$  uniformly on  $[0, 1)$
- (d.) The sequence  $(p_n(x))$  converges to  $f(x)$  uniformly on  $[0, c]$  for every  $0 < c < 1$ .

- (115.)** Consider the real vector space  $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$  equipped with an inner product. Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $V$  consisting of polynomial of degree at most 2. Let  $W^\perp$  denote the orthogonal complement of  $W$  in  $V$ . Which of the following statements are true?
- There exists a polynomial  $p(x) \in W$  such that  $x^4 - p(x) \in W^\perp$
  - $W^\perp = \{0\}$
  - $W$  and  $W^\perp$  have the same dimension over  $\mathbb{R}$
  - $W^\perp$  is an infinite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$
- (116.)** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be a random sample from a  $U(-\theta, 2\theta)$  distribution, where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter. Let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ,  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  and  $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ . Which of the following statements are true?
- Maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is  $\min\left\{X_{(1)}, \frac{X_{(n)}}{2}\right\}$
  - Maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is  $\max\left\{-X_{(1)}, \frac{X_{(n)}}{2}\right\}$
  - Method of moments estimator of  $\theta$  is  $2\bar{X}$
  - Method of moments estimator of  $\theta$  is  $\frac{2\bar{X}}{3}$
- (117.)** Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  as vector spaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Which of the following statements are true?
- There exists an injective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[x]$
  - There exists an injective  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
  - The  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are isomorphic
  - There do not exist non-zero  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear transformations  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[x]$
- (118.)** For which of the following values of  $q$ , does a finite field of order  $q$  have exactly 6 subfields?
- $q = 2^{18}$
  - $q = 2^{32}$
  - $q = 2^{12}$
  - $q = 2^{243}$
- (119.)** The extremizer of the problem  $\min \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 [(y'(x))^2 + (y(x))^2] dx \right]$  subject to  $y \in C^1[-1, 1]$ ,  $\int_{-1}^1 xy(x) dx = 0$  and  $y(-1) = y(1) = 1$  is
- $\frac{e}{1+e^2}(e^x + e^{-x}) + x^2 - 1$

(b.)  $\frac{e}{1+e^2}(e^x + e^{-x}) + 1 - x^2$

(c.)  $\frac{e}{1+e^2}(e^x + e^{-x})$

(d.)  $\frac{e}{1+e^2}(e^x + e^{-x}) + \sin(2\pi x)$

(120.) Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a convergent series of real numbers. For  $n \geq 1$  define

$$A_n = \begin{cases} a_n, & \text{if } a_n > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

$$B_n = \begin{cases} a_n, & \text{if } a_n < 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Which of the following statements are necessarily true?

- (a.)  $A_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $B_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (b.) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is absolutely convergent, then both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$  are absolutely convergent
- (c.) Both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$  are convergent
- (d.) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is not absolutely convergent, then both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$  are divergent