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## Mathematical Methods

## 2009

**Trial Examination 1** 

## Instructions

Answer **all** questions. Do **not** use calculators.

A decimal approximation will not be accepted if an **exact** answer is required to a question. In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working must be shown. Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this exam are **not** drawn to scale.

**Question 1** The power function  $(1-x)^n$  is expanded to form a polynomial function P(x), where n > 5.

a. Determine the coefficient of the  $x^5$  term in the polynomial in terms of *n* and combination *C*.

2 marks

3 marks

b. Let 
$$f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{\frac{d}{dx}P(x)}$$
, find  $f(2)$  in terms of  $n$ .

**Question 2** The graph of the function g(x) is shown below.



- a. Determine the equation of the function g(x).
- b. On the grid above sketch the graph of the inverse of g(x).

1 mark

**Question 3** Given  $u(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 - x^2 + x - 1}$  and  $v(x) = x^4 - 1$ . Sketch the graph of the **product** of u(x) and v(x).



**Question 4** Solve the equation  $\cos\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right) = \sqrt{3}\sin\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)$  for  $x \in \left[-\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$ . 3 marks

**Question 5** The gradient of the tangent to the graph of a continuous and differentiable function at point (2.7, 0.28) is -2.9. (p, -0.01) is another point on the graph very close to (2.7, 0.28). Use linear approximation to estimate a value for p.

3 marks

**Question 6** Given 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$$
 and  $g(x) = e^{-x}$ .  
a. Determine the domain of  $f(g(x))$  in exact form. 2 marks

b. Determine the range of g(f(x)). 2 marks

c. Find 
$$\frac{d}{dx} (g((f(x))^{-1}))^{-1}$$
. 4 marks

**Question 7** Given  $\int (\log_e 2x) dx - \log_e (2x)^e = \int ef(x) dx$ , evaluate the exact value of f(e). 3 marks

**Question 8** Consider the binomial distribution Bi(n, 0.5) for *X* and  $Pr(a < X < b) \approx 0.95$ . a. Find  $Pr(X \le a) + Pr(X \ge b)$  1 mark

b. Estimate the smallest value of b-a in terms of n. 2 marks

**Question 9** Random variable *X* has normal distribution N(125,9), Pr(X < a) = 0.9 and Pr(X > b) = 0.2. a. Find  $Pr(X < a \mid X > b)$ . 3 marks

b. Find 
$$\Pr(X < b \mid X > a)$$
. 1 mark

**Question 10** Random variable *X* has a probability distribution given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} x \sin x & 0 \le x \le \pi \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$ 

a. Show that  $\sin(m_o) + m_o \cos(m_o) = 0$ , where  $m_o$  is the mode of X.

b. Given 
$$\frac{d}{dx}(x\cos x) = \cos x - x\sin x$$
, show that  $\sin(m_e) - m_e \cos(m_e) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , where  $m_e$  is the median of X.  
3 marks

## End of exam 1

2 marks