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Scotch College
MATHEMATICAL METHODS

U4-SAC 1 – Application Task
2023

Task Sections	Marks	Your Marks
Investigation	25	
Total Marks	25	

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General Instructions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answer all questions in the spaces provided.• In all questions where a numerical answer is required, an exact value must be given unless otherwise specified.
Allowed Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A scientific calculator and a CAS calculator.• One double-sided A4 page of notes to be handed in at the end of each session.
At the end of the task
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit the task to your teacher.

Component I

Consider the family of functions of the form $f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = a \cos(nx)$ where a and n are positive integers.

- a. Explain how the values of a and n affect the graph of $f(x)$.

- b. Consider the case where $a = 1$ and $n = 1$. Calculate the value of the area bounded by the graph of $f(x)$, the x -axis, and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 2\pi$. Show the steps of your calculations.

- c. Graph the function $f(x)$ for different values of a and n . Include at least three different cases, each demonstrating a unique characteristic of the graph. For each case, describe how the values of a and n influence the shape of the graph.

- d.** By calculating the area bounded by the function, the x -axis and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 2\pi$, investigate the impact of changing a and n on this bounded area. Discuss any patterns or relationships you observe between the values of a , n and the resulting area.

Component II

Consider functions of the form $f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = a \cos(nx)$

and $g : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = a \sin(nx)$

where a and n are positive integers.

- a.** Consider the case where $a = 1$ and $n = 1$. Calculate the total area of the regions bounded by the graph of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 2\pi$. Show the steps of your calculations.

- b.** Consider the case where $a = 2$ and $n = 2$. Calculate the total area of the regions bounded by the graph of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 2\pi$. Show the steps of your calculations.

- c. Calculate the value of the total area of the regions bounded by the graph of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 2\pi$ in terms of a and n and thus explain the significance of this result when analysing the area as a and n vary.

Component III

- a. Consider the function $f : [0, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \sqrt{x} - x$.
- i. Calculate the average value of the function f from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$.
 - ii. Calculate the signed area of function f from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$.
 - iii. Comment on the values of the average value and the signed area of the function f from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$.

- b.** Consider the function $g(x) = af(x) + c$ over the domain $x \in [0, 4]$, where a is a positive constant and c is a real constant.
- i.** Explain how the values of a and c affect the graph of $g(x)$.

 - ii.** Investigate the impact of changing a and c on the average value of the function g and the signed area of function g from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$. Discuss any patterns or relationships you observe as a and c change.

- c.** Consider the function $h(x) = f(n(x+b))$ over the domain $x \in \left[-b, \frac{1}{n} - b\right]$ where n is a positive constant and b is a real constant.
- i.** Explain how the values of n and b affect the graph of $h(x)$.
- ii.** Investigate the impact of changing b and n on the average value of the function h and the signed area of function h over the domain $x \in \left[-b, \frac{1}{n} - b\right]$. Discuss any patterns or relationships you observe as b and n change.

END OF SAC 1

Mathematical Methods formulas

Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$	volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$	area of a triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$		

Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}((ax+b)^n) = an(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e(x) + c, x > 0$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = \frac{a}{\cos^2(ax)} = a \sec^2(ax)$			
product rule	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
chain rule	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$	Newton's method	$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$
trapezium rule approximation	$Area \approx \frac{x_n - x_0}{2n} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$		