

NCHS 2023 AM Prelim P1 solutions for students

Q1 (a)

Area of triangle

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2+\sqrt{6}} \right)^2 \sin 60^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4+6+4\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{10+4\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{5+2\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{5+2\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right) \left(\frac{1}{5+2\sqrt{6}} \right) \left(\frac{(5-2\sqrt{6})}{5-2\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right) \left(\frac{5-2\sqrt{6}}{25-24} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right) \left(\frac{5-2\sqrt{6}}{1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{18}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Q1(b)

Mtd 1

$$\text{let } y = \sqrt{x+3}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{y} - \frac{5}{6}$$

$$y^2 = 1 - \frac{5}{6}y$$

$$y^2 - 1 + \frac{5}{6}y = 0$$

$$6y^2 + 5y - 6 = 0$$

$$(3y-2)(2y+3) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } y = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x+3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } \sqrt{x+3} = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ (rej)}$$

$$x+3 = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$x = -\frac{23}{9}$$

Or

$$6(x+3) = 6 - 5\sqrt{x+3}$$

$$6x + 18 - 6 = -5\sqrt{x+3}$$

$$(6x+12)^2 = (-5\sqrt{x+3})^2$$

$$36x^2 + 144x + 144 = 25(x+3)$$

$$36x^2 + 144x + 144 = 25x + 75$$

$$36x^2 + 119x + 69 = 0$$

$$(4x+3)(9x+23) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{4} \text{ (rej)} \text{ or } -\frac{23}{9}$$

Q2(a)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^5 \ln x^2) = x^5 \left(\frac{1}{x^2} \right) (2x) + 5x^4 \ln x^2$$

$$= 2x^4 + 5x^4 \ln x^2 = 2x^4 + 10x^4 \ln x$$

2(b) Method 1

$$\int x^4 \ln x \, dx = \frac{1}{10} \int 10x^4 \ln x + 2x^4 - 2x^4 \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \left[x^5 \ln x^2 - \frac{2x^5}{5} \right] + c$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} x^5 \ln x - \frac{1}{25} x^5 + c$$

2(b) Method 2

$$\int 10x^4 \ln x + 2x^4 \, dx = x^5 \ln x^2 + c$$

$$10 \int x^4 \ln x \, dx + \int 2x^4 \, dx = x^5 \ln x^2 + c$$

$$10 \int x^4 \ln x \, dx = x^5 \ln x^2 + c - \frac{2x^5}{5} + c_1$$

$$= x^5 \ln x^2 - \frac{2x^5}{5} + c_2$$

$$\int x^4 \ln x \, dx = \frac{(x^5 \ln x^2)}{10} - \frac{x^5}{25} + c_3$$

$$\text{or } \frac{(x^5 \ln x)}{5} - \frac{x^5}{25} + c_3$$

Q3(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -9 - 2x^2 - 4x \\
 &= -2x^2 - 4x - 9 \\
 &= -2(x^2 + 2x) - 9 \\
 &= -2[(x+1)^2 - 1] - 9 \\
 &= -2(x+1)^2 + 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{max value} = -7$$

Q3(b)

Hence,

$$-9 - 2x^2 - 4x = -2 - k$$

$$\text{since } \max = -7$$

$$-2 - k < -7$$

$$k > 5$$

Otherwise,

$$-2x^2 - 4x + k - 7 = 0$$

$$\text{discriminant} > 0$$

$$(-4)^2 - 4(-2)(k-7) > 0$$

$$16 + 8k - 56 > 0$$

$$8k - 40 > 0$$

$$k > 5$$

$$\text{sub } x = 1,$$

$$3 + 5 - 3 = A(2)^2$$

$$4A = 5$$

$$A = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\text{sub } x = -1,$$

$$-3 + 5 - 3 = C(-2)$$

$$-1 = -2C$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2}$$

comparing coefficient of x^2 : $-3 = A + B$

$$-3 = \frac{5}{4} + B$$

$$B = -\frac{17}{4}$$

$$\therefore 3 + \frac{5}{4(x-1)} - \frac{17}{4(x+1)} + \frac{1}{2(x+1)^2}$$

Q4

$$(x+1)(x^2 - 1) = x^3$$

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 + x^2 - x - 1 \sqrt{3x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 2} \\
 \underline{- (3x^3 + 3x^2 - 3x - 3)} \\
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 -3x^2 + 3x + 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3x^3 + 2}{(x+1)(x^2 - 1)} = 3 + \frac{3x + 5 - 3x^2}{(x+1)^2(x-1)}$$

$$\frac{3x + 5 - 3x^2}{(x+1)^2(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x + 5 - 3x^2 &= A(x+1)^2 + B(x-1)(x+1) \\
 &\quad + C(x-1)
 \end{aligned}$$



Q5(a)

$$\log_7 x + \frac{\log_7 x^2}{\log_7 7^2} = 6$$

$$\log_7 x + \frac{2 \log_7 x}{2} = 6$$

$$\log_7 x + \log_7 x = 6$$

$$2 \log_7 x = 6$$

$$\log_7 x = 3$$

$$x = 7^3$$

$$= 343$$

Q5(b)

$$x^2 + 8x + 15 > 0 \text{ and } x + 4 > 0$$

$$(x + 5)(x + 3) > 0 \text{ and } x > -4$$

$$x > -3, x < -5 \text{ and } x > -4$$

$$\therefore x > -3$$

Q6(a)

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$= 2c(-\sqrt{1 - c^2})$$

$$= -2c\sqrt{1 - c^2}$$

Q6(c) $-(180^\circ - \theta)$ or $\theta - 180^\circ$

Q7(a)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4 \sin \theta + 4 \sin^2 \theta}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta} \\ &= 4 \sin \theta (1 + \sin \theta) \div \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \\ &= 4 \sin \theta (1 + \sin \theta) \div \left(\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \\ &= 4 \sin \theta (1 + \sin \theta) \times \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta} \\ &= 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 2(2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \\ &= 2 \sin 2\theta \end{aligned}$$



Q7(b)

$$2 \sin 2\theta = 0.7$$

$$\sin 2\theta = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$-2\pi \leq 2\theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{7}{20}$$

$$= 0.35757$$

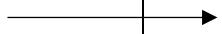
2θ is in the 1st and 2nd quadrant.

$$2\theta = 0.35757, \pi$$

$$-0.35757, -(\pi + 0.35757), -(2\pi$$

$$-0.35757)$$

$$\theta = 0.179, 1.39, -1.75, -2.96$$



Q8(a)

$$\text{gradient of } DC = \tan 45^\circ = 1$$

$$\text{gradient of } BC = -1$$

$$\frac{y - 9}{x - 1} = -1$$

$$y - 9 = -x + 1$$

$$\text{Equation of BC: } y = -x + 10$$

$$\frac{y + 18}{x - 2} = 1$$

$$y + 18 = x - 2$$

$$\text{Equation of AB: } y = x - 20$$

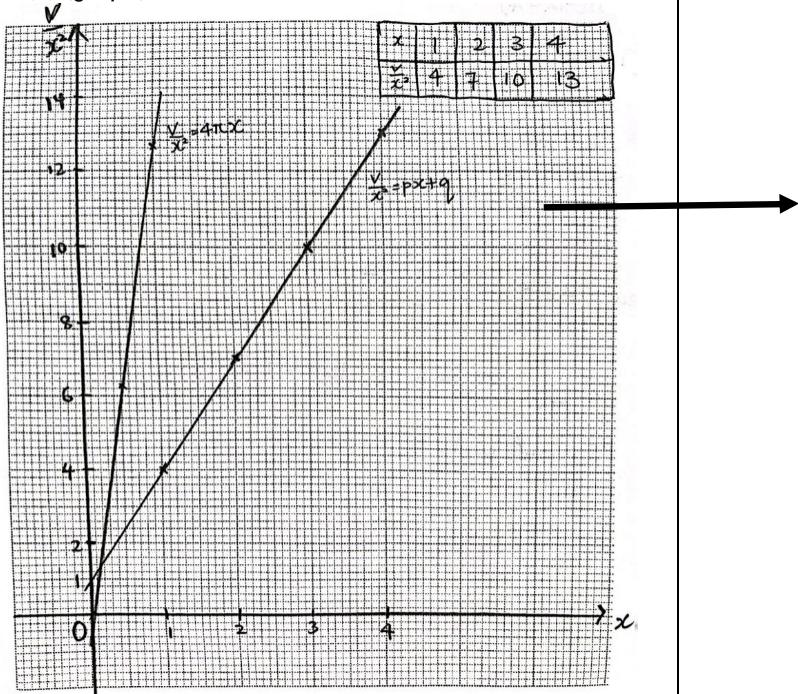
$$-x + 10 = x - 20$$

$$2x = 30$$

$$x = 15$$

$$y = -15 + 10 = -5 \quad \therefore B(15, -5) \text{ (shown)}$$

Q9 (a) (graph)



Q8(b)

$$\text{midpt } AC = \text{midpt } DB$$

$$\left(\frac{2+1}{2}, \frac{9-18}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{x+15}{2}, \frac{-5+y}{2} \right)$$

$$3 = x + 15$$

$$x = -12$$

$$9 - 18 = -5 + y$$

$$y = -4$$

$$D(-12, -4)$$

B is the midpt of DE

$$(15, -5) = \left(\frac{-12+x}{2}, \frac{-4+y}{2} \right)$$

$$30 = -12 + x$$

$$x = 42$$

$$-10 = -4 + y$$

$$y = -6$$

$$E(42, -6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 42 & 1 & 2 \\ -18 & -6 & 9 & -18 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-12 + 378 - 18 - 18 + 6 + 758) \\ &= 546 \text{ units}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$v = x(px^2 + qx)$$

$$v = px^3 + qx^2$$

$$\frac{v}{x^2} = px + q$$

plotted points

join with a straight line

$$\text{gradient} = p$$

$$= \frac{10 - 1}{3 - 0} = 3$$

$$q = 1$$

Q9(b)

$$\frac{V}{x^2} = 3x + 1$$

$$V = x(3x^2 + x)$$

$$\text{radius} = 2x$$

base area = $\pi(2x)^2 = 4\pi x^2$

$$4\pi x^2 = 3x^2 + x$$

$$(4\pi - 3)x^2 - x = 0$$

$$x[(4\pi - 3)x - 1] = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4\pi - 3} = 0.1045$$

$$= 0.105$$

Q9(c)

$$V = x(4\pi x^2)$$

$$= 4\pi x^3$$

$$\text{draw } \frac{V}{x^2} = 4\pi x$$

The volume of the cylinder is expressed in terms of x and then rearranged into the same linear form as the equation of the straight line drawn.

The x

– coordinate of the intersection therefore gives the value of x for which the solid is a cylinder with height half its base radius.

x	0	0.5	1
$\frac{V}{x^2}$	0	6.3	12.6

From graph, $x = 0.1$

This is close to the x value obtained in part (b).

*verify means to confirm if something is accurate

Q10a

$$a = 2.5 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 1.25 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) \text{ or } \frac{5}{4} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)$$

when $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

$$a = 1.25 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 0.88388$$

$$= \frac{0.884m}{s^2 \text{ or }} \text{ or } \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{8} m/s^2$$

Q10b

when $v = 0$,

$$2.5 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) = 0$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}t = \pi$$

$$t = 2\pi$$

$$s = -2.5 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) \times 2 + c$$

$$= -5 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) + c$$

when $t = 0, s = 0$,

$$0 = -5 \cos(0) + c$$

$$c = 5$$

$$s = -5 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) + 5$$

when $t = 2\pi$,

$$s = -5 \cos(\pi) + 5$$

$$= -5(-1) + 5 = 10m$$

Q10c

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When Jean returns for the 4th time, } s = 0 \\ -5 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) + 5 = 0 \\ \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right) = 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}t = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, 8\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When Jean returns for the 4th time, } t = 2 \times 8\pi = 16\pi. \\ \therefore k = 16\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t > 16\pi, \\ 0.25t > 4\pi \\ 0.25 - 4\pi > 0 \\ v > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Jean will always be moving away from O when $t > 16\pi$

$$\text{or } \frac{dv}{dt} = 0.25 > 0$$

This implies velocity is an increasing function starting from $v = 0$ at $t = 16\pi$ so it will never become zero. Hence Jean will not be turning back towards O.

Q10d

$$\begin{aligned} \text{total distance} \\ &= 20 \times 4 + \int_{16\pi}^{60} 0.25t - 4\pi dt \\ &= 80 + \left[\frac{0.25t^2}{2} - 4\pi t \right]_{16\pi}^{60} \\ &= 80 + \frac{1}{8}(60)^2 - 4\pi(60) - \frac{1}{8}(16\pi)^2 + 4\pi(16\pi) \\ &= 91.845m \\ &= 91.8m \end{aligned}$$

Q11a

$$\text{for } y \text{ increasing, } \frac{dy}{dx} > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3x^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 6x e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(-\frac{3x^2}{2} + 6x\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} > 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$-\frac{3x^2}{2} + 6x > 0$$

$$x \left(-\frac{3}{2}x + 6\right) > 0$$

$$0 < x < 4$$

Q11c

$$0 < x < 4$$

Q11b

1st derivative test

$$\text{when } x = 0, y = 3(0)^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}(0)} = 0$$

x	0^{-1}	0	0^{+}
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	<0	0	>0
Sketch			

Second derivative test

$$\text{When } x = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0. \therefore x = 0 \text{ is a stationary pt.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (3x + 6) - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(-\frac{3}{2}x^2 + 6x\right) \\ \text{when } x = 0, \quad &\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6 > 0 \therefore \text{min pt}$$

$$\text{when } x = 0, y = 0$$

$\therefore (0,0)$ is min pt

Q11d

$$\text{when } x = 1, \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{3}{2} + 6\right)$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{-2e^{\frac{1}{2}}}{9}$$

$$\text{when } x = 1, y = 3e^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$y - 3e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-2e^{\frac{1}{2}}}{9}(x - 1)$$

$$y = -\frac{2e^{\frac{1}{2}}}{9}x + \frac{2e^{\frac{1}{2}}}{9} + 3e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{or } y = -0.366x + 2.19$$



Q12a

Since D & T are the midpts of BA and BC,

by midpt theorem, DF // AC.

Since there is one pair of parallel sides, ADFE is a trapezium

Q12b

$$\angle EFC = \angle FAE \text{ (alt segment theorem)}$$

$$\angle FAE = \angle AFD \text{ (alt } \angle s, DF \parallel AE)$$

$$\therefore \angle EFC = \angle AFD$$

$$180^\circ - \angle ADF = \angle FEA \text{ (\angle s in opp segment)}$$

$$\angle FEC = 180^\circ - \angle FEA \text{ (adj } \angle s \text{ on a str. line)}$$

$$= 180^\circ - (180^\circ - \angle ADF)$$

$$= \angle ADF$$

or

$$\angle DFB = \angle DAF \text{ (alt segment theorem)}$$

$$\angle DFB = \angle FCE \text{ (corrs } \angle s, AC \parallel DF)$$

$$\therefore \angle DAF = \angle FCE$$

$\therefore \triangle DFA$ is similar to $\triangle EFC$ (AA Similarity test)

Q12c

$$\frac{DA}{EC} = \frac{DF}{EF} \text{ (corresponding sides of similar triangles are proportional)}$$

$$DF \times EC = DA \times EF$$

$$\text{By midpt theorem, } DF = \frac{1}{2}AC$$

$$\frac{1}{2}AC \times EC = DA \times EF$$