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Credit will be given for the best THREE questions attempted IN EACH SECTION.
Use a different answer book for each section.

Log tables are available from the invigilators, if required.

Non-programmable calculators are permitted for this examination.
Please indicate the make and model of your calculator on each answer book used.

SECTION A

1. Consider the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y &= 3, \\ x + 2y &= 4.\end{aligned}$$

Express this linear system as a matrix equation of the form $Ax = b$.

Calculate the determinant of the matrix A for this linear system.

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve for the parameters x and y .

The matrix equation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\det A &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (2)(2) - (1)(1) \\ &= 3.\end{aligned}$$

Here is a possible GJ solution (not unique).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right) & \stackrel{R2-R1/2}{=} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3/2 & 5/2 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \stackrel{R2*2/3}{=} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \stackrel{R1-R2}{=} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 0 & 4/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 \end{array} \right) \\
 & \stackrel{R1/2}{=} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/3 \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

So, $x = 2/3$ and $y = 5/2$ and you should check that these solutions are correct by substituting in the original equations.

2. Write down the characteristic equation of a matrix A .

The Leslie matrix, A , for a bird population of hatchlings and adults is given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the eigenvalues of this matrix.

Recall that the long-term growth rate of a population is given by the largest eigenvalue of the corresponding Leslie matrix and the stable age population is given its corresponding eigenvector.

Determine the stable-age population for the Leslie matrix given above.

Characteristic equation: $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

Find the eigenvalues using the characteristic equation.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 - \lambda & 2 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (0.5 - \lambda)(0.5 - \lambda) - 1 \\ &= \lambda^2 - \lambda - \frac{3}{4} \\ &= (\lambda + \frac{1}{2})(\lambda - \frac{3}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

so the eigenvalues are $\lambda = -1/2$ and $\lambda = 3/2$.

The stable-age population is the eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = 3/2$.

We have $Av = \lambda v$ and need the v that solves this for $\lambda = 3/2$.

So,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Doing the matrix multiplication gives 2 equations in 2 unknowns ie.

$$\begin{aligned} 0.5v_1 + 2v_2 &= 1.5v_1 \\ 0.5v_1 + 0.5v_2 &= 1.5v_2 \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying gives a single equation relating v_1 and v_2 namely $v_1 = 2v_2$ and any numbers satisfying this form the correct eigenvector. So, eg. if $v_2 = 1$ then $v_1 = 2$ and the eigenvector is $(2, 1)$. The stable-age populations is hatchlings to adults in a ratio 2:1.

3. Define a binomial experiment.

Write down the formula for computing the probability of success in a binomial experiment.

A survey finds that 30% of teenage consumers receive their spending money from part-time jobs. If five teenagers are selected at random, find the probability that at least three of them will have part-time jobs.

A binomial experiment is one in which

- a trial is repeated a fixed number, n , times.
- each trial is independent
- each trial results in only two outcomes: success and failure.
- the probability of success, $P(\text{success}) = p$, is constant.
- the goal of the experiment is to count the number of successes in n trials.

Formula for success in a binomial expt is

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}.$$

To find probability at least 3 have a job need $P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) + P(X = 5)$, using

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}.$$

Here, $p = 0.3$ (ie 30%), so $q = 1 - p = 0.7$ and $n = 5$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 3) &= \binom{5}{3} (0.3)^3 (0.7)^2 = 0.1323 \\ P(X = 4) &= \binom{5}{4} (0.3)^4 (0.7)^1 = 0.02835 \\ P(X = 5) &= \binom{5}{5} (0.3)^5 (0.7)^0 = 0.00243 \end{aligned}$$

and summing these gives 0.16308, ie a 16% probability 3 or more have jobs.

4. By giving the definitions of independent and disjoint events, explain how they are different.

A fair die is rolled four times.

- (a) what is the probability that the rolls are all sixes?
- (b) what is the probability that the rolls are all the same?
- (c) what is the probability that the rolls are all different?

(d) what is the probability that a face (one particular side) appears more than once?

Independent: 2 events A and B are independent if the occurrence of one gives no information about whether or not the other will occur.

Disjoint: 2 events are disjoint if it is impossible for them to occur together.

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- $P(\text{all rolls are sixes}) = \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{1296}$.
- there are six ways (ie 6 different numbers) that can all be the same so $P(\text{all rolls the same}) = \frac{6}{1296}$.
- $P(\text{all rolls are different}) = 1 \frac{5}{6} \frac{4}{6} \frac{3}{6} = \frac{5}{18}$.
- $P(\text{face appears more than once}) = P(\text{not all rolls different}) = 1 - P(\text{all rolls different}) = 1 - \frac{5}{18} = \frac{13}{18}$.

SECTION B

5. (a) Convert the angle 25° into radians.
(b) Find the equation of the straight line which joins the points $(1, 1)$ and $(2, -3)$.
(c) Find the slope of the tangent line to $y = \frac{\ln x}{1+x}$ at $x = 1$.

6. (a) Compute the definite integral

$$\int_0^1 x(x^2 + 1)^{15} dx.$$

- (b) Find the minimum value of $(x+1)^2 + y^2$ where x and y are real numbers with $x + y = 1$. Justify your answer.

7. Let $f(x) = 1 + 2\cos(\pi x)$. Compute the following:

- (a) The average rate of change of $f(x)$ over the interval $[0, 3]$.
(b) The instantaneous rate of change of $f(x)$ at $x = 3$.
(c) The average value of $f(x)$ over the interval $[0, 3]$.

8. A man's heart rate $h(t)$, in heartbeats per second, is measured by a scientist over the course of an experiment. Here t is the time, in seconds, since the start of the experiment. When $t = 100$, a dose of adrenaline is administered.

The scientist finds that $h(t)$ is given by

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 1.1 & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 100 \\ 1.1 + e^{1-0.01t} & \text{for } t > 100. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Is the function $h(t)$ continuous at $t = 100$? Justify your answer.
(b) Find the time t for which $h(t) = 1.6$.
(c) Explain briefly why the number of times the man's heart beats between $t = 0$ and $t = 200$ is given by

$$110 + \int_{100}^{200} 1 + e^{1-0.01t} dt.$$

You should *not* find the value of this expression.