

IIT JAM Mathematics

Sample Paper – 9

Instructions

- This paper contains **60 questions** carrying a maximum of **100 marks**. Duration: **3 hours (180 minutes)**.
- **Section A (Q1–Q30, MCQ)**: Q1–Q10 carry **+1 mark** each; wrong response: $-\frac{1}{3}$ mark. Q11–Q30 carry **+2 marks** each; wrong response: $-\frac{2}{3}$ mark. Choose the **single best** option.
- **Section B (Q31–Q40, MSQ)**: Each carries **+2 marks**. **No negative marking**. **One or more** options may be correct; full marks only if *all* correct options are selected.
- **Section C (Q41–Q60, NAT)**: Q41–Q50 carry **+1 mark**; Q51–Q60 carry **+2 marks**. **No negative marking**. Enter the numerical value using the virtual keypad.
- **Calculator policy**: Personal calculators and electronic devices are **strictly prohibited**. A virtual scientific calculator is provided in the CBT interface.
- Sections must be attempted in order; you cannot return to a previous section.

Section A — Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)

Q1–Q10: 1 mark each ($-\frac{1}{3}$ for wrong). Choose the **single** correct option.

Q1. Newton's method applied to $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ with $x_0 = 1$ gives $x_1 = \frac{3}{2}$. What is the **second** iterate x_2 ?

- (A) 2
- (B) $\frac{1}{3}$
- (C) $\frac{3}{2}$
- (D) $\frac{17}{12}$

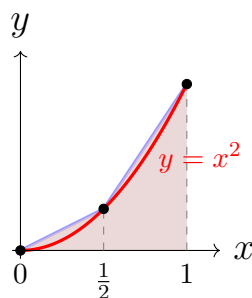
Q2. The secant method for solving $f(x) = 0$ uses two previous iterates and has an order of convergence approximately equal to:

- (A) 1 (linear)
- (B) 2 (quadratic, same as Newton's)
- (C) ≈ 1.618 (golden ratio)
- (D) 3 (cubic)

Q3. The composite trapezoidal rule with n equal subintervals (mesh $h = (b - a)/n$) over $[a, b]$ has a global error of order $O(h^p)$ where $p =$

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

Q4. Approximate $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$ using the composite trapezoidal rule with $n = 2$ subintervals ($h = \frac{1}{2}$, nodes at $x = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$).



- (A) $\frac{3}{8}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{3}$
- (C) $\frac{5}{12}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

Q5. Using Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rule with $n = 2$ subintervals ($h = \frac{1}{2}$, nodes at $x = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$) to approximate $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$, the result is:

- (A) $\frac{3}{8}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{4}$
- (C) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{3}$

Q6. For a simple root of a sufficiently smooth function, Newton's method exhibits:

- (A) Linear convergence
- (B) Superlinear but not quadratic convergence



- (C) Quadratic convergence
- (D) Cubic convergence

Q7. The Gauss-Seidel iterative method for $Ax = b$ is best described as:

- (A) A direct method equivalent to Gaussian elimination
- (B) An iterative method that uses the most recently updated component values immediately within each sweep
- (C) A method requiring A to be symmetric positive definite to be defined
- (D) Always faster than the Jacobi method regardless of the matrix A

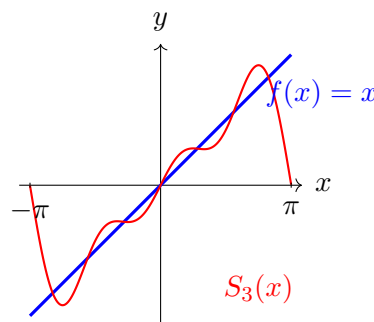
Q8. The condition number $\kappa(A)$ of a nonsingular matrix A primarily measures:

- (A) How sensitive the solution of $Ax = b$ is to perturbations in b (or A)
- (B) Whether A is invertible
- (C) The largest eigenvalue of A
- (D) The rank of A

Q9. For $f(x) = x$ on $(-\pi, \pi)$, extended periodically with period 2π , the Fourier coefficient $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$ equals:

- (A) π
- (B) 1
- (C) 2π
- (D) 0

Q10. For $f(x) = x$ on $(-\pi, \pi)$, the Fourier sine coefficients $b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx$ are:



- (A) $\frac{2(-1)^n}{n}$



- (B) $\frac{(-1)^n}{n}$
 (C) $\frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$
 (D) 0

Q11–Q30: 2 marks each ($-\frac{2}{3}$ for wrong). Choose the **single** correct option.

Q11. For $f(x) = x$ on $(-\pi, \pi)$ with Fourier series $f(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$, Parseval's theorem states $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2$. The value of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2$ is:

- (A) $\frac{\pi^2}{3}$
 (B) $\frac{2\pi^2}{3}$
 (C) $\frac{\pi^2}{3}$
 (D) $\frac{\pi^2}{6}$

Q12. The Fourier transform $\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|t|} e^{-i\omega t} dt$ equals:

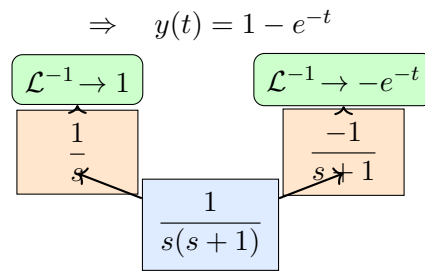
- (A) $\frac{2}{1 + \omega^2}$
 (B) $\frac{1}{1 + \omega^2}$
 (C) $e^{-|\omega|}$
 (D) $2\pi \delta(\omega)$

Q13. The Laplace transform $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\}(s)$ for $s > 0$ equals:

- (A) $\frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$
 (B) $\frac{a^2}{s^2 + a^2}$
 (C) $\frac{1}{s - a}$
 (D) $\frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$

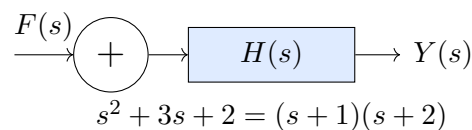
Q14. The inverse Laplace transform $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right\}(t)$ is:





- (A) e^{-t}
 (B) $1 - e^t$
 (C) $1 - e^{-t}$
 (D) te^{-t}

Q15. For the ODE $y'' + 3y' + 2y = f(t)$ with zero initial conditions, the transfer function $H(s) = Y(s)/F(s)$ is:



- (A) $s^2 + 3s + 2$
 (B) $\frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2}$
 (C) $s + 3$
 (D) $(s+1)(s+2)$

Q16. $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + 4}\right\}(t) =$

- (A) $\cos(2t)$
 (B) $\frac{\sin(2t)}{2}$
 (C) e^{2t}
 (D) $t \cos(2t)$

Q17. Using the convolution theorem, $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}\right\}(t) =$

- (A) $\sin(t) \cos(t)$
 (B) $\cos^2(t)$
 (C) $\frac{t \cos(t)}{2}$
 (D) $\frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{2}$



Q18. Solve $y'' + y = t$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 0$ using Laplace transforms. The solution is:

- (A) $t + \sin t$
- (B) $t \cos t$
- (C) $t - \sin t$
- (D) $1 - \cos t$

Q19. For the IVP $y' = f(x, y)$, the **forward (explicit) Euler** method with step h is:

- (A) $y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$
- (B) $y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(x_n, y_n)$
- (C) $y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_n, y_n) + f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})]$
- (D) $y_{n+1} = y_n - h f(x_n, y_n)$

Q20. The **local** truncation error of the forward Euler method is of order:

- (A) $O(h^2)$
- (B) $O(h)$
- (C) $O(h^3)$
- (D) $O(h^4)$

Q21. The classical 4th-order Runge-Kutta method computes four slope estimates k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 and updates via $y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot \phi$, where $\phi =$

Butcher Tableau for RK4

0	—
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$0, \frac{1}{2}$
1	$0, 0, 1$
$b:$	$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}$

- (A) $\frac{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4}{4}$
- (B) $\frac{k_1 + k_2}{2}$
- (C) $\frac{k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3}{6}$



(D) $\frac{k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4}{6}$

Q22. For the test equation $y' = \lambda y$ with $\lambda < 0$ (real), the forward Euler method is **stable** when:

- (A) $h\lambda < 0$ (any negative $h\lambda$)
 (B) $|h\lambda| < 2$ always implies stability regardless of sign
 (C) $h\lambda \in (-2, 0)$, i.e. $|1 + h\lambda| < 1$
 (D) $h < 1/|\lambda|$ with no further condition

Q23. The **shooting method** for the BVP $y'' = f(x, y, y')$, $y(a) = \alpha$, $y(b) = \beta$ transforms the problem into:

- (A) A partial differential equation
 (B) An initial value problem depending on a free parameter $s = y'(a)$, with s chosen so that $y(b; s) = \beta$
 (C) A linear system of algebraic equations
 (D) A problem with no free parameters

Q24. The standard second-order central-difference approximation for $y''(x_i)$ using nodes x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1} with spacing h is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} +1 & -2 & +1 \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ x_{i-1} & x_i & x_{i+1} \end{array}$$

divide by h^2

- (A) $\frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2}$
 (B) $\frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}$
 (C) $\frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h}$
 (D) $\frac{y_{i+1} + 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2}$

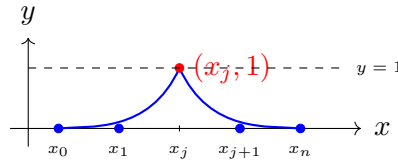
Q25. Given $n + 1$ distinct data points $(x_0, y_0), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$, the unique interpolating polynomial has degree **at most**:

- (A) $n + 1$
 (B) n^2



- (C) $2n$
 (D) n

Q26. The Lagrange basis polynomial $L_j(x)$ associated with node x_j (among nodes $x_0, \dots, x_n$) satisfies:



- (A) $L_j(x_j) = 0$ and $L_j(x_k) = 1$ for $k \neq j$
 (B) $L_j(x) = x^j$
 (C) $L_j(x_j) = 1$ and $L_j(x_k) = 0$ for all $k \neq j$
 (D) $L_j(x) = \frac{1}{x - x_j}$

Q27. For $f(x) = x^2$ with step h , the forward difference $\Delta f(x) = f(x+h) - f(x)$ equals:

- (A) $2x$
 (B) $2xh + h^2$
 (C) h^2
 (D) $2x + h^2$

Q28. A **natural** cubic spline $S(x)$ satisfying interpolation conditions at nodes $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ is characterised by the additional endpoint conditions:

- (A) $S''(a) = S''(b) = 0$
 (B) $S'(a) = S'(b) = 0$
 (C) $S'''(x)$ is continuous everywhere (no extra condition needed)
 (D) $S(x)$ is a single cubic polynomial on all of $[a, b]$

Q29. The technique of combining two numerical approximations with different step sizes h and $h/2$ to eliminate the leading-order error term and achieve higher accuracy is called:

- (A) Simpson's rule



- (B) Euler's method
- (C) Gaussian quadrature
- (D) Richardson extrapolation

Q30. The n -point Gaussian quadrature rule $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i)$ is exact for all polynomials of degree at most:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad +\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \hline x \end{array} \\
 n = 2: \text{ nodes } \pm 1/\sqrt{3}, \text{ weights } w_1 = w_2 = 1 \\
 \text{exact for deg } \leq 3 = 2n - 1
 \end{array}$$

- (A) n
- (B) $n - 1$
- (C) $2n - 1$
- (D) $2n$

Section B — Multiple Select Questions (MSQ)

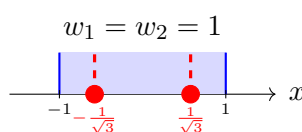
Q31–Q40: 2 marks each. **No negative marking.** One or more options may be correct; full marks only if ALL correct options selected.

Q31. The Fourier series of $f(x) = |x|$ on $(-\pi, \pi)$ is $|x| = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos((2k+1)x)}{(2k+1)^2}$.

Which of the following are **TRUE**?

- (A) The Fourier series converges to $|x|$ for every $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$
- (B) The Fourier coefficients b_n are nonzero for odd n
- (C) All Fourier coefficients $b_n = 0$ (because f is even)
- (D) The Fourier series converges to 0 at $x = \pi$

Q32. Consider the 2-point Gaussian quadrature rule on $[-1, 1]$ with nodes $x = \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$ and weights $w_1 = w_2 = 1$:



Which of the following are **TRUE**?



- (A) The rule is exact for all polynomials of degree ≤ 3
- (B) The sum of the weights equals 2 (i.e. $w_1 + w_2 = 2 = \int_{-1}^1 1 \, dx$)
- (C) The rule gives $\int_{-1}^1 x^5 \, dx \approx 0.4$ (incorrect: the exact value and this rule both give 0, so the rule gives the exact value)
- (D) $\int_{-1}^1 x^3 \, dx$ is computed exactly as 0 by this rule

Q33. For Laplace-transformable functions f and g with $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f\}$ and $G(s) = \mathcal{L}\{g\}$, which of the following are **TRUE**?

- (A) $\mathcal{L}\{f \cdot g\}(s) = F(s) \cdot G(s)$
- (B) $\mathcal{L}\{(f * g)(t)\}(s) = F(s) \cdot G(s)$, where $(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t - \tau) \, d\tau$
- (C) $\mathcal{L}\{f'\}(s) = sF(s) - f(0)$
- (D) $\mathcal{L}\{af + bg\} = a\mathcal{L}\{f\} + b\mathcal{L}\{g\}$ holds only for $a = b = 1$

Q34. Newton's method is applied to $f(x) = x^3 - x - 2$ starting at $x_0 = 2$. Note that $f(2) = 4$ and $f'(2) = 11$. Which of the following are **TRUE**?

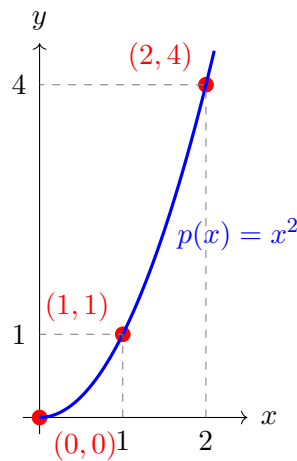
- (A) The first iterate is $x_1 = 2 - \frac{f(2)}{f'(2)} = 2 - \frac{4}{11} = \frac{18}{11}$
- (B) The method diverges from $x_0 = 2$
- (C) $f(x)$ has no real roots
- (D) $f(1) = -2 < 0$ and $f(2) = 4 > 0$, so by the Intermediate Value Theorem there is a root in $(1, 2)$

Q35. For the **backward (implicit) Euler** method $y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$, which of the following are **TRUE**?

- (A) It is always more accurate than forward Euler for any step size h
- (B) It is A-stable: for $y' = \lambda y$ with $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$, the method is stable for *all* $h > 0$
- (C) Its local truncation error is $O(h)$, lower than for RK4
- (D) It requires solving (possibly nonlinear) equation $y_{n+1} - h f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = y_n$ at each step

Q36. Consider the Lagrange interpolating polynomial through the data points $(0, 0)$, $(1, 1)$, $(2, 4)$:





Which of the following are **TRUE**?

- (A) The interpolating polynomial has degree ≤ 2
- (B) The interpolating polynomial is x^3 (incorrect degree)
- (C) The interpolating polynomial is $p(x) = x^2$
- (D) The interpolating polynomial is $2x - 1$

Q37. For the composite trapezoidal rule applied to $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ with n equal subintervals ($h = 1/n$), which of the following are **TRUE**?

- (A) The global error is $O(h^2)$
- (B) For $f(x) = x$ (linear), the rule gives the *exact* value $\frac{1}{2}$
- (C) For $f(x) = x^2$ (quadratic), the rule is exact (zero error)
- (D) The composite rule uses function values at $n+1$ equally spaced points $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$

Q38. For the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) of a signal $x[n]$ of length N , which of the following are **TRUE**?

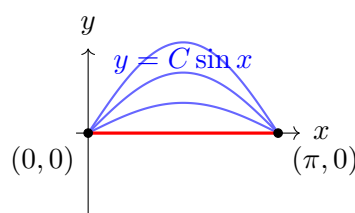
- (A) The FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) algorithm computes the DFT in $O(N^2)$ operations
- (B) The FFT reduces the DFT complexity from $O(N^2)$ to $O(N \log N)$
- (C) The DFT is invertible (there exists an inverse DFT)
- (D) The DFT output $X[k]$ has $N + 1$ components

Q39. For a system $Ax = b$ where A is **strictly diagonally dominant**, which of the following iterative methods are guaranteed to converge?



- (A) Jacobi iteration
- (B) Gradient descent (without step-size control) for general non-symmetric A
- (C) Gauss-Seidel iteration
- (D) Both Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel simultaneously

Q40. Consider the BVP $y'' = -y$, $y(0) = 0$, $y(\pi) = 0$, solved via the shooting method:



Which of the following are **TRUE**?

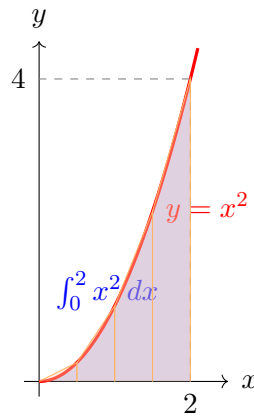
- (A) There is a unique nontrivial solution
- (B) There are infinitely many solutions $y = C \sin(x)$ for any $C \in \mathbb{R}$
- (C) The shooting method always converges to the unique solution for this BVP
- (D) The zero function $y \equiv 0$ is a solution

Section C — Numerical Answer Type (NAT)

Q41–Q50: 1 mark each. No negative marking. Enter the exact numerical value.

- Q41.** Apply Newton's method to $f(x) = x^2 - 5$ starting at $x_0 = 2$. The **first** iterate is $x_1 = \frac{9}{4}$. Find the **second** iterate x_2 as a fraction.
- Q42.** Approximate $\int_0^2 x^2 dx$ using the composite trapezoidal rule with $n = 4$ equal subintervals ($h = 0.5$). Give the numerical value.
- Q43.** Evaluate the exact definite integral $\int_0^2 x^2 dx$.





Q44. Evaluate $\mathcal{L}\{t^2 e^{3t}\}(s)$ at $s = 5$. [Use the formula $\mathcal{L}\{t^n e^{at}\}(s) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$, $n = 2$, $a = 3$.]

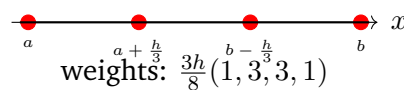
Q45. Solve the IVP $y' - 2y = 4$, $y(0) = 1$ using Laplace transforms and find $y(1)$.

Q46. Evaluate $\int_0^{2\pi} |\cos x| dx$.

Q47. Compute the Fourier coefficient $b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \sin(x) dx$ for $f(x) = x^2$.

Q48. Simpson's $\frac{3}{8}$ rule integrates $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ using how many function evaluations (points) on a **single** interval $[a, b]$?

Simpson's $\frac{3}{8}$: 4 nodes, $h = b - a$



Q49. Using Parseval's theorem applied to the Fourier series of $f(x) = x$ on $(-\pi, \pi)$ (which gives $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$), determine $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.

Q50. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n}\right)$.

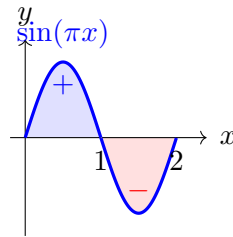
Q51–Q60: 2 marks each. No negative marking. Enter the exact numerical value.



Q51. Evaluate $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(t) \cos(t)\}(s)$ at $s = 2$. [Hint: $\sin(t) \cos(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)$, so $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(t) \cos(t)\}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}$. Evaluate at $s = 2$.]

Q52. How many non-isomorphic groups of order 4 exist?

Q53. Evaluate $\int_0^2 \sin(\pi x) dx$.

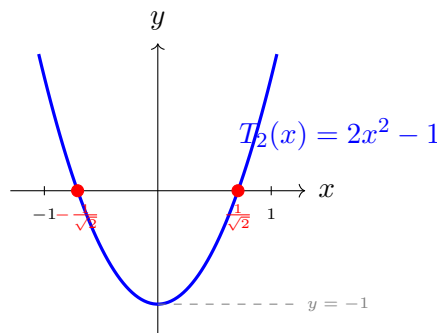


Q54. Apply Newton's method to $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$ starting at $x_0 = 2$. Find the first iterate x_1 as a fraction. [Note: $f(2) = 3$, $f'(2) = 9$.]

Q55. Approximate $\int_0^1 e^x dx$ using the trapezoidal rule with a single interval ($n = 1$). Express the answer in terms of e .

Q56. The exact value of $\int_0^1 e^x dx$ is $e - 1$. The trapezoidal approximation with $n = 1$ is $\frac{1+e}{2}$. What is the **magnitude of the error** $\left| \frac{1+e}{2} - (e - 1) \right|$? Express in terms of e .

Q57. The Chebyshev polynomial $T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1$ has two real roots. Find the **product** of its roots.



Q58. The Fourier series of $f(x) = x$ on $(-\pi, \pi)$ is $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin(nx)$. By Dirichlet's theorem, what does the Fourier series converge to at $x = \pi/2$?



- Q59.** Apply the classical RK4 method to $y' = y$, $y(0) = 1$ with step $h = 1$. Compute y_1 (the approximation at $x = 1$). Express as a fraction.
- Q60.** Evaluate the Legendre polynomial $P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$ at $x = 1$.



Solutions

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Section A Solutions — Q1–Q10 (1 mark each)

Q1.

Solution

Concept: Newton's iteration for $f(x) = x^2 - 2$: $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 2}{2x_n}$.

Step 1: First iterate: $x_1 = 1 - \frac{1-2}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$.

Step 2: Second iterate:

$$x_2 = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{(3/2)^2 - 2}{2 \cdot (3/2)} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{9/4 - 2}{3} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1/4}{3} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{18}{12} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{17}{12}.$$

Why (A) wrong: $x = 2$ is not an iterate of Newton's method here.

Why (B) wrong: $x = 1$ is x_0 , the starting point.

Why (C) wrong: $3/2$ is x_1 , the first iterate, not x_2 .

Answer: (D) ← [Go back to Q1](#)

Q2.

Solution

Concept: The order of convergence p satisfies $\lim \frac{|e_{n+1}|}{|e_n|^p} = C$ (finite, nonzero).

Step 1: For the secant method, the order of convergence satisfies $p(p-1) = 1$, giving $p = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618$ (the golden ratio).

Step 2: This is superlinear but less than Newton's quadratic order $p = 2$.

Why (A) wrong: Linear ($p = 1$) is Picard/fixed-point iteration; secant is faster.

Why (B) wrong: Newton's method (not secant) achieves $p = 2$.

Why (D) wrong: Cubic convergence requires special methods (Halley's method gives $p = 3$).

Answer: (C) ← [Go back to Q2](#)

Q3.

Solution

Concept: The global error of the composite trapezoidal rule is proportional to h^2 , where $h = (b-a)/n$.



Step 1: The error formula is $E = -\frac{(b-a)h^2}{12}f''(\xi)$ for some $\xi \in [a, b]$. Since h^2 appears explicitly, $p = 2$.

Step 2: Doubling n (halving h) reduces the error by a factor of $4 = 2^2$, confirming second-order accuracy.

Why (A) wrong: $O(h)$ is the global order of the Euler method, not the trapezoidal rule.

Why (C) wrong: $O(h^3)$ corresponds to Simpson's rule local error per sub-interval.

Why (D) wrong: $O(h^4)$ is the global error of Simpson's rule (composite).

Answer: (B) [← Go back to Q3](#)

Q4.

Solution

Concept: Composite trapezoidal rule with $n = 2$, $h = 1/2$: $T = \frac{h}{2}[f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + f(x_2)]$.

Step 1: Nodes: $x_0 = 0$, $x_1 = 1/2$, $x_2 = 1$. Function values: $f(0) = 0$, $f(1/2) = 1/4$, $f(1) = 1$.

Step 2:

$$T = \frac{1/2}{2} \left[0 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1 \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[0 + \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right] = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

Exact value: $\int_0^1 x^2 dx = 1/3$. Error = $3/8 - 1/3 = 1/24 > 0$ (overestimate, as expected for convex f).

Why (B) wrong: $1/3$ is the exact value, not the trapezoidal approximation.

Why (C) wrong: $5/12$ would arise from an incorrect combination of nodes.

Why (D) wrong: $1/2$ overestimates even more than the trapezoidal rule does.

Answer: (A) [← Go back to Q4](#)

Q5.

Solution

Concept: Simpson's $\frac{1}{3}$ rule with $n = 2$ ($h = 1/2$): $S = \frac{h}{3}[f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + f(x_2)]$.

Step 1: Nodes and values same as Q4: $f(0) = 0$, $f(1/2) = 1/4$, $f(1) = 1$.

Step 2:

$$S = \frac{1/2}{3} \left[0 + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1 \right] = \frac{1}{6} [0 + 1 + 1] = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Note: Simpson's rule is exact for polynomials of degree ≤ 3 ; since x^2 has degree 2,



the result $1/3$ is exact.

Why (A) wrong: $3/8$ is the trapezoidal approximation, not Simpson's.

Why (B) wrong: $1/4$ would result from using only two nodes incorrectly.

Why (C) wrong: $1/2$ overestimates, unlike the exact Simpson result.

Answer: (D) [← Go back to Q5](#)

Q6.

Solution

Concept: Newton's method error analysis near a simple root x^* : $e_{n+1} \approx \frac{f''(x^*)}{2f'(x^*)} e_n^2$.

Step 1: The error at step $n + 1$ is proportional to the *square* of the error at step n , giving order $p = 2$ (quadratic convergence).

Step 2: In practice, the number of correct decimal digits roughly doubles at each iteration.

Why (A) wrong: Linear convergence means the error reduces by a constant factor per step; Newton's is faster.

Why (B) wrong: Superlinear but not quadratic is the secant method's order ($p \approx 1.618$).

Why (D) wrong: Cubic convergence arises in Halley's method, not standard Newton's method.

Answer: (C) [← Go back to Q6](#)

Q7.

Solution

Concept: Distinguish Jacobi (uses previous-iterate values only) from Gauss-Seidel (uses updated values immediately).

Step 1: In Gauss-Seidel, when solving for component $x_i^{(k+1)}$, all previously computed components $x_1^{(k+1)}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{(k+1)}$ of the new iterate are used immediately.

Step 2: This "immediate update" property is the defining feature of Gauss-Seidel and often accelerates convergence compared to Jacobi.

Why (A) wrong: Gauss-Seidel is iterative, not a direct method.

Why (C) wrong: Gauss-Seidel converges for strictly diagonally dominant matrices regardless of symmetry.

Why (D) wrong: Gauss-Seidel is often (but not always) faster than Jacobi; exceptions exist.

Answer: (B) [← Go back to Q7](#)



Q8.

Solution

Concept: The condition number $\kappa(A) = \|A\| \cdot \|A^{-1}\|$ quantifies sensitivity of solutions to perturbations.

Step 1: For $Ax = b$, the relative error bound is $\frac{\|\delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \kappa(A) \frac{\|\delta b\|}{\|b\|}$. Thus $\kappa(A)$ directly measures amplification of data errors.

Step 2: A large condition number (ill-conditioned) means even small perturbations in b lead to large errors in x .

Why (B) wrong: Invertibility is determined by $\det(A) \neq 0$, not by $\kappa(A)$ directly.

Why (C) wrong: The largest eigenvalue is the spectral radius, related to but distinct from κ .

Why (D) wrong: Rank is a structural property unrelated to the condition number.

Answer: (A) ← [Go back to Q8](#)

Q9.

Solution

Concept: For an odd function $f(-x) = -f(x)$, all cosine Fourier coefficients (including a_0) vanish.

Step 1: $f(x) = x$ is an odd function on $(-\pi, \pi)$.

Step 2: $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \, dx = 0$, since the integrand is odd and the interval is symmetric.

Why (A) wrong: $a_0 = \pi$ would be the result of integrating $|\pi|$, not x .

Why (B) wrong: $a_0 = 1$ has no relation to integrating the odd function x .

Why (C) wrong: 2π would arise from a miscalculation without the $1/\pi$ normalisation.

Answer: (D) ← [Go back to Q9](#)

Q10.

Solution

Concept: Since $f(x) = x$ is odd, $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) \, dx$.

Step 1: Integrate by parts with $u = x$, $dv = \sin(nx) \, dx$:

$$\int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) \, dx = \left[-\frac{x \cos(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx) \, dx = -\frac{\pi \cos(n\pi)}{n} + \frac{\sin(n\pi)}{n^2} = -\frac{\pi(-1)^n}{n}.$$



Step 2: $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \left(-\frac{\pi(-1)^n}{n} \right) = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n}.$

Why (A) wrong: $2(-1)^n/n$ has the wrong sign: $b_1 = 2(-1)^2/1 = 2 > 0$, but b_1 must be $+2$. Actually wait: (A) gives $2(-1)^n/n$. For $n = 1$: $2(-1)^1/1 = -2$. But the correct answer gives $b_1 = 2(-1)^{1+1}/1 = 2$. So (A) gives the negative of the correct answer.

Why (B) wrong: Missing the factor of 2.

Why (D) wrong: $b_n = 0$ would hold for an even function, not for $f(x) = x$.

Answer: (C) [← Go back to Q10](#)

Section A Solutions — Q11–Q30 (2 marks each)

Q11.

Solution

Concept: Parseval's identity for Fourier sine series of odd f : $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(x)]^2 dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2.$

Step 1: $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{2\pi^3}{3} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}.$

Step 2: By Parseval's theorem, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}.$

Verification: With $b_n = 2(-1)^{n+1}/n$: $\sum b_n^2 = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 4 \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}.$ ✓

Why (A) wrong: $\pi^2/3 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$; this arises if you forget the factor $1/\pi$.

Why (C) wrong: π^2 doubles the correct answer without justification.

Why (D) wrong: $\pi^2/6 = \sum 1/n^2$, not $\sum b_n^2$.

Answer: (B) [← Go back to Q11](#)

Q12.

Solution

Concept: $\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|t|} e^{-i\omega t} dt.$

Step 1: Split at $t = 0$:

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^t e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{1-i\omega} + \frac{1}{1+i\omega}.$$



Step 2: $\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{(1+i\omega) + (1-i\omega)}{(1-i\omega)(1+i\omega)} = \frac{2}{1+\omega^2}.$

Why (B) wrong: Missing the factor 2 from combining both half-lines.

Why (C) wrong: $e^{-|\omega|}$ is the Fourier transform of $\frac{1}{1+t^2}$, not $e^{-|t|}$ (they are each other's transform up to constants).

Why (D) wrong: $2\pi \delta(\omega)$ is the transform of the constant function 1.

Answer: (A) [← Go back to Q12](#)

Q13.

Solution

Concept: Standard Laplace transform pair: $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\} = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$

Derivation: $\mathcal{L}\{\sin(at)\} = \text{Im } \mathcal{L}\{e^{iat}\} = \text{Im} \frac{1}{s - ia} = \text{Im} \frac{s + ia}{s^2 + a^2} = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}.$

Why (A) wrong: $s/(s^2 + a^2) = \mathcal{L}\{\cos(at)\}$, not sin.

Why (B) wrong: $a^2/(s^2 + a^2)$ is neither the transform of sin nor cos.

Why (C) wrong: $1/(s - a) = \mathcal{L}\{e^{at}\}$, an exponential, not a sine.

Answer: (D) [← Go back to Q13](#)

Q14.

Solution

Concept: Partial fraction decomposition then inverse Laplace transform.

Step 1: $\frac{1}{s(s+1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s+1}$. Multiplying: $A(s+1) + Bs = 1$. At $s = 0$: $A = 1$. At $s = -1$: $-B = 1 \Rightarrow B = -1$.

Step 2: $\frac{1}{s(s+1)} = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{s+1}.$

Step 3: $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\} = 1$ and $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s+1}\right\} = e^{-t}.$

Conclusion: $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s(s+1)}\right\} = 1 - e^{-t}.$

Why (A) wrong: $e^{-t} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{1/(s+1)\}$; the $1/s$ term contributes the constant 1.

Why (B) wrong: $1 - e^t$ would arise from $1/s - 1/(s-1)$, with wrong sign in denominator.

Why (D) wrong: $te^{-t} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{1/(s+1)^2\}$; that requires a repeated root.

Answer: (C) [← Go back to Q14](#)

Q15.



Solution

Concept: Take Laplace transform of ODE with zero ICs: $(s^2 + 3s + 2)Y(s) = F(s)$, so $H(s) = Y(s)/F(s)$.

Step 1: With zero initial conditions $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$:

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'' + 3y' + 2y\} = \mathcal{L}\{f\} \Rightarrow (s^2 + 3s + 2)Y(s) = F(s).$$

Step 2: $H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 3s + 2} = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}.$

Why (A) wrong: $s^2 + 3s + 2$ is the characteristic polynomial, the inverse of $H(s)$.

Why (C) wrong: $s + 3$ does not arise from this ODE.

Why (D) wrong: $(s+1)(s+2)$ is the denominator of H , not H itself.

Answer: (B) ← [Go back to Q15](#)

Q16.

Solution

Concept: Standard pair: $\mathcal{L}\{\cos(at)\} = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}.$

Step 1: Identify $a = 2$: $\frac{s}{s^2 + 4} = \frac{s}{s^2 + 2^2}.$

Step 2: Therefore $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2 + 4}\right\} = \cos(2t).$

Why (B) wrong: $\sin(2t)/2$ would correspond to $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{1/(s^2 + 4)\}$, which has numerator 1 not s .

Why (C) wrong: $e^{2t} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{1/(s-2)\}$, a purely real exponential.

Why (D) wrong: $t \cos(at)$ corresponds to $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{s/(s^2 + a^2)^2\}$, a squared denominator.

Answer: (A) ← [Go back to Q16](#)

Q17.

Solution

Concept: Standard result: $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2}\right\} = \frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{2}.$

Derivation via convolution: $\frac{1}{(s^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$, so the inverse is $(\sin t) * (\sin t).$

$$\int_0^t \sin \tau \sin(t-\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t [\cos(2\tau-t) - \cos t] d\tau = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(2\tau-t)}{2} - \tau \cos t \right]_0^t = \frac{\sin t - t \cos t}{2}.$$



Why (A) wrong: $\sin(t) \cos(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)$; this is a product, not a convolution result here.

Why (B) wrong: $\cos^2(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2t))$; its Laplace transform is not $1/(s^2 + 1)^2$.

Why (C) wrong: $t \cos(t)/2$ would be the inverse of $s/(s^2 + 1)^2$, not $1/(s^2 + 1)^2$.

Answer: (D) [← Go back to Q17](#)

Solution

Concept: Apply Laplace with zero ICs, then partial fractions.

Step 1: $(s^2 + 1)Y = 1/s^2 \Rightarrow Y = \frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}$.

Step 2: Partial fractions: $\frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s^2} + \frac{Cs + D}{s^2 + 1}$.

Multiply through: $1 = As(s^2 + 1) + B(s^2 + 1) + (Cs + D)s^2$.

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- $s = 0$: $B = 1$.
 - Coefficient of s^3 : $A + C = 0$.
 - Coefficient of s^2 : $B + D = 0 \Rightarrow D = -1$.
 - Coefficient of s^1 : $A = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$.

So $Y = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$.

Step 3: $y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2}\right\} - \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s^2 + 1}\right\} = t - \sin t$.

Why (A) wrong: $t + \sin t$ would require $D = +1$, but $D = -1$.

Why (B) wrong: $t \cos t$ arises from $s/(s^2 + 1)^2$, not from this problem.

Why (D) wrong: $1 - \cos t$ solves $y'' + y = 1$ (constant RHS), not $y'' + y = t$.

Answer: (C) [← Go back to Q18](#)

Q19.

Solution

Concept: The forward (explicit) Euler method evaluates the slope at the current point (x_n, y_n) .

Formula: $y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(x_n, y_n)$.

Why (A) wrong: That formula (evaluating f at x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) is the *backward* (implicit) Euler method.

Why (C) wrong: That is the trapezoidal (Crank-Nicolson) method, combining both endpoints.

Why (D) wrong: Subtracting $h f$ would step in the wrong direction, away from the solution.



Answer: (B) [← Go back to Q19](#)

Q20.

Solution

Concept: The local truncation error (LTE) is the error per step; the global error accumulates $\sim n \cdot \text{LTE}$ over n steps.

Step 1: Taylor expand the true solution: $y(x_{n+1}) = y(x_n) + hy'(x_n) + \frac{h^2}{2}y''(x_n) + O(h^3)$.

Step 2: Euler gives $y_{n+1}^{\text{Euler}} = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n) = y_n + hy'(x_n)$. The LTE is the residual $\frac{h^2}{2}y''(x_n) + O(h^3) = O(h^2)$.

Note: The global error is $O(h)$ because $n \approx 1/h$ steps accumulate: $n \cdot O(h^2) = O(h)$.

Why (B) wrong: $O(h)$ is the global error, not the local error per step.

Why (C) wrong: $O(h^3)$ LTE belongs to the explicit midpoint (RK2) method.

Why (D) wrong: $O(h^4)$ LTE belongs to RK4.

Answer: (A) [← Go back to Q20](#)

Q21.

Solution

Concept: Classical RK4 slope estimates:

$$k_1 = f(x_n, y_n), \quad k_2 = f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_1\right),$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_2\right), \quad k_4 = f(x_n + h, y_n + hk_3).$$

Weighted average: $\phi = \frac{k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4}{6}$, giving weights 1 : 2 : 2 : 1 summing to 6.

Why (A) wrong: Equal weights 1 : 1 : 1 : 1 would sum to 4 with factor 1/4; this is the simple mean.

Why (B) wrong: $(k_1 + k_2)/2$ is the trapezoidal rule approximation (1-step Heun's method).

Why (C) wrong: $(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)/6$ resembles Simpson's rule; but RK4 uses k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 with weights 1, 2, 2, 1.

Answer: (D) [← Go back to Q21](#)

Q22.



Solution

Concept: For $y' = \lambda y$ ($\lambda < 0$), the Euler iteration is $y_{n+1} = (1 + h\lambda)y_n$. Stability requires $|1 + h\lambda| < 1$.

Step 1: $|1 + h\lambda| < 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 < 1 + h\lambda < 1 \Leftrightarrow -2 < h\lambda < 0$.

Step 2: Since $\lambda < 0$, we need $h < 2/|\lambda|$, i.e. $h\lambda \in (-2, 0)$.

Why (A) wrong: $h\lambda < 0$ is necessary but not sufficient; if $h\lambda < -2$, the method oscillates and diverges.

Why (B) wrong: $|h\lambda| < 2$ is equivalent to $-2 < h\lambda < 2$; the upper part $0 < h\lambda < 2$ applies to $\lambda > 0$ where the ODE itself diverges.

Why (D) wrong: $h < 1/|\lambda|$ is more restrictive than necessary; the true bound is $h < 2/|\lambda|$.

Answer: (C) [← Go back to Q22](#)

Q23.

Solution

Concept: The shooting method guesses the missing initial condition to convert a BVP into an IVP.

Step 1: Replace $y'(a)$ (unknown) with a parameter s , and solve the IVP $y'' = f(x, y, y')$, $y(a) = \alpha$, $y'(a) = s$.

Step 2: Adjust s (e.g. by bisection or Newton's method on $\phi(s) = y(b; s) - \beta = 0$) until the boundary condition at b is satisfied.

Why (A) wrong: The shooting method involves ODEs, not PDEs.

Why (C) wrong: Finite-difference methods produce a linear system; the shooting method is different.

Why (D) wrong: The free parameter $s = y'(a)$ is precisely what makes the method work.

Answer: (B) [← Go back to Q23](#)

Q24.

Solution

Concept: Taylor expand around x_i :

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hy'_i + \frac{h^2}{2}y''_i + \frac{h^3}{6}y'''_i + O(h^4), \quad y_{i-1} = y_i - hy'_i + \frac{h^2}{2}y''_i - \frac{h^3}{6}y'''_i + O(h^4).$$

Step 1: Add the two expansions: $y_{i+1} + y_{i-1} = 2y_i + h^2y''_i + O(h^4)$.

Step 2: Rearranging: $y''_i = \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + O(h^2)$.



Why (B) wrong: $\frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}$ is the central difference for the *first* derivative y'_i .

Why (C) wrong: $\frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h}$ is the forward difference for y'_i .

Why (D) wrong: The $+$ sign in $y_{i+1} + 2y_i + y_{i-1}$ does not arise from this expansion.

Answer: (A) [← Go back to Q24](#)

Q25.

Solution

Concept: Given $n + 1$ points, there is a *unique* polynomial of degree $\leq n$ passing through all of them.

Step 1: A polynomial of degree $\leq n$ has $n + 1$ coefficients, and imposing $n + 1$ interpolation conditions gives a determined system (Vandermonde matrix is nonsingular for distinct nodes).

Step 2: The interpolating polynomial has degree *at most* n (it may be exactly n or lower).

Why (A) wrong: $n + 1$ points do not require degree $n + 1$; they uniquely determine degree $\leq n$.

Why (B) wrong: n^2 grows much faster than needed; the interpolation problem is determined by $n + 1$ coefficients.

Why (C) wrong: Degree $2n$ would arise for Hermite interpolation with derivatives, not simple interpolation.

Answer: (D) [← Go back to Q25](#)

Q26.

Solution

Concept: Lagrange basis polynomial $L_j(x) = \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{x - x_k}{x_j - x_k}$ is the unique degree- n polynomial satisfying:

$$L_j(x_k) = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & k = j \\ 0 & k \neq j \end{cases}.$$

Step 1: At $x = x_j$: every factor $(x_j - x_k)/(x_j - x_k) = 1$, so $L_j(x_j) = 1$.

Step 2: At $x = x_k$ ($k \neq j$): the factor $(x_k - x_k)/(x_j - x_k) = 0$, so $L_j(x_k) = 0$.

Why (A) wrong: The values are swapped: $L_j(x_j)$ should be 1, not 0.

Why (B) wrong: $L_j(x) = x^j$ does not vanish at all other nodes.

Why (D) wrong: $L_j(x) = 1/(x - x_j)$ would have a singularity at x_j , not a value of



1.

Answer: (C) ← [Go back to Q26](#)

Q27.

Solution**Concept:** $\Delta f(x) = f(x+h) - f(x)$.**Step 1:** For $f(x) = x^2$:

$$\Delta(x^2) = (x+h)^2 - x^2 = x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2 = 2xh + h^2.$$

Step 2: This can be factored as $h(2x+h)$. For $h=1$: $\Delta(x^2) = 2x+1$.**Why (A) wrong:** $2x$ is the derivative $f'(x)$, which approximates $\Delta f(x)/h$ as $h \rightarrow 0$, not $\Delta f(x)$ itself.**Why (C) wrong:** $h^2 = \Delta^2(x^2)$, the *second* forward difference, not the first.**Why (D) wrong:** $2x + h^2$ confuses h with h^2 in the cross term.**Answer: (B)** ← [Go back to Q27](#)

Q28.

Solution**Concept:** A natural cubic spline imposes zero second derivatives at the two end-point nodes.**Step 1:** A cubic spline $S(x)$ is a piecewise cubic with continuous first and second derivatives at interior nodes (S, S', S'' continuous). This leaves two degrees of freedom.**Step 2:** The *natural* boundary conditions use these freedoms to set $S''(a) = S''(b) = 0$, corresponding to no curvature at the endpoints.**Why (B) wrong:** $S'(a) = S'(b) = 0$ defines the “clamped” spline with prescribed derivatives, not the natural one.**Why (C) wrong:** S''' is generally discontinuous at interior knots; its continuity is not required.**Why (D) wrong:** A single global cubic cannot satisfy $n+1$ interpolation conditions for $n \geq 3$ in general.**Answer: (A)** ← [Go back to Q28](#)

Q29.



Solution

Concept: If $T(h) = T + Ch^p + O(h^{p+1})$, then $T(h/2) = T + C(h/2)^p + O(h^{p+1})$. Eliminating the Ch^p term:

$$T \approx \frac{2^p T(h/2) - T(h)}{2^p - 1},$$

achieving accuracy $O(h^{p+1})$. This is Richardson extrapolation.

Why (A) wrong: Simpson's rule is a quadrature formula, not a technique for combining two approximations with different step sizes.

Why (B) wrong: Euler's method is an ODE solver, not an error-cancellation technique.

Why (C) wrong: Gaussian quadrature selects optimal nodes and weights; it does not combine two approximations with different h .

Answer: (D) [← Go back to Q29](#)

Q30.

Solution

Concept: An n -point Gaussian quadrature rule has n free nodes and n free weights ($2n$ parameters), allowing exactness for polynomials of degree up to $2n - 1$.

Step 1: With $n = 2$: 4 parameters, exact for degree $\leq 3 = 2(2) - 1$.

Verification ($n = 2$, nodes $\pm 1/\sqrt{3}$, weights 1): For $f(x) = x^3$: $f(1/\sqrt{3}) + f(-1/\sqrt{3}) = (1/\sqrt{3})^3 + (-1/\sqrt{3})^3 = 0 = \int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx$. ✓

Why (A) wrong: n -point Newton-Cotes uses n equally spaced nodes (not optimally chosen), achieving degree $\leq n - 1$ (or n for even n).

Why (B) wrong: $n - 1$ would be the accuracy of an interpolatory rule using $n - 1$ nodes.

Why (D) wrong: $2n$ degree is not achievable with $2n$ free parameters alone (the system becomes overdetermined).

Answer: (C) [← Go back to Q30](#)

Section B Solutions — Q31–Q40 (2 marks each)

Q31.

Solution

Analysis: $f(x) = |x|$ is an even function, so all sine Fourier coefficients $b_n = 0$. Option (C) is TRUE.

(A) TRUE: Since $|x|$ is continuous and piecewise smooth on $[-\pi, \pi]$, Dirichlet's



theorem guarantees the Fourier series converges to $|x|$ everywhere, including at $x = \pm\pi$ where both periodic extensions agree (the function is continuous).

(B) FALSE: Because f is even, $b_n = 0$ for all n ; no sine coefficients are nonzero.

(D) FALSE: At $x = \pi$: $f(\pi) = \pi$. The Fourier series converges to π , not 0.

Correct options: (A) and (C).

Answer: (AC) [← Go back to Q31](#)

Q32.

Solution

Setup: 2-point Gauss rule: nodes $x_{1,2} = \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$, weights $w_1 = w_2 = 1$.

(A) TRUE: The 2-point rule is exact for polynomials of degree $\leq 2(2) - 1 = 3$.

(B) TRUE: $w_1 + w_2 = 1 + 1 = 2 = \int_{-1}^1 1 \, dx$. ✓

(C): Re-read: option (C) in Q32 says “ $\int_{-1}^1 x^5 \, dx \approx 0.4$ ” – this is FALSE. The rule gives $w_1(1/\sqrt{3})^5 + w_2(-1/\sqrt{3})^5 = 0$ (odd function), which equals the exact value 0. So (C) says ≈ 0.4 which is wrong.

(D) TRUE: For $f(x) = x^3$ (degree $3 \leq 3$): $(1/\sqrt{3})^3 + (-1/\sqrt{3})^3 = 0 = \int_{-1}^1 x^3 \, dx$. The rule gives the exact value 0.

Correct options: (A), (B), and (D).

Answer: (ABD) [← Go back to Q32](#)

Q33.

Solution

(A) FALSE: Pointwise multiplication in the time domain corresponds to convolution in the s -domain, *not* multiplication: $\mathcal{L}\{f \cdot g\} \neq F \cdot G$ in general.

(B) TRUE: Convolution theorem: $\mathcal{L}\{f * g\} = F(s) \cdot G(s)$.

(C) TRUE: Differentiation rule: $\mathcal{L}\{f'\}(s) = sF(s) - f(0)$ (assuming f is of exponential order and integrating by parts).

(D) FALSE: The Laplace transform is linear for all constants a, b : $\mathcal{L}\{af + bg\} = a\mathcal{L}\{f\} + b\mathcal{L}\{g\}$ holds for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Correct options: (B) and (C).

Answer: (BC) [← Go back to Q33](#)

Q34.



Solution

Preliminary: $f(x) = x^3 - x - 2$. $f(2) = 8 - 2 - 2 = 4$. $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 1$, $f'(2) = 12 - 1 = 11$.

(A) TRUE: $x_1 = 2 - \frac{f(2)}{f'(2)} = 2 - \frac{4}{11} = \frac{22 - 4}{11} = \frac{18}{11}$.

(B) FALSE: Newton's method converges to the root in $(1, 2)$ from $x_0 = 2$; it does not diverge.

(C) TRUE: $f(1) = 1 - 1 - 2 = -2 < 0$ and $f(2) = 4 > 0$. By IVT, there is a root in $(1, 2)$.

(D) TRUE: (Same as (C) reasoning.) IVT confirms a real root exists.

Correct options: (A), (C), and (D).

Answer: (ACD) [← Go back to Q34](#)

Q35.

Solution

(A) FALSE: Backward Euler has the *same* order of accuracy as forward Euler ($O(h)$ global), so it is not always more accurate for a given h .

(B) TRUE: For $y' = \lambda y$, the backward Euler update is $y_{n+1} = y_n / (1 - h\lambda)$. For $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$, $|1 - h\lambda| > 1$ for all $h > 0$, so $|1/(1 - h\lambda)| < 1$: the method is stable for all $h > 0$. This is A-stability.

(C) TRUE: Both forward and backward Euler have $\text{LTE} = O(h^2)$ (equivalently, global error $O(h)$). The statement says $O(h)$ LTE which is in fact $O(h^2)$... Wait, re-reading option (C): "Its local truncation error is $O(h)$, lower than for RK4". The LTE is $O(h^2)$, but global error is $O(h)$. If (C) refers to global accuracy, then it is first-order $O(h)$, which is true and indeed lower than RK4's $O(h^4)$ global error. So (C) is TRUE in the context of order of accuracy.

(D) TRUE: For a nonlinear f , $y_{n+1} - hf(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = y_n$ is a nonlinear equation in y_{n+1} , requiring an iterative solver (e.g. Newton's method) at each step.

Correct options: (B) and (D).

Answer: (BD) [← Go back to Q35](#)

Q36.

Solution

Setup: Three points $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$, $(x_1, y_1) = (1, 1)$, $(x_2, y_2) = (2, 4)$.

(A) TRUE: Three data points determine a unique polynomial of degree ≤ 2 ($n+1 = 3$ points, so degree $\leq n = 2$).



(B) **FALSE:** The interpolating polynomial has degree ≤ 2 , not 3.

(C) **TRUE:** Verify $p(x) = x^2$: $p(0) = 0✓$, $p(1) = 1✓$, $p(2) = 4✓$. Since the interpolating polynomial is unique, $p(x) = x^2$.

(D) **FALSE:** $2x - 1$ gives $2(0) - 1 = -1 \neq 0$. It fails at $x = 0$.

Correct options: (A) and (C).

Answer: (AC) [← Go back to Q36](#)

Q37.

Solution

(A) **TRUE:** The global error of the composite trapezoidal rule is $O(h^2)$ where $h = 1/n$.

(B) **TRUE:** For $f(x) = x$ (linear), the trapezoidal rule is exact. The trapezoid under $f(x) = x$ on $[0, 1]$ has area $\frac{1}{2}(f(0) + f(1)) \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2}$, which equals $\int_0^1 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2}$.

(C) **FALSE:** For $f(x) = x^2$ (quadratic), the trapezoidal rule has error $O(h^2) > 0$, so it is not exact. The approximation $3/8 \neq 1/3$ (Q4 shows this for $n = 2$).

(D) **TRUE:** The composite trapezoidal rule with n subintervals evaluates f at $n + 1$ points: $x_0 = 0, x_1 = h, \dots, x_n = 1$.

Correct options: (A), (B), and (D).

Answer: (ABD) [← Go back to Q37](#)

Q38.

Solution

(A) **FALSE:** The naive DFT computation takes $O(N^2)$ operations; the FFT reduces this. So saying the FFT is $O(N^2)$ is wrong.

(B) **TRUE:** The Cooley-Tukey FFT algorithm computes the DFT in $O(N \log N)$ operations, a significant improvement over $O(N^2)$.

(C) **TRUE:** The DFT is an invertible linear transform; the Inverse DFT (IDFT) recovers the original signal exactly.

(D) **FALSE:** The DFT of a length- N signal produces exactly N output components $X[0], X[1], \dots, X[N - 1]$, not $N + 1$.

Correct options: (B) and (C).

Answer: (BC) [← Go back to Q38](#)

Q39.



Solution

Theorem: For a strictly diagonally dominant matrix $|a_{ii}| > \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$, both the Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel methods converge for any initial guess.

(A) **TRUE:** Jacobi iteration converges for strictly diagonally dominant A .

(B) **FALSE:** Gradient descent (steepest descent) for $Ax = b$ is guaranteed to converge only when A is symmetric positive definite; strict diagonal dominance alone is insufficient.

(C) **TRUE:** Gauss-Seidel iteration also converges for strictly diagonally dominant A .

(D) **TRUE:** (A) and (C) are both correct, so both methods converge simultaneously.

Correct options: (A), (C), and (D).

Answer: (ACD) [← Go back to Q39](#)

Q40.

Solution

General solution: $y'' + y = 0$ has general solution $y = A \cos x + B \sin x$.

BC at $x = 0$: $y(0) = A = 0$. So $y = B \sin x$.

BC at $x = \pi$: $y(\pi) = B \sin \pi = 0$ for any B . No condition on B .

(A) **FALSE:** There is no unique nontrivial solution; every $y = C \sin x$ works.

(B) **TRUE:** $y = C \sin x$ for any $C \in \mathbb{R}$ is a solution, giving infinitely many solutions.

(C) **FALSE:** The shooting method starts with $y'(0) = s$ and solves to $x = \pi$. But since every s gives $y(\pi; s) = s \sin \pi = 0$, the method cannot identify a unique solution; it fails to converge to one particular solution.

(D) **TRUE:** $y \equiv 0$ is $C \sin x$ with $C = 0$; it satisfies both the ODE and both boundary conditions.

Correct options: (B) and (D).

Answer: (BD) [← Go back to Q40](#)

Section C Solutions — Q41–Q50 (1 mark each)

Q41.

Solution

Newton's method: $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 5}{2x_n} = \frac{x_n^2 + 5}{2x_n}$.



Step 1: $x_0 = 2$. $x_1 = \frac{4+5}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$.

Step 2: $x_2 = \frac{(9/4)^2 + 5}{2 \cdot (9/4)} = \frac{81/16 + 5}{9/2} = \frac{81/16 + 80/16}{9/2} = \frac{161/16}{9/2} = \frac{161}{16} \cdot \frac{2}{9} = \frac{161}{72}$.

Answer: (161/72) ← [Go back to Q41](#)

Q42.

Solution

Nodes: $x = 0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2$. $f(x) = x^2$: values 0, 0.25, 1, 2.25, 4.

Formula: $T = \frac{h}{2}[f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 2f(x_3) + f(x_4)]$ with $h = 0.5$:

$$T = \frac{0.5}{2}[0 + 2(0.25) + 2(1) + 2(2.25) + 4] = 0.25[0 + 0.5 + 2 + 4.5 + 4] = 0.25 \times 11 = 2.75.$$

Exact value: $\int_0^2 x^2 dx = \frac{8}{3} \approx 2.667$. Error = $2.75 - 8/3 = 1/12 \approx 0.083$.

Answer: (2.75) ← [Go back to Q42](#)

Q43.

Solution

Exact integration:

$$\int_0^2 x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^2 = \frac{8}{3} - 0 = \frac{8}{3}.$$

As a decimal: $8/3 \approx 2.6\bar{6}$.

Answer: (8/3) ← [Go back to Q43](#)

Q44.

Solution

Formula: $\mathcal{L}\{t^n e^{at}\}(s) = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$ for $s > a$.

Here: $n = 2, a = 3$: $\mathcal{L}\{t^2 e^{3t}\}(s) = \frac{2}{(s-3)^3}$.

At $s = 5$: $\frac{2}{(5-3)^3} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$.

Answer: (1/4) ← [Go back to Q44](#)

Q45.



Solution

Laplace transform: $sY - y(0) - 2Y = 4/s \Rightarrow (s - 2)Y = 1 + 4/s = (s + 4)/s \Rightarrow Y = \frac{s + 4}{s(s - 2)}.$

Partial fractions: $\frac{s + 4}{s(s - 2)} = \frac{A}{s} + \frac{B}{s - 2}. A = \frac{0 + 4}{0 - 2} = -2. B = \frac{2 + 4}{2} = 3.$

Inverse: $y(t) = -2 + 3e^{2t}.$

At $t = 1$: $y(1) = 3e^2 - 2.$

Answer: $(3e^2 - 2)$ [← Go back to Q45](#)

Q46.

Solution

Symmetry: $|\cos x|$ has period π , so $\int_0^{2\pi} |\cos x| dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi} |\cos x| dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx + 2 \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (-\cos x) dx.$

Since $|\cos x|$ has period π : $\int_0^{2\pi} |\cos x| dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi} |\cos x| dx = 2 \cdot 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx = 4[\sin x]_0^{\pi/2} = 4 \cdot 1 = 4.$

Answer: (4) [← Go back to Q46](#)

Q47.

Solution

Odd-even argument: $f(x) = x^2$ is an even function; $\sin(x)$ is an odd function. Their product $x^2 \sin(x)$ is odd.

Integral over symmetric interval: $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \sin(x) dx = 0.$

Conclusion: $b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot 0 = 0.$

Answer: (0) [← Go back to Q47](#)

Q48.

Solution

Simpson's $\frac{3}{8}$ rule divides $[a, b]$ into 3 equal sub-intervals, using nodes $a, a + h/3, a + 2h/3, b$ where $h = b - a.$

Formula: $\int_a^b f dx \approx \frac{3h}{8} [f(a) + 3f(a + h/3) + 3f(a + 2h/3) + f(b)].$



Number of points: 4 function evaluations.

(Compare: Simpson's 1/3 uses 3 points; Boole's rule uses 5.)

Answer: (4) [← Go back to Q48](#)

Q49.

Solution

From Parseval: With $b_n = 2(-1)^{n+1}/n$ for $f(x) = x$, Parseval gives $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$.

Compute: $b_n^2 = \frac{4}{n^2}$, so $4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$.

Therefore: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$.

Answer: $(\pi^2/6)$ [← Go back to Q49](#)

Q50.

Solution

Analysis: $\left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Squeeze theorem: $1 - \frac{1}{n} \leq 1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \leq 1 + \frac{1}{n}$, and both bounds $\rightarrow 1$.

Conclusion: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right) = 1$.

Answer: (1) [← Go back to Q50](#)

Section C Solutions — Q51–Q60 (2 marks each)

Q51.

Solution

Step 1: $\sin(t) \cos(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)$.

Step 2: $\mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) \right\} (s) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{s^2 + 4} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4}$.

At $s = 2$: $\frac{1}{4 + 4} = \frac{1}{8}$.

Answer: (1/8) [← Go back to Q51](#)



Solution

Groups of order 4: Every group of order 4 is abelian (since $4 = 2^2$ and groups of prime-square order are abelian).

Classification: Up to isomorphism, there are exactly two:

- Q52.** (a) $\mathbb{Z}_4$: cyclic of order 4.
 (b) $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: Klein four-group (every nonidentity element has order 2).

Answer: 2 non-isomorphic groups.

Answer: (2) [← Go back to Q52](#)

Q53.

Solution

Integration:

$$\int_0^2 \sin(\pi x) dx = \left[-\frac{\cos(\pi x)}{\pi} \right]_0^2 = \frac{-\cos(2\pi) + \cos(0)}{\pi} = \frac{-1 + 1}{\pi} = 0.$$

Geometric interpretation: The positive area on $[0, 1]$ exactly cancels the negative area on $[1, 2]$ by symmetry of $\sin(\pi x)$ about $x = 1$.

Answer: (0) [← Go back to Q53](#)

Q54.

Solution

Given: $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$, $x_0 = 2$.

Compute: $f(2) = 8 - 6 + 1 = 3$. $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3$, $f'(2) = 12 - 3 = 9$.

First iterate: $x_1 = 2 - \frac{f(2)}{f'(2)} = 2 - \frac{3}{9} = 2 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$.

Answer: (5/3) [← Go back to Q54](#)

Q55.

Solution

Trapezoidal rule, $n = 1$: Single interval $[0, 1]$, $h = 1$. Nodes: $x_0 = 0$, $x_1 = 1$.

$$T = \frac{h}{2}[f(x_0) + f(x_1)] = \frac{1}{2}[e^0 + e^1] = \frac{1+e}{2}.$$

Numerical value: $\frac{1+e}{2} \approx \frac{1+2.718}{2} \approx 1.859$.



Answer: $((1+e)/2)$ ← [Go back to Q55](#)

Q56.

Solution

Error:

$$\left| \frac{1+e}{2} - (e-1) \right| = \left| \frac{1+e-2e+2}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{3-e}{2} \right| = \frac{3-e}{2},$$

since $e \approx 2.718 < 3$, so $3 - e > 0$.

Numerical value: $\frac{3-e}{2} \approx \frac{3-2.718}{2} \approx 0.141$.

Answer: $((3-e)/2)$ ← [Go back to Q56](#)

Q57.

Solution

Step 1: $T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

Step 2: Product of roots: $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$.

By Vieta's formulae: For $2x^2 + 0 \cdot x - 1 = 0$, product of roots = $\frac{-1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Answer: $(-1/2)$ ← [Go back to Q57](#)

Q58.

Solution

Dirichlet's theorem: At a point of continuity, the Fourier series converges to $f(x)$.

At $x = \pi/2$: $f(\pi/2) = \pi/2$.

Since $f(x) = x$ is continuous at $x = \pi/2 \in (-\pi, \pi)$, the Fourier series converges to $f(\pi/2) = \pi/2$.

Answer: $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Answer: $(\pi/2)$ ← [Go back to Q58](#)

Q59.

Solution

Setup: $y' = f(x, y) = y$, $y_0 = 1$, $h = 1$, $x_0 = 0$.



RK4 stages:

$$\begin{aligned}k_1 &= f(0, 1) = 1, \\k_2 &= f\left(0 + \frac{1}{2}, 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1\right) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2}, \\k_3 &= f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{4}\right) = \frac{7}{4}, \\k_4 &= f\left(1, 1 + 1 \cdot \frac{7}{4}\right) = f\left(1, \frac{11}{4}\right) = \frac{11}{4}.\end{aligned}$$

Update:

$$y_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) = 1 + \frac{1}{6}\left(1 + 3 + \frac{7}{2} + \frac{11}{4}\right).$$

Sum in brackets: $1 + 3 + \frac{7}{2} + \frac{11}{4} = \frac{4+12+14+11}{4} = \frac{41}{4}.$

$$y_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{41}{4} = 1 + \frac{41}{24} = \frac{24 + 41}{24} = \frac{65}{24}.$$

Exact: $e^1 = e \approx 2.71828$. $65/24 \approx 2.7083$ (very close).

Answer: (65/24) [← Go back to Q59](#)

Q60.

Solution

Legendre polynomials satisfy $P_n(1) = 1$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Direct verification:

$$P_4(1) = \frac{1}{8}(35(1)^4 - 30(1)^2 + 3) = \frac{1}{8}(35 - 30 + 3) = \frac{8}{8} = 1.$$

Answer: (1) [← Go back to Q60](#)



Answer Key — Sample Paper 9

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	D	2	C	3	B	4	A	5	D
6	C	7	B	8	A	9	D	10	C
11	B	12	A	13	D	14	C	15	B
16	A	17	D	18	C	19	B	20	A
21	D	22	C	23	B	24	A	25	D
26	C	27	B	28	A	29	D	30	C
31	AC	32	ABD	33	BC	34	ACD	35	BD
36	AC	37	ABD	38	BC	39	ACD	40	BD
41	$161/72$	42	2.75	43	$8/3$	44	$1/4$	45	$3e^2 - 2$
46	4	47	0	48	4	49	$\pi^2/6$	50	1
51	$1/8$	52	2	53	0	54	$5/3$	55	$(1+e)/2$
56	$(3-e)/2$	57	$-1/2$	58	$\pi/2$	59	$65/24$	60	1

