# IIT JAM 2021 Mathematics (MA) Question Paper

**Time Allowed :**3 Hours | **Maximum Marks :**100 | **Total questions :**60

## **General Instructions**

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- i) All questions are compulsory. Marks allotted to each question are indicated in the margin.
- ii) Answers must be precise and to the point.
- iii) In numerical questions, all steps of calculation should be shown clearly.
- iv) Use of non-programmable scientific calculators is permitted.
- v) Wherever necessary, write balanced chemical equations with proper symbols and units.
- vi) Rough work should be done only in the space provided in the question paper.

**1.** Let  $0 < \alpha < 1$  be a real number. The number of differentiable functions  $y : [0,1] \to [0,\infty)$ , having continuous derivative on [0,1] and satisfying

$$y'(t) = (y(t))^{\alpha}, t \in [0, 1], y(0) = 0,$$

is

- (A) exactly one.
- (B) exactly two.
- (C) finite but more than two.
- (D) infinite.

**2.** Let  $P : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that P(x) > 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let y be a twice differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$y''(x) + P(x)y'(x) - y(x) = 0$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that there exist two real numbers a,b (a < b) such that y(a) = y(b) = 0. Then

- (A) y(x) = 0 for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .
- (B) y(x) > 0 for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .
- (C) y(x) < 0 for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .
- (D) y(x) changes sign on (a, b).

**3.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying f(x) = f(x+1) for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

- (A) f is not necessarily bounded above.
- (B) There exists a unique  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x_0 + \pi) = f(x_0)$ .
- (C) There is no  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x_0 + \pi) = f(x_0)$ .
- (D) There exist infinitely many  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x_0 + \pi) = f(x_0)$ .

**4.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\int_0^1 f(xt) \, dt = 0. \quad (*)$$

Then

- (A) f must be identically 0 on the whole of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (B) there is an f satisfying (\*) that is identically 0 on (0,1) but not identically 0 on the whole of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (C) there is an f satisfying (\*) that takes both positive and negative values.
- (D) there is an f satisfying (\*) that is 0 at infinitely many points, but is not identically zero.

**5.** Let p and t be positive real numbers. Let  $D_t$  be the closed disc of radius t centered at (0,0), i.e.,

$$D_t = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \le t^2\}.$$

Define

$$I(p,t) = \iint_{D_t} \frac{dx \, dy}{(p^2 + x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

Then  $\lim_{t\to\infty} I(p,t)$  is finite

- (A) only if p > 1.
- (B) only if p = 1.
- (C) only if p < 1.
- (D) for no value of p.
- **6.** How many elements of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{50}$  have order 10?
- (A) 10
- (B)4
- (C) 5
- (D) 8

7. For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $f_n : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a function. From the given choices, pick the statement that is the negation of

"For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and for every real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer N > 0 such that  $\sum_{i=1}^p |f_{N+i}(x)|$ 

- (A) For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and for every real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there does not exist any integer  $N \ge 0$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{p} |f_{N+i}(x)| < \varepsilon$  for every integer p > 0.
- (B) For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and for every real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer N > 0 such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{p} |f_{N+i}(x)| \ge \varepsilon$  for some integer p > 0.
- (C) There exists  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and there exists a real number  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every integer N > 0, there exists an integer p > 0 for which  $\sum_{i=1}^{p} |f_{N+i}(x)| \ge \varepsilon$ .
- (D) There exists  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and there exists a real number  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every integer N > 0 and for every integer p > 0 the inequality  $\sum_{i=1}^{p} |f_{N+i}(x)| < \varepsilon$  holds.
- **8.** Which one of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  has a non-empty interior?
- (A) The set of all irrational numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (B) The set  $\{a \in \mathbb{R} : \sin(a) = 1\}$ .
- (C) The set  $\{b \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 + bx + 1 = 0 \text{ has distinct roots}\}.$
- (D) The set of all rational numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- **9.** For an integer  $k \ge 0$ , let  $P_k$  denote the vector space of all real polynomials in one variable of degree less than or equal to k. Define a linear transformation  $T: P_2 \to P_3$  by

$$T(f(x)) = f''(x) + xf(x).$$

Which one of the following polynomials is **not** in the range of T?

- (A)  $x + x^2$
- (B)  $x^2 + x^3 + 2$
- (C)  $x + x^3 + 2$
- (D) x + 1

10. Let n > 1 be an integer. Consider the following two statements for an arbitrary  $n \times n$  matrix A with complex entries.

**I.** If  $A^k = I_n$  for some integer  $k \ge 1$ , then all the eigenvalues of A are  $k^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity.

II. If, for some integer  $k \ge 1$ , all the eigenvalues of A are  $k^{th}$  roots of unity, then  $A^k = I_n$ . Then

- (A) both I and II are TRUE.
- (B) I is TRUE but II is FALSE.
- (C) I is FALSE but II is TRUE.
- (D) neither I nor II is TRUE.

**11.** Let  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the real vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries,  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Consider the subspace W of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  spanned by  $\{I_n, A, A^2, A^3, \ldots\}$ . Then the dimension of W over  $\mathbb{R}$  is necessarily

- $(A) \infty$ .
- (B)  $n^2$ .
- (C) n.
- (D) at most n.

#### **12.** Let y be the solution of

$$(1+x)y''(x) + y'(x) - \frac{1}{1+x}y(x) = 0, \quad x \in (-1, \infty),$$

with initial conditions y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0.

- (A) y is bounded on  $(0, \infty)$ .
- (B) y is bounded on (-1, 0].
- (C)  $y(x) \ge 2$  on  $(-1, \infty)$ .
- (D) y attains its minimum at x = 0.

#### 13. Consider the surface

$$S = \{(x, y, xy) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 \le 1\}.$$

Let  $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . If  $\hat{n}$  is the continuous unit normal field to the surface S with positive z-component, then

$$\iint_{S} \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} \, dS$$

equals

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- (B)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- (C)  $\pi$
- (D)  $2\pi$

## **14.** Consider the following statements.

**I.** The group  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  has no proper subgroup of finite index.

**II.** The group  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  has no proper subgroup of finite index.

Which one of the following statements is true?

- (A) Both I and II are TRUE.
- (B) I is TRUE but II is FALSE.
- (C) II is TRUE but I is FALSE.
- (D) Neither I nor II is TRUE.

# **15.** Let $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ be a bijective map such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^2} < +\infty.$$

The number of such bijective maps is

- (A) exactly one.
- (B) zero.

- (C) finite but more than one.
- (D) infinite.
- 16. Define

$$S = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3^2} \right) \cdots \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right).$$

Then

- (A)  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- **(B)**  $S = \frac{1}{4}$ .
- (C)  $S = \frac{1}{3}$ .
- (D)  $S = \frac{3}{4}$ .
- **17.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be an infinitely differentiable function such that for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with a < b,

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f''\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right).$$

Then

- (A) f must be a polynomial of degree less than or equal to 2.
- (B) f must be a polynomial of degree greater than 2.
- (C) f is not a polynomial.
- (D) f must be a linear polynomial.
- **18.** Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \cup \{0\}, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{p}, & \text{if } x = \frac{n}{p}, \ n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}, \ p \in \mathbb{N}, \ \gcd(n, p) = 1. \end{cases}$$

- (A) all  $x \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$  are strict local minima for f.
- (B) f is continuous at all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

- (C) f is not continuous at all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ .
- (D) f is not continuous at x = 0.
- **19.** Consider the family of curves  $x^2 y^2 = ky$  with parameter  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . The equation of the orthogonal trajectory to this family passing through (1,1) is given by
- (A)  $x^3 + 3xy^2 = 4$ .
- (B)  $x^2 + 2xy = 3$ .
- (C)  $y^2 + 2x^2y = 3$ .
- (D)  $x^3 + 2xy^2 = 3$ .
- **20.** Which one of the following statements is true?
- (A) Exactly half of the elements in any even-order subgroup of  $S_5$  must be even permutations.
- (B) Any abelian subgroup of  $S_5$  is trivial.
- (C) There exists a cyclic subgroup of  $S_5$  of order 6.
- (D) There exists a normal subgroup of  $S_5$  of index 7.
- **21.** Let  $f:[0,1]\to [0,\infty)$  be a continuous function such that

$$(f(t))^2 < 1 + 2 \int_0^t f(s) \, ds$$
, for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

- (A) f(t) < 1 + t for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
- (B) f(t) > 1 + t for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
- (C) f(t) = 1 + t for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
- (D)  $f(t) < 1 + \frac{t}{2}$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**22.** Let A be an  $n \times n$  invertible matrix and C be an  $n \times n$  nilpotent matrix. If

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$
 is a  $2n \times 2n$  matrix (each  $X_{ij}$  being  $n \times n$ ) that commutes with the  $2n \times 2n$  matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix},$$

then

- (A)  $X_{11}$  and  $X_{22}$  are necessarily zero matrices.
- (B)  $X_{12}$  and  $X_{21}$  are necessarily zero matrices.
- (C)  $X_{11}$  and  $X_{21}$  are necessarily zero matrices.
- (D)  $X_{12}$  and  $X_{22}$  are necessarily zero matrices.
- **23.** Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by

$$D = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(x,0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Consider the function  $f: D \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x,y) = x \sin\left(\frac{1}{y}\right).$$

- (A) f is a discontinuous function on D.
- (B) f is a continuous function on D and cannot be extended continuously to any point outside D.
- (C) f is a continuous function on D and can be extended continuously to  $D \cup \{(0,0)\}$ .
- (D) f is a continuous function on D and can be extended continuously to the whole of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- **24.** Which one of the following statements is true?
- (A)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ .
- (B)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ .

- (C)  $(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Q}/2\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .
- (D)  $(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ .
- **25.** Let y be a twice differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$y''(x) = 2 + e^{-|x|}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Then

- (A) y = 0 has exactly one root.
- (B) y = 0 has exactly two roots.
- (C) y = 0 has more than two roots.
- (D) There exists an  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $y(x_0) \ge y(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- **26.** Let  $f:[0,1]\to [0,1]$  be a non-constant continuous function such that  $f\circ f=f$ . Define

$$E_f = \{x \in [0,1] : f(x) = x\}.$$

- (A)  $E_f$  is neither open nor closed.
- (B)  $E_f$  is an interval.
- (C)  $E_f$  is empty.
- (D)  $E_f$  need not be an interval.
- **27.** Let g be an element of  $S_7$  such that g commutes with the element (2, 6, 4, 3). The number of such g is
- (A) 6
- (B) 4
- (C) 24
- (D) 48

- **28.** Let G be a finite abelian group of odd order. Consider the following two statements:
- **I.** The map  $f: G \to G$  defined by  $f(g) = g^2$  is a group isomorphism.
- II. The product  $\prod_{a \in C} g = e$ .

Which one of the following statements is true?

- (A) Both I and II are TRUE.
- (B) I is TRUE but II is FALSE.
- (C) II is TRUE but I is FALSE.
- (D) Neither I nor II is TRUE.
- **29.** Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer. Let  $A: \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^n$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$A(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = (z_n, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n-1}).$$

Which one of the following statements is true for every  $n \ge 2$ ?

- (A) A is nilpotent.
- (B) All eigenvalues of A are of modulus 1.
- (C) Every eigenvalue of A is either 0 or 1.
- (D) A is singular.
- **30.** Consider the two series

I. 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+(1/n)}}$$
 and II.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^{1/n}}$ .

Which one of the following holds?

- (A) Both I and II converge.
- (B) Both I and II diverge.
- (C) I converges and II diverges.
- (D) I diverges and II converges.

**31.** Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a function with the property that for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , the value of the expression

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} [xy - f(x)]$$

is finite. Define  $g(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} [xy - f(x)]$  for  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

- (A) g is even if f is even.
- (B) f must satisfy  $\lim_{|x|\to\infty} \frac{f(x)}{|x|} = +\infty$ .
- (C) g is odd if f is even.
- (D) f must satisfy  $\lim_{|x|\to\infty} \frac{f(x)}{|x|} = -\infty$ .

**32.** Consider the equation

$$x^{2021} + x^{2020} + \dots + x + 1 = 0.$$

Then

- (A) all real roots are positive.
- (B) exactly one real root is positive.
- (C) exactly one real root is negative.
- (D) no real root is positive.

**33.** Let  $D = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ . Consider the two functions  $u, v : D \to \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$u(x,y) = x^2 - y^2$$
 and  $v(x,y) = xy$ .

Consider the gradients  $\nabla u$  and  $\nabla v$  of the functions u and v, respectively. Then

- (A)  $\nabla u$  and  $\nabla v$  are parallel at each point (x, y) of D.
- (B)  $\nabla u$  and  $\nabla v$  are perpendicular at each point (x, y) of D.
- (C)  $\nabla u$  and  $\nabla v$  do not exist at some points of D.
- (D)  $\nabla u$  and  $\nabla v$  at each point (x, y) of D span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- **34.** Consider the two functions f(x,y) = x + y and g(x,y) = xy 16 defined on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then
- (A) The function f has no global extreme value subject to the condition g = 0.
- (B) The function f attains global extreme values at (4,4) and (-4,-4) subject to the condition g=0.
- (C) The function g has no global extreme value subject to the condition f = 0.
- (D) The function g has a global extreme value at (0,0) subject to the condition f=0.
- **35.** Let  $f:(a,b)\to\mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on (a,b). Which of the following statements is/are true?
- (A) f'(x) > 0 in (a, b) implies that f is increasing in (a, b).
- (B) f is increasing in (a, b) implies that f' > 0 in (a, b).
- (C) If  $f'(x_0) > 0$  for some  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ , then there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x) > f(x_0)$  for all  $x \in (x_0, x_0 + \delta)$ .
- (D) If  $f'(x_0) > 0$  for some  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ , then f is increasing in a neighbourhood of  $x_0$ .
- **36.** Let G be a finite group of order 28. Assume that G contains a subgroup of order 7. Which of the following statements is/are true?
- (A) G contains a unique subgroup of order 7.
- (B) G contains a normal subgroup of order 7.
- (C) G contains no normal subgroup of order 7.
- (D) G contains at least two subgroups of order 7.
- **37.** Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  are connected?
- (A) The set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \text{ is irrational}\}.$
- (B) The set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^3 1 \ge 0\}$ .
- (C) The set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^3 + x + 1 \ge 0\}$ .

(D) The set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^3 - 2x + 1 \ge 0\}$ .

**38.** Consider the four functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$f_1(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 + 7x + 1$$
,  $f_2(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x$ ,  $f_3(x) = \arctan(x)$ ,

and

$$f_4(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Z}, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  are open?

- (A) The range of  $f_1$ .
- (B) The range of  $f_2$ .
- (C) The range of  $f_3$ .
- (D) The range of  $f_4$ .

**39.** Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space and  $T:V\to V$  be a linear transformation. Let  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  denote the range of T and  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  denote the null space of T. If  $\mathrm{rank}(T)=\mathrm{rank}(T^2)$ , then which of the following is/are necessarily true?

- (A)  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \mathcal{N}(T^2)$ .
- (B)  $\mathcal{R}(T) = \mathcal{R}(T^2)$ .
- (C)  $\mathcal{N}(T) \cap \mathcal{R}(T) = \{0\}.$
- (D)  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{0\}.$

**40.** Let m > 1 and n > 1 be integers. Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix such that for some  $m \times 1$  matrix  $b_1$ , the equation  $Ax = b_1$  has infinitely many solutions. Let  $b_2$  denote an  $m \times 1$  matrix different from  $b_1$ . Then  $Ax = b_2$  has

- (A) infinitely many solutions for some  $b_2$ .
- (B) a unique solution for some  $b_2$ .

- (C) no solution for some  $b_2$ .
- (D) finitely many solutions for some  $b_2$ .
- **41.** The number of cycles of length 4 in  $S_6$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **42.** The value of

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(3^n + 5^n + 7^n\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

**43.** Let

$$B = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \le 1\}$$

and define

$$u(x, y, z) = \sin(\pi(1 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)^2)$$

for  $(x, y, z) \in B$ . Then the value of

$$\iiint_{B} \left( \frac{\partial^{2} u}{\partial x^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} u}{\partial y^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} u}{\partial z^{2}} \right) dx dy dz$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

**44.** Consider the subset  $S = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 > 0\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let

$$P(x,y) = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad Q(x,y) = \frac{-x}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

For  $(x,y) \in S$ . If C denotes the unit circle traversed in the counter-clockwise direction, then the value of

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_C (P \, dx + Q \, dy)$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

## **45.** Consider the set

$$A = \{a \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 = a(a+1)(a+2) \text{ has a real root}\}.$$

The number of connected components of A is \_\_\_\_\_.

- **46.** Let V be the real vector space of all continuous functions  $f:[0,2]\to\mathbb{R}$  such that the restriction of f to the interval [0,1] is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2$ , the restriction of f to [1,2] is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 3$ , and f(0)=0. Then the dimension of V is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- **47.** The number of group homomorphisms from the group  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  to the group  $S_3$  is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- **48.** Let  $y: \left(\frac{9}{10}, 3\right) \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function satisfying

$$(x-2y)\frac{dy}{dx} + (2x+y) = 0, \quad x \in \left(\frac{9}{10}, 3\right),$$

and y(1) = 1. Then y(2) equals \_\_\_\_\_.

## **49.** Let

$$\vec{F} = (y+1)e^y \cos(x) \hat{i} + (y+2)e^y \sin(x) \hat{j}$$

be a vector field in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and C be a continuously differentiable path with starting point (0,1) and end point  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2},0\right)$ . Then

$$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

equals \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **50.** The value of

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{n \to \infty} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{16}\right) \cdots \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}}\right)$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

- **51.** The number of elements of order two in the group  $S_4$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- **52.** The least possible value of k, accurate up to two decimal places, for which the following problem has a solution is:

$$y''(t) + 2y'(t) + ky(t) = 0, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

with y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0, y(1/2) = 1.

**53.** Consider those continuous functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  that have the property that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}$$
 if and only if  $f(x+1) \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

The number of such functions is \_\_\_\_\_.

**54.** The largest positive number a such that

$$\int_0^5 f(x) \, dx + \int_0^3 f^{-1}(x) \, dx \ge a$$

for every strictly increasing surjective continuous function  $f:[0,\infty)\to[0,\infty)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**55.** Define the sequence

$$s_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} 2^{2j}, & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} 2^{2j}, & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Define

$$\sigma_m = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m s_n.$$

The number of limit points of the sequence  $\{\sigma_m\}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **56.** The determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2021 & 2020 & 2020 & 2020 \\ 2021 & 2021 & 2020 & 2020 \\ 2021 & 2021 & 2021 & 2020 \\ 2021 & 2021 & 2021 & 2021 \end{pmatrix}$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

## **57.** The value of

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_0^1 e^{x^2} \sin(nx) \, dx$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

## **58.** Let S be the surface defined by

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z = 1 - x^2 - y^2, z \ge 0\}.$$

Let

$$\vec{F} = -y\hat{i} + (x-1)\hat{j} + z^2\hat{k},$$

and let  $\hat{n}$  be the continuous unit normal field to the surface S with positive z-component.

Then the value of

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{S} (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} \, dS$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **59.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the largest eigenvalue of A is \_\_\_\_\_.

**60.** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Consider the linear map  $T_A: M_4(\mathbb{R}) \to M_4(\mathbb{R})$  defined by

$$T_A(X) = AX - XA.$$

Then the dimension of the range of  $T_A$  is \_\_\_\_\_\_.