

# MATHEMATICS I

## selected problems from the exam tests in previous years

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### I. LINEAR ALGEBRA

1. a) Define the notions *dimension* and *basis* of a vector space  $V$ .  
b) Decide whether the vectors  $\vec{x} = (4, 2, 0)$ ,  $\vec{y} = (1, 2, -1)$  and  $\vec{z} = (7, 8, 1)$  form a basis in the vector space  $V(\mathbb{R}_3)$ .  
c) If the vector  $\vec{u} = (21, 18, 3)$  can be expressed as a linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{y}$ ,  $\vec{z}$ , find the coefficients in this combination.
2. a) Define what it means that vectors  $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n$  are *linearly dependent*, respectively *linearly independent*.  
b) For which values of parameter  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  are the vectors  $\vec{u} = (-1, 0, 1)$ ,  $\vec{v} = (0, 1, a)$ ,  $\vec{w} = (2, a, a)$  linearly dependent?  
c) What is, in this case, dimension of the vector space generated by these vectors?
3. a) Define the notions *rank of a matrix* and *regular matrix*.  
b) For which values of parameter  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  is the rank of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & \alpha \\ -3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  equal to 3 and for which  $\alpha$  is the rank equal to 2?  
c) Is matrix  $A$  regular for  $\alpha = 1$ ? (Give reasons for your answer.)
4. a) Define the notion of an *inverse matrix* to a square matrix  $A$ .  
b) Decide about the existence of the inverse matrix to the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
c) If the inverse matrix exists, calculate it. Verify the result by computing the product  $A \cdot A^{-1}$ .
5.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$   
a) Find the matrix  $A^{-1}$ .      b) Find the matrix  $B^{-1}$ .  
c) Calculate matrix  $X$  such that  $A \cdot X \cdot B = C$ .
6. Given the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
a) Calculate the matrix  $B = A^2 (= A \cdot A)$ .  
b) Define the notion of a *regular matrix*. Decide if the given matrix  $A$  is regular.  
c) If the inverse matrix to  $A$  exists, calculate it.
7. Given the matrix with parameters  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ a & b & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .  
a) Calculate the determinant of matrix  $A$ .  
b) Define the notions of a *regular matrix* and a *singular matrix*.  
c) For which values of parameters  $a, b$  does the homogeneous system of linear algebraic equations  $A \cdot X = O$  have a non-zero solution?

8. a) Explain principles of the Cramer rule. Under which conditions it can be applied?

- b) Verify the assumptions for the system

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + 2z &= 1 \\2x + y &= -4 \\5x + y - 3z &= -13\end{aligned}$$

- c) Applying Cramer's rule, calculate the value of unknown  $y$ .

9. a) Calculate the determinant of the system with parameter  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + az &= 0 \\-x + 3y + az &= -8 \\3x - y + 2z &= 13.\end{aligned}$$

- b) Explain principles of the Cramer rule. Is it possible to apply Cramer's rule to the system given above if  $a = 1$ ? (Give reasons for your answer.)

- c) Assuming that  $a = 1$ , calculate the value of unknown  $z$ .

10. a) Write the Frobenius theorem.

- b) What is the number of solutions of the given system in dependence on parameter  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x - y + z &= 1 \\x + y + 3z &= 1 \\(2a - 1)x + (a + 1)y + z &= 1 - a\end{aligned}$$

- c) Solve the system for  $a = 1$ .

## II. DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

1. a) Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - \sqrt{n^2 - 1}).$$

- b) Define what it means that the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is increasing.

- c) Create an increasing sequence whose limit is 3.

2. a) Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n + \cos(n^2)}{2n + 1}.$$

- b) Define what it means that the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is decreasing.

- c) Create a decreasing sequence whose limit is 3.

3. a) Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(2n - 1)^2 - 4n^2 + 1}{n^2 - (n + 5)^2}.$$

- b) Write the theorem on a limit of a subsequence.

- c) Create a sequence that has no limit. (Give reasons why your sequence has no limit.)

4. a) Using the definition, decide about the monotonicity of the sequence  $\{\frac{n+1}{2n+1}\}$ .

- b) Evaluate the limit of the sequence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n(\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n)$ .

- c) Evaluate the limit of the function  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x \sin x}$ . If you apply l'Hospital's rule, verify its assumptions.

5. a) Given the function  $f : f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4x}}$ . Find  $D(f)$ .

- b) Calculate the limits of  $f(x)$  for  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $x \rightarrow 0$  (if the limits exist).

- c) Is the given function  $f$  odd, even or periodic? (Give reasons for your answer.)

6. a) Given the function  $f(x) = \arccos(x^2 - 1)$ . Specify  $D(f)$ .  
 b) Write the equation of the tangent line to the graph of function  $f$  at the point  $[x_0, f(x_0)]$ , if  $x_0 = 1$ .  
 c) Is function  $f$  even or odd? (Give reasons for your answer.)
7. a) Given the function  $f : f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 4x + 3)$ . Specify  $D(f)$ .  
 b) Write the equation of the tangent line to the graph of function  $f$  at the point  $[x_0, f(x_0)]$ , if  $x_0 = 1$ .  
 c) Using the linear approximation of  $f$  (i.e. the result of part b)), calculate an approximate value of function  $f$  at the point  $x = 0,9$ .

Other variants of problem 7 with different functions  $f$  and points  $x_0$ :

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| b) $f(x) = x + \sqrt{1 - x^2}$     | c) $x_0 = 0$            |
| b) $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{5-x}}$ | c) $x_0 = 1$            |
| b) $f(x) = \arcsin \sqrt{x+1}$     | c) $x_0 = -\frac{1}{2}$ |

In problems 12–14:

- a) find intervals of monotonicity and local extremes of the given function  $f$ ,  
 b) find points of inflection and intervals where function  $f$  is concave up or down.  
 c) Sketch the graph.
12.  $f(x) = 1 + x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^4$       13.  $f(x) = (x-3)\sqrt{x}$       14.  $f(x) = e^{2x-x^2}$
15. Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{9-x^2}$ .  
 a) Specify  $D(f)$ . Is the given function even or odd? (Give reasons for your answer.)  
 b) Find intervals of monotonicity and local extremes.  
 c) Calculate the limits of  $f$  for  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $x \rightarrow 3+$  and  $x \rightarrow 3-$ . Sketch the graph.

In problems 17–20:

- a) find intervals of monotonicity and local extremes for the given function  $f$ ,  
 b) find intervals where function  $f$  is concave up or concave down and find points of inflection,  
 c) evaluate the limits at the end points of  $D(f)$  and sketch the graph.
17.  $f(x) = 3 - x - \frac{4}{(x+2)^2}$  with the restricted domain  $D(f) = (-2, +\infty)$
18.  $f(x) = x \ln x$       19.  $f(x) = (x-2)e^x$       20.  $f(x) = x^2 + 2 \ln(x+2)$ .

### III. INTEGRAL CALCULUS

In problems 1–6:

- a) write the theorem on the integration by parts (including the assumptions),  
b) evaluate the integral  $\int f(x) \, dx$ , where function  $f$  has the concrete form

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| 1. $f(x) = x \operatorname{arctg} x$ | 2. $f(x) = x^2 \ln x$       |
| 3. $f(x) = (x^2 + x + 2) e^x$        | 4. $f(x) = \ln^2 x$         |
| 5. $f(x) = (3x - 5) \sin x$          | 6. $f(x) = (2x + 3) e^{3x}$ |

On which intervals do the integrals exist?

In problems 7–20:

- a) write the theorem on integration by substitution (including the assumptions),  
b) evaluate the integral  $\int f(x) \, dx$ , where function  $f$  has the concrete form

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| 7. $f(x) = \cos(1 - 2x)$   | 8. $f(x) = \frac{x - 2}{x^2 - 4x + 8}$         |
| 9. $f(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{2 + e^{2x}}$  | 10. $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^4 + 7}}$        |
| 11. $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{x}}$  | 12. $f(x) = \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^2}$               |
| 13. $f(x) = x\sqrt{1 - x^2}$   | 14. $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt[3]{\sin^2 x}}$ |
| 15. $f(x) = \left( \frac{1}{1 + \ln^2 x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ln x}} \right) \frac{1}{x}$ | 16. $f(x) = \sin^2 x \cos^3 x$                 |
| 17. $f(x) = \cos^2 x + \cos^3 x$   | 18. $f(x) = \cos^7 x$                          |
| 19. $f(x) = x^3 e^{-x^2}$  | 20. $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x - 2}}{x - 1}$        |

On which intervals do the integrals exist?

In problems 21–26 calculate the integral of the given rational function. On which intervals do the integrals exist?

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| 21. $\int \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 3x + 2} \, dx$ | 22. $\int \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 + 4x + 4} \, dx$ |
| 23.                                       | 24.  |
| 25.                                       | 26. $\int \frac{1}{x^2 - x + 1} \, dx$       |

27. a) Calculate the area of the region, which is for  $x \in \langle 1, 2 \rangle$  bounded by the  $x$ -axis and the curve  $y = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ .
- b) Evaluate the definite integral  $\int_0^1 (3x + 1) e^x \, dx$ .
28. a) Find the antiderivative (and the interval of its existence) to the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4 + x^2}$ .
- b) Calculate the area of the region, which is bounded by the  $x$ -axis and by the curves  $y = \frac{1}{4 + x^2}$ ,  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 2$ .
31. Given the function  $f(x) = x^2 \sin x$ .
- a) Calculate the integral  $\int f(x) \, dx$ . Verify the result by differentiation.
- b) Find the mean value of the function  $f$  on the interval  $\langle 0, \pi \rangle$ , i.e. the value  $\mu = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(x) \, dx$ .