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1. The sequence $(n^{1/n})$ is
 - (a) monotonically decreasing
 - (b) monotonically increasing
 - (c) convergent and converges to zero
 - (d) neither monotonically increasing or monotonically decreasing
2. Let $S = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[-\frac{1}{n}, 1 + \frac{1}{hn} \right]$ the S equals
 - (a) $[0, 1]$
 - (b) $(0, 1]$
 - (c) $(0, 1)$
 - (d) $[0, 1)$
3. Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n/1}}{n} (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n-1})$ then
 - (a) the series is convergent but not absolutely convergent
 - (b) the series is divergent
 - (c) The n th term of series does not converge to zero
 - (d) The series is absolutely convergent
4. Consider the sets $S = \left\{ \frac{1}{n}; n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n \text{ is prime} \right\}$ $T = \{x^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ Then
 - (a) $\sup(S \cap T) = 1$
 - (b) $\sup S = 1$ and $\inf T = 0$
 - (c) $\sup S = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\inf T = 0$
 - (d) $\inf(S \cup T) = \frac{1}{2}$
5. Consider the following functions from $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by
$$d_1(x, y) = |x| + |y|,$$
$$d_2(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & x \neq y \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$d_3(x, y) = \sqrt{|x - y|}.$$
 Which of the following statements is true ?
 - (a) Only d_2 and d_3 are metrics on \mathbb{R}
 - (b) Only d_3 is metric on \mathbb{R}
 - (c) Only d_1 and d_2 are metrics on \mathbb{R}
 - (d) All are metric on \mathbb{R}



6. $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy < 0\}$
- (a) neither connected nor compact subset of \mathbb{R}^2 (b) not connected nor compact subset of \mathbb{R}^2
 (c) is both connected and compact subset of \mathbb{R}^2 (d) is not compact subset of \mathbb{R}^2 but connected
7. Let (x_n) be a sequence defined by :
- $$x_1 = 3 \text{ and } x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{4 - x_n} \text{ Then}$$
- (a) (x_n) is a monotonically decreasing sequence that is not bounded below
 (b) (x_n) converges to $2 + \sqrt{3}$
 (c) (x_n) converges to $2 - \sqrt{3}$
 (d) (x_n) diverges
8. The value of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$ is given by
- (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 6 (d) 8
9. Let f be a continuous function on \mathbb{R} . Define $G(x) = \int_0^{\sin x} f(t) dt \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then
- (a) $G'(x) = f(\cos x) \sin x$ (b) $G'(x) = -f(\sin x) \cos x$
 (c) $G'(x) = f(\sin x) \cos x$ (d) $G'(x) = f(\sin x) \sin x$
10. Let (X, d) be a metric space where X is an infinite set and d is the discrete metric. Then
- (a) Heine-Borel theorem holds for (X, d) (b) Heine-Borel theorem does not hold for (X, d)
 (c) X is not bounded (d) X is compact
11. Let $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{1 + (nx - 1)^2}, x \in [0, 1]$. Then the sequence (f_n) is
- (a) pointwise convergent but not uniformly convergent on $[0, 1]$
 (b) uniformly convergent but not pointwise convergent on $[0, 1]$
 (c) both pointwise and uniformly convergent on $[0, 1]$
 (d) neither pointwise and uniformly convergent on $[0, 1]$
12. The limit inferior of the sequence (x_n) where $x_n = 1 + (-1)^n + \frac{1}{3^n}$ is
- (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 0
13. Which of the following sets is in one-to-one correspondence with \mathbb{N}
- (I) $\left\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\right\}$ (II) $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
 (III) $\left\{\frac{p}{q}; p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0\right\}$ (IV) $\left\{\frac{p}{q}; p, q \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$
- (a) (I) and (II) (b) (I), (II) and (III) (c) (I) and (IV) (d) All of the above

14. Suppose f and g are differentiable on the interval $[a, \infty)$ such that $f(a) \leq g(a)$ and $f'(x) < g'(x) \forall x > a$. Then which of the following statements is true ?
- (a) $f(x) = g(x) \forall x \in [a, \infty)$ (b) $f(x) > g(x)$
 (c) $f(x) < g(x)$ (d) None of the above
15. Which of the following statements are true ?
- (I) There exists a continuous function from $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ onto $(0, 1)$
 (II) There exists continuous function from $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ onto \mathbb{R}
 (III) There exists a continuous function from $[0, \pi] \cup [2\pi, 3\pi]$ onto $[0, 1]$
 (IV) There exists a continuous function from $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ onto $\left[0, \frac{1}{3}\right] \cup \left[\frac{2}{3}, 1\right]$
- (a) (I) and (II) (b) (II) and (III) (c) (III) and (IV) (d) (I) and (IV)
16. For $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3), y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- $$d_1(x, y) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq 3} |x_j - y_j|$$
- $$d_2(x, y) = \left[\sum_{j=1}^3 (x_j - y_j)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$
- Consider the metric spaces (\mathbb{R}^3, d_1) and (\mathbb{R}^3, d_2) then
- (a) (\mathbb{R}^3, d_1) is complete, but (\mathbb{R}^3, d_2) is not complete
 (b) (\mathbb{R}^3, d_2) is complete, but (\mathbb{R}^3, d_1) is not complete
 (c) Both (\mathbb{R}^3, d_1) and (\mathbb{R}^3, d_2) are complete
 (d) Neither (\mathbb{R}^3, d_1) nor (\mathbb{R}^3, d_2) is complete
17. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$ Then
- (a) f is not continuous at $(0, 0)$ but all directional derivatives of f at $(0, 0)$ exist
 (b) f is continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 and all directional derivatives at $(0, 0)$ exist
 (c) f is continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 but not all directional derivatives at $(0, 0)$ exist
 (d) f is not continuous at $(0, 0)$ and not all directional derivatives at $(0, 0)$ exist.

18. Let $X = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{Q}, y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}\}$ where \mathbb{Q} is the set of rationals. Then
- (a) X is an open and dense subset of \mathbb{R}^2 (b) X is an open and dense subset of \mathbb{R}^2
 (c) X is not an open but a dense subset of \mathbb{R}^2 (d) X is neither an open nor a dense subset of \mathbb{R}^2
19. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$ be fixed and let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by
- $$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq 1/n \\ x - \frac{(2k-1)}{2n} & \frac{k-1}{n} < x \leq \frac{k}{n} \\ & k = 2, 3, \dots, n \end{cases} \quad \text{then}$$
- (a) f is continuous and Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$
 (b) f is not continuous but is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$
 (c) f is continuous but not Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$
 (d) f is neither continuous nor Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$
20. Let $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 3 - x^2 > 0\}$ Then
- (a) S is bounded above and 3 is the least upper bound of S .
 (b) S is bounded above and does not have a least upper bound of \mathbb{R} .
 (c) S is bounded above and does not have a least upper bound in \mathbb{Q} the set of rational numbers
 (d) S is not bounded above
21. Let p and q be distinct primes and let G and H be two groups such that $o(G) = p$ and $o(H) = q$. The number of distinct homomorphisms from G to H is/ are
- (a) 1 (b) $p-1$ (c) $q-1$ (d) pq
22. Let G be a cyclic group such that G has an element of infinite order. Then the number of elements of finite order in G is/are
- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) infinity (d) none of these
23. Let G be a non-abelian group of order p^3 where p is a prime. Let $Z(G) \neq \{e\}$. Then
- (a) $o(Z(G)) = p$ (b) $o(Z(G)) = p^2$ (c) $\frac{G}{Z(G)}$ is cyclic (d) none of the above
24. Let G be a group of order pqr , where p, q, r are primes and $p < q < r$. Which of the following statements are true?
- (i) G has a normal subgroup of order qr
 (ii) Sylow r -subgroup of G is normal
 (iii) G is abelian
- (a) Only (i) and (ii) (b) Only (ii) and (iii) (c) Only (i) and (iii) (d) (i), (ii) and (iii)
25. Let R be a ring with unity such that each element of R is an idempotent. Then the characteristic of R is
- (a) 0 (b) 2 (c) an odd prime (d) none of the above
26. Let $F = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}i)$ Which one of the following is not true?
- (a) $\sqrt{2} \in F$ (b) $i \in F$
 (c) $x^8 - 16 = 0$ has a solution in F (d) $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(F) = 2$



27. The ideal $\langle x \rangle$ of the ring $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is
- (a) maximal but not prime (b) prime but not maximal
(c) both prime and maximal (d) neither prime nor maximal
28. The smallest subring of \mathbb{Q} containing $\frac{2}{3}$ is
- (a) $S = \left\{ a + b\frac{2}{3} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ (b) $S = \mathbb{Q}$
(c) $S = \left\{ a\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}, a \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$
(d) $S = \left\{ a_0 + a_1\frac{2}{3} + a_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \dots + a_n\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$
29. If p is an odd prime, then $\phi(p) + \phi(2p) + \phi(2^2p) + \dots + \phi(2^mp)$ is equal to
- (a) $(2^m - 1)(p - 1)$ (b) $2^m(p - 1)$
(c) $(2^m + 1)(p - 1)$ (d) $2^{m+1}(p - 1)$
30. Let $A(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$, $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$
- Which of the following statements is true?
- (a) $A(\theta)$ has eigenvectors in \mathbb{R}^2 for every $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$
(b) $A(\theta)$ does not have eigenvectors in \mathbb{R}^2 for any $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$
(c) $A(\theta)$ has eigenvectors in \mathbb{R}^2 for exactly one value of $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$
(d) $A(\theta)$ has eigenvectors in \mathbb{R}^2 for exactly two value of $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$
31. Let $M(n, \mathbb{R})$ be the vector space of $n \times n$ matrices with real entries and U be the subset of $M(n, \mathbb{R})$ given by $\{(a_{ij}) \mid a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn} = 0\}$ Which one of the following statements is true?
- (a) U is a subspace of dimension $n^2 - 1$ (b) U is a subspace of dimension $n^2 - n$
(c) U is not a subspace (d) None of the above
32. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ Then $\det(A^3 - 6A^2 + 5A + 3I)$ is
- (a) 24 (b) 15 (c) 3 (d) 0



33. Let $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ and $W = \{a + bx + cx^2 \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ define $T : V \rightarrow W$ by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = (a+b) + (b-c)x + (x+d)x^2$$

The null space of T is

- (a) $\left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ (b) $\left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$
 (c) $\left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ (d) $\left\{ a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

34. Let $W_1 = \{(a, 2a, 0) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$W_2 = \{(a, 0, -a) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Then

- (a) $W_1 + W_2$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 but $W_1 \cup W_2$ is not
 (b) $W_1 + W_2, W_1 \cup W_2$ are both subspace of \mathbb{R}^3
 (c) neither $W_1 + W_2$ nor $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3
 (d) $W_1 \cup W_2$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 but $W_1 + W_2$ is not

35. Let $V = C[0, \pi]$ be an inner product space with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^\pi f(x)g(x)dx$$

Let $f(x) = \cos x, g(x) = \sin x$. Then

- (a) f, g are orthogonal but linearly independent (b) f, g are orthogonal but linearly independent
 (c) f, g are linearly independent but not orthogonal (d) neither f, g are linearly independent nor orthogonal

36. If the partial differential equation

$$(x-2)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - (y-3)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u$$

is parabolic in the region $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ but not in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus S$. then S is

- (a) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; x = 2 \text{ or } y = 3\}$ (b) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; x = 2 \text{ or } y = 3\}$
 (c) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; x = 2\}$ (d) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2; x = 3\}$

37. Let $u(x, y)$ be the solution of the Cauchy problem

$$x^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$u \rightarrow e^x \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty$$

Then $u(1, 1)$

- (a) -1 (b) 0 (c) 1 (d) e^{-2}



38. The initial value problem $x \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y, y(a) = b$ has

- (a) infinitely many solutions through $(0, b)$ if $b \neq 0$
- (b) unique solution for all a and b
- (c) no solution if $a = b = 0$
- (d) infinitely many solutions if $a = b = 0$

39. The solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = \cos 2x \text{ is given by}$$

- (a) $c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \frac{x}{4} \sin 2x$
- (b) $c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \frac{x}{2} \sin 2x$
- (c) $c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \frac{x}{4} \cos 2x$
- (d) $c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \cos 2x$

40. The following initial value problem of a first order linear system

$$x' = 3x - 2y, x(0) = 1$$

$y' = -3x + 4y, y(0) = -2$ can be converted into an initial value problem of a 2nd order differential equation for $x(t)$. It is

- (a) $x'' = -7x' + 6x = 0; x(0) = 1, x'(0) = -2$
- (b) $x'' = -7x' + 6x = 0; x(0) = 1, x'(0) = 0$
- (c) $x'' = -7x' + 6x = 0; x(0) = 1, x'(0) = 7$
- (d) $x'' - x' + 6x = 0; x(0) = 1, x'(0) = -2$

41. The characteristic values of the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda t = 0; y(0) = 0; y(\pi) - y'(\pi) = 0,$$

are

- (a) $\lambda = \alpha_n^2$ where $\alpha_n (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ are the positive roots of equation $\alpha = \cot \pi \alpha$
- (b) $\lambda = \alpha_n^2$ where $\alpha_n (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ are roots of the equation $\alpha = \tan \pi \alpha$
- (c) $0, 1]$
- (d) negative real numbers

42. Determine an interval in which the solution of the following initial value problem is certain to exist

$$y' + (\tan t)y = \sin t, y(\pi) = 0$$

- (a) $\frac{\pi}{2} < t < \frac{3\pi}{2}$
- (b) $0 < t < \frac{3\pi}{2}$
- (c) $\frac{\pi}{2} < t < 6$
- (d) $0 < t < 3\pi$



43. The derivative $\frac{du}{dx}$ can be approximated most accurately by which finite difference
- (a) $\frac{v_{k+1}^n - v_k^n}{\Delta x}$ (b) $\frac{v_k^n - v_{k-1}^n}{\Delta x}$
- (c) $\frac{v_{k+1}^n - v_{k-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$ (d) All are equally accurate
44. What are the solution α if any, of the equation $x = \sqrt{1+x}$? Does the iteration $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{1+x_n}$ converge to any of these solutions?
- (a) Root = $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, iterations converge with $x_0 = 1$ (b) Root = $\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$, iterations converge with $x_0 = -1$
- (c) Both (A) and (B)
- (d) Roots = $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ but the iterations do not converge to any root
45. Is the following function a cubic spline on the interval $0 \leq x \leq 2$
- $$s(x) = \begin{cases} (x-1)^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2(x-1)^3, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$
- (a) Yes, it is a cubic spline on $[0, 2]$ (b) It is a cubic spline only on $[0, 1]$
- (c) It is a cubic spline only on $[0, 1]$ (d) It is not a cubic spline
46. Consider the second order differential equation $x^2 y''(x) + xy'(x) - 9y(x) = 0$ for $x > 0$. If the solution satisfies the initial conditions $y(1) = 0$, $y'(1) = 2$, then $y(2)$ is
- (a) $\frac{21}{8}$ (b) $\frac{63}{8}$ (c) $\frac{7}{16}$ (d) $\frac{63}{4}$
47. The eigenvalues associated with the BCP $y''(x) - 2y'(x) + (1-\lambda)y(x) = 0$, $y(0) = 0$, $y(1) = 0$ is/are
- (a) $\lambda = 0$ (b) $\lambda = \pi^2 n^2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (c) $\lambda = -\pi^2 n^2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ (d) $\lambda = -\pi n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
48. The value of $I = \int_0^{\sqrt{n}} \sin x^2 dx$ using the trapezium rule with two subintervals is
- (a) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (b) $\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4}$ (c) $\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$ (d) $\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}$
49. Consider the system of equations $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a \\ -a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ where 'a' is a constant. Gauss-Seidel method for the solution of the above system converges for
- (a) All values of a (b) $|a| < 1$ (c) $|a| > 1$ (d) $a > 2$
50. The error in the value of y at 0.2 when modified Euler's method is used to solve the problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - y(0) = 1$, $h = 0.2$ is of the order
- (a) 10^{-1} (b) 10^{-2} (c) 10^{-3} (d) 0



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