



Mathematics

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1. A box contains 3 red balls and 2 green balls. Two balls are drawn one after the other without replacement. If a green ball is drawn first, find the probability that the second ball is red.

G = Green ball draw

R = Red ball draw

$$P(G) = 2/5$$

$$P(R) = 3/5$$

$$P(R|G) = P(R \cap G) / P(G) = (2/5 \times 3/4) / (2/5) = 3/4$$

Answer: 3/4

2. A fair die is rolled once. What is the probability of obtaining a number greater than 4?

a) $1/6$

b) $1/3$

c) $1/2$

d) $2/3$

We know that,

$$P(\text{number } i \text{ rolled in a fair die}) = 1/6, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

$$P(\text{rolled a number greater than 4}) = P(\text{rolled 5}) + P(\text{rolled 6}) = 1/6 + 1/6 = 2/6 = 1/3$$

Answer: b)

3. Given that $\sin(\theta) = 1/2$ and $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$, find the value of $2\cos(\theta)$.

a) $\sqrt{3}$

b) $-\sqrt{3}/2$

c) $1/2$

d) $-1/2$

We know that,

$$\sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) = 1$$

So,

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \cos^2(\theta) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \cos^2(\theta) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \cos^2(\theta) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow \cos^2(\theta) = \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$2\cos(\theta) = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

Answer: a)

**4. An arithmetic sequence has first term $a_1 = 4$ and common difference $d = 3$.
Find the 15th term.**

In an arithmetic sequence $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1) \times d$.

If $a_1 = 4$ and $d = 3$ then $a_n = 4 + (n - 1) \times 3$.

$$a_{15} = 4 + (15 - 1) \times 3 = 46$$

Answer: 46

5. Find the equation of the line passing through the points A(2, -1) and B(6, 7)

1. Equation of a line

$$y = mx + b$$

2. Compute the slope with the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2)

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{7 - (-1)}{6 - 2} = 2$$

3. Compute the equation of the line

$$y = mx + b \Leftrightarrow 7 = 2 \cdot 6 + b \Leftrightarrow b = -5$$

$$y = 2x - 5$$

Answer: $y = 2x - 5$

6. Which of the following functions is strictly increasing for all real x different from zero?

a) $f(x) = -x^2$

b) $f(x) = x^3$

c) $f(x) = -2x + 1$

d) $f(x) = 5 - x^2$

We compute the first derivative of all functions, and if the derivative is always positive for all x different from zero, the function is strictly increasing for all x different from zero.

$$f(x) = -x^2 \quad f'(x) = -2x$$

$$f(x) = x^3 \quad f'(x) = 3x^2 > 0$$

$$f(x) = -2x + 1 \quad f'(x) = -2 < 0$$

$$f(x) = 5 - x^2 \quad f'(x) = -2x$$

Answer: b)

7. Solve the inequality: $x^2 - 4x - 5 \leq 0$

We know that $x^2 - 4x - 5 = (x-5)(x+1)$

$$(x-5)(x+1) \quad \begin{array}{c} -\infty \\ + \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right| \quad \begin{array}{c} - \\ - \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 0 \end{array} \right| \quad \begin{array}{c} +\infty \\ + \end{array}$$

$$x \in [-1, 5]$$

Answer: $x \in [-1, 5]$

8. A circle has radius 7 cm. What is its area? (Use $\pi = 22/7$)

- a) 44 cm² b) 154 cm² c) 308 cm² d) 616 cm²

We Know that,

$$A_{circle} = \pi r^2$$

$$A = 22/7 \times 49 = 22 \times 7 = 154$$

Answer: b)

9. Given the function $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$, find the coordinates of the vertex.

Vertex coordinates = $(-b/2a; f(-b/2a))$

$$x_{\text{vertex}} = 2/2 = 1$$

$$y_{\text{vertex}} = 1^2 - 2 \times 1 - 3 = -4$$

vertex coordinates : $(1, -4)$.

Answer: $(1, -4)$

10. Let $z = 3 + 3i$. Write z in polar form

$$1. \rho = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$2. \operatorname{tg}(\theta) = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (\text{because } \theta \text{ is an angle of 1st quadrant})$$

$$z = \rho e^{(\theta i)} = 3\sqrt{2} e^{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}i\right)}$$

Answer: $z = 3\sqrt{2} e^{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}i\right)}$

11. One of the solutions of the equation $x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$ is:

- a) $2+3i$ b) $2+4i$ c) $-2+3i$ d) $-2-3i$

We use the resolving formula to solve the equation $x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4 \times 1 \times 13}}{2 \times 1} \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 52}}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$
$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{36i^2}}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{4 \pm 6i}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 2 \pm 3i$$

Answer: a)

12. The function $f(x) = \frac{e^{3x-5x^2}}{4x}$ is given. Write the expression of the first derivative of $f(x)$.

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{3x-5x^2}}{4x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(e^{3x-5x^2})'4x - (e^{3x-5x^2})(4x)'}{(4x)^2} = \frac{(3e^{3x}-10x)4x - (e^{3x-5x^2})4}{16x^2} =$$

$$\frac{(3e^{3x}-10x)x - (e^{3x-5x^2})}{4x^2} = \frac{(3xe^{3x}-10x^2) - e^{3x} + 5x^2}{4x^2} = \frac{(3xe^{3x}-5x^2) - e^{3x}}{4x^2} = \frac{(3x-1)e^{3x}-5x^2}{4x^2}$$

Answer: $f'(x) = \frac{(3x-1)e^{3x}-5x^2}{4x^2}$

13. The sum of the first 10 terms of the arithmetic sequence $u_n = 5n + 1$ is:

a) 260

b) 275

c) 285

d) 270

We have for an arithmetic sequence,

$$S_n = \frac{u_1 + u_n}{2} n$$

1. Calculate u_1 and u_{10}

$$u_1 = 5 \times 1 + 1 = 6$$

$$u_{10} = 5 \times 10 + 1 = 51$$

2. Calculate S_{10}

$$S_{10} = (6 + 51)/2 \times 10 = 57 \times 5 = 285$$

Answer: c)

14. Let $f(x) = x^3 + \ln(2x)$, $x > 0$. Compute $f''(1)$.

$$f(x) = x^3 + \ln(2x)$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + \frac{2}{2x} = 3x^2 + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$f''(1) = 6 \times 1 - \frac{1}{1} = 6 - 1 = 5$$

Answer: $f''(1) = 5$

15. For the function $h(\theta) = 2 - 3\cos\theta$, the value of θ when $h = 2$ is:

a) $\frac{\pi}{6}$

b) $\frac{\pi}{3}$

c) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

When $h = 2$, we have

$$2 = 2 - 3\cos\theta \Leftrightarrow 3\cos\theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos\theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Answer: d)

16. Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes of the function $g(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x+3}$.

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x+3}$$

$$(x + 3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -3$$

Vertical asymptote: $x = -3$

$$(2x - 1) : (x + 3) = 2 + \frac{-7}{x+3}$$

Horizontal asymptote: $y = 2$

Answer: Vertical asymptote: $x = -3$, Horizontal asymptote: $y = 2$

17. The first derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(2x) + 5e^{4x}$ at $x = 1$ is:

- a) $1+20e^4$ b) $2+20e^4$ c) $1/2+20e^4$ d) $1+5e^4$

$$f(x) = \ln(2x) + 5e^{4x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 20e^{4x}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{1}{1} + 20e^4 = 1 + 20e^4$$

Answer: a)

18. Let $p(x) = 4x^2 + \ln(x)$, $x > 0$. Determine the x -coordinate of the inflection point, if it exists.

We have,

$$p(x) = 4x^2 + \ln(x)$$

$$p'(x) = 8x + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$p''(x) = 8 - \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$p''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 8 - \frac{1}{x^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{8x^2 - 1}{x^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 8x^2 - 1 = 0 \text{ and } x^2 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 1/8 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

Como $x > 0$, $x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$

Answer: $x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$

19. Find the exact value of θ ($\theta > 0$) such that $2 + 3\sin\theta = 5$. The value of $\cos\theta$ is:

a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

b) $\frac{1}{2}$

c) 0

d) $-\frac{1}{2}$

$$2 + 3\sin\theta = 5 \Leftrightarrow 3\sin\theta = 5 - 2 \Leftrightarrow \sin\theta = 3/3 = 1 \Leftrightarrow \theta = \pi/2$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

Answer: c)

20. The complex number $z = 5e^{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}i\right)}$ in algebraic form is:

- a) $5+5i$ b) $5\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 5\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$ c) $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5}i$ d) $5\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{2}i$

We have,

$$z = 5e^{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}i\right)}$$

In algebraic form,

$$z = 5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + 5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)i = 5\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 5\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$$

Answer: b)