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Mathematics-Optional

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UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2013 Questions

1. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2} + 4 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -\frac{x^2}{2} + 2 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

Is f Riemann integrable in the interval $[-1, 2]$? why? Does there exist a function g such that $g'(x) = f(x)$? Justify your answer. [10M]

2. Show that the series $\sum_1^\infty \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n+x^2}$, is uniformly convergent but not absolutely for all real values of x . [13M]

3. Show that every open subset of \mathbb{R} is a countable union of disjoint open intervals. [10M]

4. Let $f(x, y) = y^2 + 4xy + 3x^2 + x^3 + 1$. At what points will $f(x, y)$ have a maximum or minimum? [10M]

5. Let $[X]$ denote the integer part of the real number x , i.e., if $n \leq x < n + 1$ where n is an integer, then $[x] = n$. Is the function $f(x) = [x]^2 + 3$ Riemann integrable in $[-1, 2]$? If not, explain why. If it is integrable, compute $\int_{-1}^2 ([x]^2 + 3) dx$. [10M]

6. Test the convergence of the improper integral $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^2(1+e^{-x})}$ [10M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2014 Questions

1. Integrate $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x}, & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ [15M]

2. Obtain $\frac{\partial^2 f(0,0)}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f(0,0)}{\partial y \partial x}$ for the function $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy(3x^2 - 2y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$ Also discuss the continuity $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ at $(0, 0)$ [15M]

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3. Find the minimum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ subject to the condition $xyz = a^3$ by the method of Lagrange multipliers. [15M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2015 Questions

1. Test the convergence and absolute convergence of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n}{n^2+1}$.

[10M]

2. Is the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \frac{1}{n+1} < x \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

Riemann Integrable? If yes, obtain the value of $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$.

[15M]

3. Test the series of functions $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2}$ for uniform convergence.

[15M]

4. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 + 3y^2 - y$ over the region $x^2 + 2y^2 \leq 1$.

[15M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2016 Questions

1. For the function $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow R$ given by

$f(x) = x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, 0 < x < \infty$, show that there is a differentiable function $g: R \rightarrow R$ that extends f .

[10M]

2. Two sequences $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ are defined inductively by the following :

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad y_1 = 1 \text{ and } x_n = \sqrt{x_{n-1} y_{n-1}}, \quad n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{y_n} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x_n} + \frac{1}{y_{n-1}} \right), \quad n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

Prove that $x_n - 1 < x_n < y_n < y_{n-1}, n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

and deduce that both the sequences converge to the same limit l , where $\frac{1}{2} < l < 1$. [10M]

3. Show that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1}$ is conditionally convergent. (If you use any theorem(s) to show it, then you must give a proof of that theorem(s). [15M]

4. Find the relative maximum and minimum values of the function

$$f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 2x^2 + 4xy - 2y^2. \quad [15M]$$

5. Let $f: R \rightarrow R$ be a continuous function such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$ exist and are finite. Prove that f is uniformly continuous on R . [15M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2017 Questions

1. Let $x_1 = 2$ and $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n + 20}$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Show that the sequence x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots is convergent. [10M]

2. Find the supremum and the infimum of $\frac{x}{\sin x}$ on the interval $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$. [10M]

3. Let $f(t) = \int_0^t [x] dx$,

Where $[x]$ denotes the largest integer less than or equal to x .

(i) Determine all the real numbers t at which f is differentiable.

(ii) Determine all the real numbers t at which f is continuous but not differentiable. [15M]

4. For a function $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $n \geq 1$, let $f^{(n)}$ denote the n th derivative of f and $f^{(0)} = f$. Let f be an entire function such that for some $n \geq 1$, $f^{(k)}(\frac{1}{k}) = 0$ for all $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Show that f is a polynomial. [15M]

5. Let $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ be a conditionally convergent series of real numbers. Show that there is a rearrangement $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_{\pi(n)}$ of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ that converges to 100. [20M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2018 Questions

1. Prove the inequality: $\frac{\pi^2}{9} < \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{x}{\sin x} dx < \frac{2\pi^2}{9}$. [10M]

2. Find the range of $p (> 0)$ for which the series :

$$\frac{1}{(1+a)^p} - \frac{1}{(2+a)^p} + \frac{1}{(3+a)^p} - \dots, a > 0, \text{ is}$$

(i) absolutely convergent and (ii) conditionally convergent. [10M]

3. Show that if a function f defined on an open interval (a, b) of \mathbb{R} is convex, then f is continuous. Show, by example, if the condition of open interval is dropped, then the convex function need not be continuous. [15M]

4. Suppose \mathbb{R} be the set of all real numbers and $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function such that the following equations hold for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

(i) $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$

(ii) $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$

Show that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ either $f(x) = 0$, or, $f(x) = x$. [20M]

UPSC – MATHEMATICS optional – 2019 Questions

1. Evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tan^{-1}(ax)}{x(1+x^2)} dx$, $a > 0, a \neq 1$. [10M]
2. Discuss the uniform convergence of $f_n(x) = \frac{nx}{1+n^2x^2}$, $\forall x \in R(-\infty, \infty)$
 $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$ [15M]
3. Find the maximum value of $f(x, y, z) = x^2y^2z^2$ subject to the subsidiary condition $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c^2$, $(x, y, z > 0)$. [15M]
4. Discuss the convergence of $\int_1^2 \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\ln x} dx$. [15M]

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