

1. If $f(4x-1) = 5x+3$, then $f(7) = ?$

$$f(7) = f(4(2)-1) = 5(2) + 3 = 13$$

Correct Answer: 13

2. If $\sqrt{x-3} + (y+2)^2 + |\ln(z-3)| = 0$, find the value of sum $x + y + z$.

$$\sqrt{x-3} + (y+2)^2 + |\ln(z-3)| = 0 \text{ implies } x-3=0, x=3; y+2=0, y=-2; \text{ and } \ln(z-3)=0, z-3=1, z=4. x+y+z=3+(-2)+4=5$$

Correct Answer: 5

3. Solve the inequality $\log_{1/2} x > 2$. Write your solution in interval notation.

$$y = \log_{1/2} x \text{ is a decreasing function and its domain is } (0, \infty). 0 < x < \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Correct Answer: $\left(0, \frac{1}{4}\right)$

4. For what value(s) of x does $x = 1 + |1 - x|$?

When $x < 1$, $x = 1 + 1 - x$, $2x = 2$ and $x = 1 \geq 1$. No solution.

When $x \geq 1$, $x = 1 - (1 - x)$ and $x = x$ is an identity. The solution set is $[1, \infty)$.

Correct Answer: $x \geq 1$ or $[1, \infty)$

5. Find the decimal number with the property that moving the decimal point one digit to the left and adding 3 yields a number that is half its original value.

Let x be the decimal number. Its value becomes $\frac{1}{10}x$ after its decimal point has been moved one digit

to the left. We have $3 + \frac{1}{10}x = \frac{1}{2}x$, $\frac{2}{5}x = 3$, $2x = 15$, and $x = 7.5$

Correct Answer: 7.5

6. Evaluate the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \cdot (-2) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 24$$

Correct Answer: 24

7. If $P(A) = P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$ and $P(A|B) = \frac{1}{6}$, determine the value of $P(A' \cap B')$.

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{18}$$

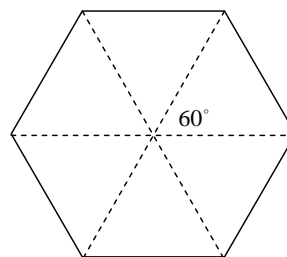
$$P(A' \cap B') = 1 - P(A) - P(B) + P(A \cap B) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{18} = \frac{7}{18}$$

Correct Answer: $\frac{7}{18}$

8. Find the area of a regular hexagon with sides of length 5.

$$A = 6 \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 5^2 \sin 60^\circ \right) = \frac{75\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Correct Answer: $\frac{75\sqrt{3}}{2}$



9. Given $f(x) = x^2$, $h(x) = f[1 + g(x)]$, $g'(1) = 1$, and $h'(1) = 1$ for all real x . Determine the numerical value of $g(1)$.

$$h(x) = (1 + g(x))^2, h'(x) = 2(1 + g(x))g'(x), h'(1) = 2(1 + g(1))g'(1), 1 = 2(1 + g(1)) \cdot 1, 1 + g(1) = \frac{1}{2},$$

and $g(1) = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Correct Answer: $-\frac{1}{2}$

10. Who am I?



(1646 – 1716)

Hint: I developed the infinitesimal calculus independently of Isaac Newton.

Correct Answer: Gottfried Leibniz

11. The sum of the first three terms of a positive geometric sequence is equal to seven times the first term. The sum of the first four terms is 45. What is the first term of the sequence?

$$S_3 = a_1 \frac{1-r^3}{1-r} = 7a_1, \quad r^2 + r + 1 = 7, \quad r^2 + r - 6 = 0, \quad (r+3)(r-2) = 0. \text{ Since all terms are positive,}$$

$$r = 2. \quad S_4 = a_1 \frac{1-2^4}{1-2} = 45, \quad 15a_1 = 45, \text{ and } a_1 = 3.$$

Correct Answer: 3

12. Find the sum of the real roots of
- $|x-5|^2 + 2|x-5| = 3$

$$|x-5|^2 + 2|x-5| - 3 = 0, \quad (|x-5|+3)(|x-5|-2) = 0, \quad |x-5| = -3 \text{ (no solution) or } |x-5| = 2 \text{ (} x = 7 \text{ or } x = 3). \quad 7 + 3 = 10$$

Correct Answer: 10

13. Using base 5 notation, determine the following sum:
- $423_5 + 304_5 + 241_5 + 342_5$

$$423_5 + 304_5 + 241_5 + 342_5 = 1232_5 + 241_5 + 342_5 = 2023_5 + 342_5 = 2420_5$$

Correct Answer: 2420_5

14. Find the sum of the solutions of the equation: $\log_2 x^{\log_2 x} = 4$

$$\log_2 x \cdot \log_2 x = 4, (\log_2 x)^2 = 4,$$

$$\log_2 x = 2, x = 2^2 = 4,$$

$$\text{or } \log_2 x = -2, x = 2^{-2} = \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}. \text{ Then, } 4 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{17}{4}.$$

$$\text{Correct Answer: } \frac{17}{4}$$

15. If $\tan \theta = \frac{2}{3}$, then $\cos 2\theta = ?$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2}{3} \text{ implies } \cos \theta = \pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2}} = \pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}. \cos 2\theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1 = 2\left(\pm \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}\right)^2 - 1 = \frac{18}{13} - 1 = \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\text{Correct Answer: } \frac{5}{13}$$

16. Twice the complement of an angle is 12° less than one-half the supplement of the angle. What is the measure of the angle?

$$\text{Let } \theta \text{ be the angle. } 2(90^\circ - \theta) = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - \theta) - 12^\circ, 180^\circ - 2\theta = 90^\circ - \frac{1}{2}\theta - 12^\circ, 102^\circ = \frac{3}{2}\theta, \text{ and}$$

$$\theta = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 102^\circ = 68^\circ.$$

$$\text{Correct Answer: } 68^\circ$$

17. A square is positioned on a standard xy -rectangular coordinate system such that one vertex is at the origin and the diagonals of the square intersect at the point $(2, 3)$. Find the area of this square.

$$\text{The length of the diagonal of the square is } 2\sqrt{(2-0)^2 + (3-0)^2} = 2\sqrt{13}$$

$$\text{The length of sides of the square is } 2\sqrt{13} \cdot \sin 45^\circ = 2\sqrt{13} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{26}$$

The area of the square is 26.

$$\text{Correct Answer: } 26$$

18. Find the distance between the following two points given in polar coordinates:
 $(5, 20^\circ)$ and $(3, 140^\circ)$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(5 \cos 20^\circ - 3 \cos 140^\circ)^2 + (5 \sin 20^\circ - 3 \sin 140^\circ)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25 \cos^2 20^\circ + 9 \cos^2 140^\circ + 25 \sin^2 20^\circ + 9 \sin^2 140^\circ - 30(\cos 20^\circ \cos 140^\circ + \sin 20^\circ \sin 140^\circ)} \\ &= \sqrt{25 + 9 - 30 \cos(140^\circ - 20^\circ)} = \sqrt{34 - (-15)} = \sqrt{49} = 7 \end{aligned}$$

Correct Answer: 7

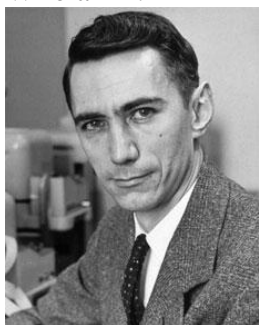
19. Given $P(A) = \frac{5}{12}$, $P(B) = \frac{1}{6}$, and $P(A|B) + P(B|A) = \frac{7}{10}$, determine $P(A \cap B)$.

$$\frac{7}{10} = P(A|B) + P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} + \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = 6P(A \cap B) + \frac{12}{5}P(A \cap B) = \frac{42}{5}P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{7}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{42} = \frac{1}{12}$$

Correct Answer: $\frac{1}{12}$

20. Who am I?



(1916–2001)

Hint: I am known as *the father of information theory*.

Correct Answer: Claude Shannon

- (Bonus) Who am I?



Hint: Goddess of Math Bowl for 25 years

Correct Answer: Julia Polk