

SOLUTIONS TO MTH 101 MOCK TEST

QUESTION 1

(a) Simplify $\text{Log}_2 y^7 + \text{Log}_4 y^3$

Solution

Recall that: $\text{Log}_a^b = \frac{1}{c} \text{Log}_a^b$ [We will prove this in the next tutorial]

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Log}_2 y^7 + \text{Log}_4 y^3 &= \text{Log}_2 y^7 + \text{Log}_{\frac{2}{2}} y^3 \\ &= \text{Log}_2 y^7 + \frac{1}{2} \text{Log}_2 y^3 \\ &= \text{Log}_2 y^7 + 3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Log}_2 y \\ &= \text{Log}_2 y^7 + \frac{3}{2} \text{Log}_2 y \\ &= \text{Log}_2 y^7 + \text{Log}_2 y^{3/2} \\ &= \text{Log}_2 (y^7 \times y^{3/2}) \\ &= \text{Log}_2 (y^{7+3/2}) \\ &= \text{Log}_2 y^{17/2} = \frac{17}{2} \text{Log}_2 y \\ &= \frac{17}{2} \text{Log}_2 y \text{ OR } \frac{17}{4} \text{Log}_4 y \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\left[\frac{2^n (9^{n+2}) - 36 (2^n) (3^{2n})}{45 (18^n)} \right]^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\frac{2^n (9^n \times 9^2) - 36 (2^n \times 3^{2n})}{45 (9 \times 2)^n} \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \left[\frac{2^n (3^{2n} \times 81) - 36 (2^n \times 3^{2n})}{45 (3^2 \times 2)^n} \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \left[\frac{(2^n \times 3^{2n} \times 81) - 36 (2^n \times 3^{2n})}{45 (3^{2n} \times 2^n)} \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \left[\frac{2^n \times 3^{2n} [81 - 36]}{45 (2^n \times 3^{2n})} \right]^{1/2} = \left[\frac{45}{45} \right]^{1/2} = \left(\frac{1}{1} \right)^{1/2} = 1^{1/2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 2

Find the positive square root of $19 + 6\sqrt{2}$

Solution

$$\sqrt{19 + 6\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \quad \text{[Questions of this nature is always solved this way...]}$$

Square both sides:

$$(\sqrt{19 + 6\sqrt{2}})^2 = (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2$$

$$19 + 6\sqrt{2} = (\sqrt{a})^2 + \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ab} + (\sqrt{b})^2$$

$$19 + 6\sqrt{2} = a + 2\sqrt{ab} + b$$

$$19 + 6\sqrt{2} = a + b + 2\sqrt{ab}$$

Equating constants:

$$a + b = 19 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Equating surds:

$$\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{2} = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{ab} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

Square both sides

$$(\sqrt{ab})^2 = (3\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$ab = 9 \times 2$$

$$ab = 18 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Now we have:

$$a + b = 19 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$ab = 18 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From eqt (i) $a = 19 - b$ substitute into eqt (ii)

$$(19 - b)b = 18$$

$$19b - b^2 = 18$$

$$b^2 - 19b + 18 = 0$$

By Factorization:

$$b^2 - 18b - b + 18 = 0$$

$$b(b - 18) - 1(b - 18) = 0$$

$$(b - 1)(b - 18) = 0$$

$$b = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad b = 18$$

Recall that:

$$a = 19 - b$$

When $b = 1$

$$a = 19 - 1$$

$$a = 18$$

When $b = 18$

$$a = 19 - 18$$

$$a = 1$$

Hence; the positive square root is: $\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{18}$ OR $\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{1}$
 $= 1 + 3\sqrt{2}$ OR $3\sqrt{2} + 1$

QUESTION 3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad {}^{100}C_{98} &= \frac{100!}{(100-98)! 98!} = \frac{100!}{2! 98!} \\ &= \frac{100 \times 99 \times \cancel{98!}}{2! \cancel{98!}} \\ &= \frac{9900}{2 \times 1} \\ &= \underline{\underline{4950}} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Express $\frac{2+3i}{3+2i}$ in the form $a+ib$

Solution

To express in the form $a+ib$ we rationalize with the conjugate

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2+3i}{3+2i} \times \left(\frac{3-2i}{3-2i} \right) \\ &= \frac{(2+3i)(3-2i)}{(3+2i)(3-2i)} \\ &= \frac{6 - 4i + 9i - 6(-1)}{3^2 - (2i)^2} \\ &= \frac{6 + 5i + 6}{9 - 4(-1)} = \frac{12 + 5i}{9 + 4} \\ &= \frac{12 + 5i}{13} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{12}{13} + \frac{5i}{13}}} \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 4

(a) In the binomial expansion of $(x^2 - \frac{1}{2x})^{12}$. Find the coefficient of x^6 .

Solution

$$(a+b)^n = {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r \rightarrow \text{A term in the binomial expansion of } (a+b)^n$$

$$(x^2 - \frac{1}{2x})^{12}$$

$$a = x^2 \quad b = -\frac{1}{2x} \quad n = 12$$

$$= {}^{12} C_r a^{12-r} b^r = {}^{12} C_r (x^2)^{12-r} (-\frac{1}{2x})^r$$

$$= {}^{12} C_r x^{24-2r} \cdot (-1)^r x^{-r} (\frac{1}{2})^r$$

$$= {}^{12} C_r x^{24-2r} \times -1^r \times x^{-r}$$

$$= {}^{12} C_r (-1) \cdot x^{24-2r-r}$$

$$= {}^{12} C_r (-1) \times x^{24-3r}$$

Since we need to note the coefficient of x^6 . To get the coefficient

$$x^{24-3r} = x^6$$

$$24 - 3r = 6$$

$$24 - 6 = 3r$$

$$18 = 3r$$

$$\frac{18}{3} = \frac{3r}{3}$$

$$r = 6$$

$$\therefore {}^{12} C_r a^{12-r} b^r = {}^{12} C_6 (x^2)^{12-6} (\frac{1}{2x})^6$$

$$= {}^{12} C_6 (x^2)^6 \cdot (x^{-1})^6 \cdot (-1)^6$$

$$= {}^{12} C_6 (x^{12}) \cdot x^{-6} \cdot (-1)$$

$$= -924 \times x^{12-6}$$

$$= -924 x^6$$

\therefore The coefficient of $x^6 = \underline{\underline{-924}}$.

(b) Obtain the coefficient of x^7 in the expansion of $(x^2 - 2x)^5$.

Solution

$$(x^2 - 2x)^5$$

Let the term with x^7 be $= {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r$

$$a = x^2 \quad b = -2x \quad n = 5$$

$$= {}^5 C_r (x^2)^{5-r} (-2x)^r$$

$$= {}^5 C_r (x^{10-2r}) (-2)^r (x)^r$$

$$= {}^5 C_r (-2)^r (x^{10-2r+r}) = {}^5 C_r (-2)^r x^{10-r} \dots \textcircled{a}$$

Since we are interested in the coefficient of x^7

$$\therefore x^{10-r} = x^7 \quad ; \quad 10-r = 7 \quad ; \quad r = 10-7 = 3$$

Continuation of 4(b)

$$r = 3$$

Substitute $r=3$ into equation (a)

$$= 5(3)(-2)^r \times 10^{10-r}$$

$$= 5(3)(-2)^3 \times 10^{10-3}$$

$$= 10 \times -8 \times 10^7$$

$$= -80 \times 10^7$$

∴ The coefficient of x^7 is $= -80$

QUESTION 5

If the second term of a geometric progression is 24 and the fifth term is 81. Find the common ratio and 7th term.

Solution

For a geometric progression (G.P) :

$$T_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\text{Given } T_2 = ar = 24 \dots \dots \textcircled{i}$$

$$T_5 = ar^4 = 81 \dots \dots \textcircled{ii}$$

Divide (ii) by (i) to find common ratio, 'r'.

$$\frac{T_5}{T_2} = \frac{ar^4}{ar} = \frac{81}{24}$$

$$r^3 = \frac{81}{24} = 27$$

$$r^3 = \frac{27}{3}$$

$$r^3 = \frac{3^3}{2^3}$$

Take cubic root of both sides +

$$\sqrt[3]{r^3} = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3}$$

$$r = \frac{3}{2}$$

∴ Common ratio, $r = \frac{3}{2}$

7th term, $T_7 = ar^6$

To find 'a' Recall that $T_2 = ar = 24$

$$a \times \frac{3}{2} = 24$$

$$a = \frac{24 \times 2}{3}$$

$$a = \frac{48}{3}$$

$$a = 16$$

$$T_7 = ar^6$$

$$= 16 \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^6$$

$$T_7 = 182.25$$

∴ 7th term is

$$182.25$$

QUESTION 6

If α and β are the roots of the equation $2x^2 - 7x - 3 = 0$, Find the equation whose roots are $2/\alpha^2$ and $2/\beta^2$

Solution

$$\text{From } 2x^2 - 7x - 3 = 0$$

$$\text{Compared with } ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$a = 2 \quad b = -7 \quad c = -3$$

When solving for equation with roots α & β

$$\text{We know that: } \alpha + \beta = -b/a$$

$$\alpha\beta = c/a$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -(-7)/2$$

$$= 7/2$$

$$\alpha\beta = -3/2$$

Since we were asked for equation with roots $2/\alpha^2$ & $2/\beta^2$

The equation will be:

$$(x - 2/\alpha^2)(x - 2/\beta^2)$$

By opening the brackets we'll have:

$$= x^2 - x\left(\frac{2}{\beta^2}\right) - x\left(\frac{2}{\alpha^2}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{\alpha^2} \times \frac{2}{\beta^2}\right)$$

$$= x^2 - 2x\left(\frac{1}{\beta^2}\right) - 2x\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^2}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{\alpha^2\beta^2}\right)$$

$$= x^2 - 2x\left(\frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\alpha^2}\right) + \frac{4}{(\alpha\beta)^2}$$

$$= x^2 - 2x\left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2}\right) + \frac{4}{(\alpha\beta)^2}$$

Note that: $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$ so, we put it in:

$$= x^2 - 2x\left(\frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{(\alpha\beta)^2}\right) + \frac{4}{(\alpha\beta)^2}$$

Recall that $\alpha + \beta = 7/2$; $\alpha\beta = -3/2$

\therefore The equation is thus:

$$= x^2 - 2x\left(\frac{(7/2)^2 - 2(-3/2)}{(-3/2)^2}\right) + \frac{4}{(-3/2)^2}$$

$$= x^2 - 2x \left(\frac{49/4 + 6/2}{9/4} \right) + \frac{4}{9/4}$$

$$= x^2 - 2x \left(\frac{61}{9} \right) + \frac{16}{9}$$

Multiply through by '9'

$$= 9x^2 - (2x \times 61) + 16$$

$$= \underline{\underline{9x^2 - 122x + 16}}$$

QUESTION 7

Find the value of k given that $-3x^3 + 2x^2 + 6x + k$ leaves a remainder of 8 when divided by $(x-3)$

Solution

$$\text{Let } P(x) = 3x^3 + 2x^2 + 6x + k$$

$$R = 8$$

$$D(x) = x - 3$$

Using our Remainder Theorem

$$D(x) = 0$$

$$x - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

$$\therefore P(x) = R$$

$$P(3) = 8$$

$$P(3) = 3(3)^3 + 2(3)^2 + 6(3) + k = 8$$

$$3(27) + 2(9) + 18 + k = 8$$

$$81 + 18 + 18 + k = 8$$

$$117 + k = 8$$

$$k = 8 - 117$$

$$k = \underline{\underline{-109}}$$

QUESTION 8

Solve the inequality $\frac{x^2+x-2}{x^2+4} > \frac{1}{2}$

Solution

$$\frac{x^2+x-2}{x^2+4} > \frac{1}{2}$$

Multiply both sides by $2(x^2+4)$

$$2(x^2+4) \left(\frac{x^2+x-2}{x^2+4} \right) > \frac{1}{2} \times 2(x^2+4)$$

$$2(x^2+x-2) > x^2+4$$

$$2x^2+2x-4 > x^2+4 \quad \text{collect like terms;}$$

$$2x^2 - x^2 + 2x - 4 - 4 > 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 8 > 0$$

Factorizing we have

$$x^2 + 4x - 2x - 8 > 0$$

$$x(x+4) - 2(x+4) > 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+4) > 0$$

Using Truth table: First we have to find our turning values

$$\text{i.e. } x-2=0 \quad \& \quad x+4=0$$

$$x=2 \quad \& \quad x=-4$$

Thus, the truth table can be drawn

	$x < -4$	$-4 < x < 2$	$x > 2$
$x+4$	-	+	+
$x-2$	-	-	+
$(x-2)(x+4)$	+	-	+

Since the inequality has > 0 then it should be positive

\therefore The solution to the inequality $\frac{x^2+x-2}{x^2+4} > \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{is } \Rightarrow x: \{ \underline{x < -4 \cup x > 2} \}$$

QUESTION 9

Write the partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x^2+1)}$

Solution

$$\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+1}$$
$$\frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x-1)}{(x-1)(x^2+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 = A(x^2+1) + (Bx+C)(x-1)$$

To get A let $x=1$

$$1+1 = A(1^2+1) + (B(1)+C)(1-1)$$

$$2 = A(1+1) + 0$$

$$2 = 2A$$

$$2A = 2$$

$$\frac{2A}{2} = \frac{2}{2}$$

$$A = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 = Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 - Bx + Cx - C$$

$$x+1 = (A+B)x^2 + (-B+C)x + A-C$$

Equating coefficient of x^2

$$A+B=0$$

Since $A=1$

$$\therefore 1+B=0$$

$$B=-1$$

Equating coefficient of x

$$1 = -B+C$$

Since $B=-1$

$$1 = -(-1) + C$$

$$1 = 1 + C$$

$$C = 1 - 1$$

$$C = 0$$

\therefore The partial fraction decomposition is given as $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{(1)x+0}{x^2+1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{(x-1)(x^2+1)} = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{(1)x}{x^2+1} = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{x}{x^2+1}$$

QUESTION 10

(a) Find k if $x-1$ is a factor $x^3 + kx^2 - x - 8$

Solution

Let $f(x) = x^3 + kx^2 - x - 8$, $D(x) = x-1$

Using the remainder theorem:

If $D(x)$ is a factor then R , remainder = 0

set $D(x) = 0$

$x = 1$

$\therefore f(x) = R = 0$ since ' $x-1$ ' is a factor

Therefore, $f(1) = 1^3 + k(1)^2 - 1 - 8 = 0$

$1 + k - 9 = 0$

$k = 9 - 1$

$k = 8$

(b) Find the remainder when $8x^4 - 12x^2 + 7$ is divided by $2x-1$

Solution

1st Method

Using the remainder theorem

Let $f(x) = 8x^4 - 12x^2 + 7$

set $2x-1 = 0$

$x = 1/2$

$f(1/2) = \text{Remainder}$

$\therefore f(1/2) = 8(1/2)^4 - 12(1/2)^2 + 7 = R$

$R = \left(\frac{8 \times 1}{16} \right) - \left(\frac{12 \times 1}{4} \right) + 7$

$R = 1/2 - 3 + 7$

$R = 1/2 + 4$

$R = \frac{1+8}{2}$

$R = 9/2$

2nd Method

Long Division

$2x-1 \overline{) 8x^4 - 12x^2 + 7}$

Can be further expressed as +

$4x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 5/2$

$2x-1 \overline{) 8x^4 + 0x^3 - 12x^2 + 0x + 7}$

$-(8x^4 + 4x^3)$

$4x^3 - 12x^2$

$-(4x^3 - 2x^2)$

$-10x^2 + 0x$

$-(-10x^2 + 5x)$

$-5x + 7$

$-(-5x + 5/2)$

The \rightarrow $9/2$
Remainder

\therefore The remainder when $8x^4 - 12x^2 + 7$ is divided by $2x-1$ is $= 9/2$

Wishing
All Success!!!
All is well!

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