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**Examination in Mathematics I**  
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**Working time:** 120 minutes

The derivation of the results must be given clearly. The statement of the result only is not sufficient.

**Tools:**

- pocket calculator
- printed collection of formulas
- printed script “Mathematics for Students of Economics and Management”

It is not allowed to use mobile phones.

**Distribution of points obtainable for the problems:**

problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	sum
points	5	8	9	10	11	7	50

### Problems:

1. Prove by induction

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{2^k} = 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n}.$$

2. (a) A firm produces 10,000 video recorders in its first year 1981.
- i. How many video recorders does the firm produce up to the end of  $n$  years if production increases by 20% every year? Specify the result for  $n = 20$ .
  - ii. Which was the first year with a production of more than 100,000 video recorders?
- (b) Check whether the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k^2}{(k+1) \cdot 3^k}$$

converges. Use the quotient criterion.

3. Let

$$P(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - 8.$$

- (a) Determine all real and complex zeros of  $P(x)$ .
  - (b) Find the polar (trigonometric) forms of the complex zeros.
  - (c) Is  $P(x)$  an even or odd function?
  - (d) Is  $P(x)$  a bijective function? Does the inverse function  $P^{-1}$  exist? Give reason(s) for your statement.
4. (a) A function is given by the formula

$$f_1(x) = \ln(x^2 - x + 1) + 2; \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find intervals of monotonicity and concavity/convexity.

- (b) Another function  $f_2(x)$  is given by

$$f_2(x) = \begin{cases} \ln(x^2 - x + 1) + 2 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ ax + b & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Find  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $f_2(x)$  is continuous and differentiable at all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

5. Let

$$f_t(x) = 1 - \frac{2e^x}{e^x + t}; \quad t > 0$$

be a class of functions depending on  $x$  with a constant parameter  $t$ .

(a) Find domain, zeros and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f_t(x)$ .

(b) Determine extreme points and inflection points of  $f_t(x)$ .

(c) Let  $t = e$ . Decide whether the function  $f_e(x)$  is elastic at  $x = 2$ .

6. (a) Find

$$\int \frac{x^3 dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

(b) Evaluate

$$F(T) = \int_0^T a e^{-at} dt$$

and show that  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} F(T) = 1$ .

**Examination in Mathematics I - Solutions**  
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1.  $A(1)$  :  $\frac{1}{2} = 2 - \frac{3}{2}$   
 $A(n)$  :  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{2^k} = 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n}$   
 $A(n+1)$  :  $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{k}{2^k} = 2 - \frac{n+3}{2^{n+1}}$   
 $A(n) \Rightarrow A(n+1)$  :  $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{k}{2^k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{2^k} + \frac{n+1}{2^{n+1}}$   
 $= 2 - \frac{n+2}{2^n} + \frac{n+1}{2^{n+1}}$   
 $= 2 - \frac{2n+4-n-1}{2^{n+1}}$   
 $= 2 - \frac{n+3}{2^{n+1}}$
2. (a) i.  $s_n = a_1 \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}$  with  $a_1 = 10,000$  and  $q = 1.2$ ;  $s_{20} = 1,866,879.9$   
 ii. 1994 was the first year.  
 (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{3} < 1$ ; series converges.
3. (a)  $x_1 = 2, \quad x_2 = -2, \quad x_3 = \sqrt{2}i, \quad x_4 = -\sqrt{2}i$   
 (b)  $x_3 = \sqrt{2}(\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}), \quad x_4 = \sqrt{2}(\cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2})$   
 (c)  $P(x)$  is even.  
 (d)  $P(x)$  is not bijective and the inverse function does not exist. An even function is not injective.
4. (a)  $-\infty < x \leq \frac{1}{2}$  :  $f'(x) \leq 0, \quad f(x)$  decreasing  
 $\frac{1}{2} \leq x < \infty$  :  $f'(x) \geq 0, \quad f(x)$  increasing  
 $-\infty < x \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  :  $f''(x) \leq 0, \quad f(x)$  concave  
 $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  :  $f''(x) \geq 0, \quad f(x)$  convex  
 $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \leq x < \infty$  :  $f''(x) \leq 0, \quad f(x)$  concave  
 (b)  $a = -1; \quad b = 2$

5. (a)  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ ; zero:  $x_0 = \ln t$ ;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f_t(x) = -1$ ;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f_t(x) = 1$

(b) no extreme points; inflection point at  $(\ln t, 0)$

(c)  $f_e(x)$  is elastic at  $x = 2$

6. (a)

$$\int \frac{x^3 dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -(1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{3}(1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$$

(b)

$$F(T) = \int_0^T a e^{-at} dt = -e^{-aT} + 1$$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} F(T) = 1 \quad \text{for } a > 0$$