

For Questions 1 to 7, show your calculations in detail on the answer sheet.

1. (10%) Evaluate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3x}-1}{x}$.
2. (10%) Find the area of the region bounded by the graphs of $f(x) = -x^2 + 2x$ and $g(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 - 10x$.
3. (10%) Evaluate $\int \frac{\sin\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx$.
4. (10%) Find the values of x for which the power series is convergent:
$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n x^n}{n 3^n}$$
5. (10%) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \tanh^{-1}(\cos 2x)$.
6. (35%) Let w_T denote the terminal wealth of a uni-dollar investment after T periods. Consider two possible cumulative distribution functions (CDFs) for w_T as follows.

$$\begin{cases} \ln w_T \sim N(T\mu_F, T\sigma_F^2) & \text{if the CDF } F(w_T) \text{ is considered} \\ \ln w_T \sim N(T\mu_G, T\sigma_G^2) & \text{if the CDF } G(w_T) \text{ is considered} \end{cases}$$

where $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ represents the normal distribution with the mean to be μ and the variance to be σ^2 . For any utility function $U'(\cdot) \geq 0$, the expected utility under F or G is

$$E_P U(w_T) = \int_0^{\infty} U(w_T) dP(w_T) \text{ for } P = F \text{ or } G.$$

Last, $\Phi(c) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^c \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$ is the CDF for the standard normal distribution.

6.1 (5%) Find w_T^* such that $F(w_T^*) = G(w_T^*)$.

6.2 (10%) Suppose that $\sigma_F > \sigma_G$. Prove $\int_0^{w_T^*} [G(w_T) - F(w_T)] dw_T < 0$.

6.3 (20%) Consider a utility function

$$U(w_T) = \begin{cases} w_T & \text{if } w_T \leq M \\ M \left[\ln \left(\frac{w_T}{M} \right) + 1 \right] & \text{if } w_T > M \end{cases}$$

where M is a positive constant, and the expected utility under F is

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$$E_F U(w_T) = \int_0^M U(w_T) dF(w_T) + \int_M^\infty U(w_T) dF(w_T) = I + II.$$

6.3.1 (5%) Prove that $0 < I < M\Phi\left(\frac{\ln M - T\mu_F}{\sqrt{T}\sigma_F}\right)$.

6.3.2 (10%) If II can be expressed as $M[\alpha\Phi(\beta) + \gamma e^{-\delta^2/2}]$, what are α , β , γ , and δ ?

6.3.3 (5%) What is $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E_F U(w_T)$?

7. (15%) Define $\Phi(c) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^c \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$ to be the cumulative distribution function for the standard normal distribution and $a > 0$ and $b > 0$.

7.1 (5%) What is $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} e^{ay} \Phi(-b\sqrt{y})$ if $a > b^2/2$?

7.2 (5%) What is $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} e^{ay} \Phi(-b\sqrt{y})$ if $a \leq b^2/2$?

7.3 (5%) What is $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{b^2 y}{2}} \sqrt{y} \Phi(-b\sqrt{y})$?

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