

1. Definitions: 2 points each

DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUALLY WEIGHTED.

Whenever possible, offer both a verbal and a mathematical definition.

Def 1. closed set

Def 2. compact set

Def 3. function

Def 4. derivative (of a function)

Def 5. gradient (of a function)

Def 6. Hessian (of a function)

Def 7. differential form (of a function)

Def 8. positive definite quadratic form

Def 9. extremum

Def 10. implicit function theorem

Def 11. concave function

Def 12. envelope theorem

Def 13. characteristic roots (of a square matrix)

Def 14. binary operation

Def 15. leading principal minor (of a square matrix)

2. Multiple Choice: 3 points each

DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUALLY WEIGHTED. (Please circle your answers.)

MC1. Which of the following sets are equal to $\{2, 4, 6, 8\}$?

- (a) $\{2, 2, 4, 4, 6, 6, 8, 8\}$
- (b) $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}_{++} \mid 0 < x/2 < 5\}$
- (c) $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}_{++} \mid 0 < x < 10\}$
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

MC2. Suppose you wish to graph a function f over the interval $[0, 3]$, and you decide to use the endpoints of the interval along with an evenly spaced sample of points in between? Which of the following GAUSS statements might represent this decision?

- (a) `seqa(0,0.1,30)`
- (b) `seqa(0,0.1,31)`
- (c) `seqm(0,0.1,30)`
- (d) `seqm(0,0.1,31)`
- (e) none of the above

MC3. Given a vector \mathbf{x} of real numbers, what is returned by the GAUSS command `selif(x,x%3 .eq 0)`?

- (a) The integer approximation of $3\mathbf{x}$.
- (b) The elements of \mathbf{x} containing 3 as a digit.
- (c) The elements of \mathbf{x} that are evenly divisible by 3.
- (d) The first three elements of \mathbf{x} that equal zero.
- (e) none of the above

MC4. If a finite sequence has n elements, how many permutations does it have?

- (a) n
- (b) $n!$
- (c) $2n$
- (d) 2^n
- (e) none of the above

MC5. If the set P contains every element in the set Q , which of the following statements are true?

- (a) $P = Q$
- (b) $P \supseteq Q$
- (c) $|P| = |Q|$
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

MC6. Suppose $P = \{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$. Which of the following is a subset of P ?

- (a) $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$

- (b) $\{\omega_1\}$
- (c) \emptyset
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

MC7. If $\log_b x = \log_b(yz)$, then

- (a) $\log_b x = \log_b y + \log_b z$
- (b) the growth rate of x equals the growth rate of y plus the growth rate of z .
- (c) $b^x = b^{yz}$
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

MC8. Suppose $0 < b < 1$. Then if we graph b^x we will find

- (a) $b^x > 0$ always.
- (b) the function has a positive slope.
- (c) the function has an increasing slope.
- (d) a. and c.
- (e) all of the above

MC9. Which of the following describes a hyperbola?

- (a) $xy = 1$
- (b) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
- (c) $x = y$
- (d) $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$
- (e) c. and d.

MC10. Which of the following describes a circle?

- (a) $xy = 1$
- (b) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
- (c) $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$
- (d) $x = y$
- (e) c. and d.

MC11. Which of the following describes a straight line?

- (a) $xy = 1$
- (b) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
- (c) $x = y$
- (d) $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x$
- (e) c. and d.

MC12. How do the graphs of $y = x^2$ and $y = (x + 10)^2$ differ?

- (a) the second graph is shifted to the left
- (b) the second graph is generally “steeper,” in the sense that it is stretched vertically.

- (c) the second graph is generally “wider,” in the sense that it is stretched horizontally
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

MC13. Consider the Cobb-Douglas production function $Y = AL^{0.6}K^{0.4}$. Suppose the continuously compounded annual growth rates of productivity (A), labor inputs (L), and capital inputs (K) are 1%, 3%, and 2%. Then the continuously compounded annual growth rate of output is

- (a) less than 1%
- (b) 1%
- (c) 3.6%
- (d) 7%
- (e) none of the above

MC14. Suppose your productivity at a particular job increases with experience, so that your effective labor input is $L(t) = 2 - e^{-0.1t}$. Your starting productivity and maximum possible productivity are

- (a) $2, \infty$
- (b) $1, \infty$
- (c) $1, 2$
- (d) $-\infty, 2$
- (e) $-\infty, \infty$

MC15. Which of the following are properties of the matrix inverse?

- (a) $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- (b) $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$
- (c) $A^{-1}B^{-1} = (BA)^{-1}$
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

MC16. Construct a matrix $A[3,3]=\{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \}$. The determinate of this matrix is

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 2
- (d) 3
- (e) 12

MC17. If A is a real 2×2 matrix and $|A| < 0$ then we know the following about the characteristic roots

- (a) there are two characteristic roots
- (b) the characteristic roots are real numbers
- (c) one characteristic root is negative
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

MC18. If $f(x) = \log_2 x$ then $Df(x) =$

- (a) $1/2x$

- (b) $1/x$
- (c) $\ln x / \ln 2$
- (d) $1/x \ln 2$
- (e) none of the above

MC19. If $f(x) = 10^x$ the $Df(x) =$

- (a) 10^x
- (b) $10 \cdot 10^x$
- (c) $\ln 10 \cdot 10^x$
- (d) $1/x \ln 10$
- (e) none of the above

MC20. If $h(x) = f(g(x))$ where $g(x) = (x + 1)^2$ and $f(y) = y^2$ then $h'(x) =$

- (a) $f'((x + 1)^2) \cdot g'(x)$
- (b) $f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$
- (c) $f'(x) \cdot g'(x)$
- (d) a. and b.
- (e) all of the above

3. Short Answer: 10 points each

DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUALLY WEIGHTED.

SA1. For the following functions, find the critical points and use a derivative test to determine whether these are maxima or minima.

- $f(x) = (x - 1)^2$
- $f(x) = (x - 2)^3$
- $f(x) = (x - 3)^4$
- $f(x) = 10 + 5x - x^2$
- $f(x) = 3 - 4x + x^2$

SA2. Consider the general form of a quadratic polynomial: $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$, with $a_2 \neq 0$. Find the critical point. Is a quadratic polynomial concave or convex? (Give an answer based on a derivative test.) Is the critical point a local or global extremum? Explain.

SA3. Consider the production function $f(K, L, H) = K^\alpha E^\beta H^{1-\alpha-\beta}$. Find the gradient.

SA4. Let $X = \{\text{Alice, Bert, Claire}\}$, $Y = \{\text{algebra, calculus}\}$. What is $X \otimes Y$? Let $R = \{(A, a), (B, a), (C, a), (C, c)\}$. Is R a binary relation on X ? (Explain.) Is R a relation from X to Y ? (Explain.) Is R a function from X to Y ? (Explain.) What is R^{-1} ? Construct a matrix that can represent R . Can it also represent R^{-1} ?

SA5. Given the three matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate the element in the first row and second column of ABC . Be sure to explain *precisely* what you are doing.

SA6. A simple “Classical” IS-LM model can be written as

$$Y = g - \beta R \qquad m = \kappa Y - \gamma R$$

where the endogenous variables (“unknowns”) are R and m and the exogenous variables (“constants”) are g and Y . Write the model as a matrix equation in the form $Ax = b$ and solve for the reduced form using matrix algebra.

SA7. A simple “Classical” IS-LM model can be written as

$$Y = ad(R, g) \qquad m = L(R, Y)$$

where the endogenous variables (“unknowns”) are R and m and the exogenous variables (“constants”) are g and Y . Write the total differential of this model as a matrix equation in the form $Ax = b$ and solve for the reduced form partial derivatives using matrix algebra.

SA8. Consider the following GAUSS procedure:

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proc (1)=bisect(&f,rt1,rt2);
  local eps,mid,f:fn;
  eps=1e-9;
  if f(rt1)*f(rt2)>0;stop;endif;
  do while abs(rt2-rt1)>eps;
    mid=(rt1+rt2)/2;
    if f(rt1)*f(mid)>0;rt1=mid;
      else; rt2=mid;
    endif;
  endo;
  retp((rt1+rt2)/2);
endp;
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Give a general verbal discussion of the algorithm (“bisection method”) that this procedure implements. Be sure to provide a graphical illustration. Then comment each line of code to explain precisely how the procedure implements the bisection method.

SA9. Suppose your utility function is $U(c_1, c_2) = c_1^{1/2}c_2^{1/3}$ and you face prices $p = (1/2, 1/3)^\top$. Given wealth of \$10,000, what is your optimum consumption bundle? Set up and solve as an unconstrained optimization problem.