

### Problem 1

The reduced cubic equation  $y^3 + 3py + 2q = 0$  has one real and two complex solutions when  $D = q^2p^3 > 0$ . These are given by Cardanos formula as

$$y_1 = u + v, \quad y_2 = -\frac{u+v}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{3}(u-v), \quad y_3 = -\frac{u+v}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{3}(u-v)$$

where

$$u = \sqrt[3]{-q + \sqrt{q^2 + p^3}}, \quad v = \sqrt[3]{-q - \sqrt{q^2 + p^3}}.$$

### Problem 2

Each of the measurements  $x_1 < x_2 \cdots < x_r$ , occurs  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$  times. The mean value and standard deviation are then

$$x = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^r p_i x_i, \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^r p_i (x_i - x)^2}$$

where  $n = p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_r$ .

### Problem 3

Although this equation looks very complicated, it should not present any great difficulties:

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{(ax+b)^3}}{x} dx = \frac{\sqrt[2]{(ax+b)^3}}{3} + 2b\sqrt{ax+b} + b^2 \int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{ax+b}}.$$

The same applies to  $\int_1^8 \left(\frac{dx}{\sqrt[3]{x}}\right) = \frac{3}{2}(8^{2/3} + 1^{2/3}) = \frac{15}{2}$ .

### Problem 4

The gamma function  $\Gamma(x)$  is defined as

$$\Gamma(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{n!n^{x-1}}{x+v} \equiv \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t}t^{x-1}dt.$$

The integral definition is valid only for  $x > 0$  (2<sup>nd</sup> Euler integral).

**Problem 5**

The total number of permutations of  $n$  elements taken  $m$  at a time (symbol  $p_n^m$ ) is

$$p_n^m = \prod_{i=0}^{m-1} (n-i) = \underbrace{n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-m+1)}_{\text{total of m factors}} = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}.$$

**Problem 6**

$$\mathcal{M}^\beta(\tau_0, \psi_0) = \frac{2\mathcal{C}_4\tilde{\beta}}{3\mathcal{C}_1} + \frac{2\pi\mathcal{C}_3\tilde{\eta}\tilde{\omega}^2}{\mathcal{C}_1^2} \left[ \frac{\sin(\tilde{\omega}\tau_0 + \psi_0)}{\sinh[\pi\tilde{\omega}(2\mathcal{C}_1)]} + \tilde{\eta} \frac{\sin(2\tilde{\omega}\tau_0 + \psi_0)}{\sinh[\pi\tilde{\omega}(\mathcal{C}_1)]} \right].$$

**Problem 7**

$$\sum^{\psi_0} = \{(\theta, \varphi, \psi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times S^1 \mid \psi = \psi_0\}.$$

**Problem 8**

For integers  $m, n$  with  $n \geq 4$  even, and  $2 \leq m < n$ , the expansion factor of  $SK_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\varepsilon(SK_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2m} & \text{if } 2 \leq m < \frac{n}{4} \\ 2 & \text{if } \frac{n}{4} \leq m < \frac{n}{2} \\ \frac{3n-2-2m}{n} & \text{if } \frac{n}{2} \leq m < \frac{3n}{4} \\ 1 + \frac{n}{n} \lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \rfloor & \text{if } \frac{3n}{4} \leq m < n. \end{cases}$$