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**Very short answer questions**

- 1.
- 2 marks
- Each part is worth 1 mark. Please write your answers in the boxes.

- (a) What is the worth, after 9 months, of an investment of \$250 with a nominal interest rate of 13% compounded quarterly?

Answer:  $250 \cdot (1.0325)^3$

**Solution:**

$$FV = PV \cdot \left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)^{nt}, \quad PV = 250, \quad n = 4, \quad t = \frac{3}{4}, \quad i = 0.13$$

$$FV = 250 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{0.13}{4}\right)^{4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} = 250 \cdot (1.0325)^3$$

- (b) Compute
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{2x^3 - x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 1}$
- .

Answer:  $\frac{23}{5}$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{2x^3 - x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{2 \cdot 3^3 - 3^2 + 1}{3^2 + 1} = \frac{54 - 9 + 1}{10} = \frac{46}{10} = \frac{23}{5}$

**Short answer questions — you must show your work**

- 2.
- 4 marks
- Each part is worth 2 marks.

- (a) An investment of \$500 gained \$100 in the last two months, what is the nominal interest rate, assuming it is compounded monthly?

Answer:  $12 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{6}{5}} - 1\right)$

**Solution:** We use  $FV = PV \cdot \left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)^{n \cdot t}$  with

$$PV = 500, \quad FV = PV + 100 = 600, \quad n = 12, \quad t = \frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$$

and so

$$600 = 500 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{i}{12}\right)^{12 \cdot \frac{1}{6}} = 500 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{i}{12}\right)^2.$$

Simplifying yields

$$i = 12 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{6}{5}} - 1\right)$$

(b) Compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{3x-5} + \frac{2}{4}}{x-1}$ .

Answer:  $-\frac{3}{4}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1}{3x-5} + \frac{2}{4}}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\frac{1 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot (3x-5)}{4 \cdot (3x-5)}}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{6(x-1)}{4(x-1)(3x-5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{6}{4(3x-5)} = \frac{6}{4 \cdot (-2)}$$

### Long answer question — you must show your work

3. 4 marks A global conglomerate manufactures chalk. They sell a box of chalk for \$1 and their monthly revenue is \$5,000,000. Their research team figured that if they increase the price by a quarter a box they will sell 1,000,000 units less each month. Their fixed production cost is \$1,250,000 and each box costs an extra €75 to make.

(a) Find the linear demand equation. Use the notation  $p$  for price and  $q$  for the monthly demand.

Answer:

$$q = -4,000,000 \cdot p + 9,000,000$$

**Solution:** The revenue is given by  $R = p \cdot q$  and the first piece of information says that  $5,000,000 = 1 \cdot q$  and hence, for the price of \$1 the company sells 5,000,000 boxes. Write  $q = A \cdot p + B$ . We have

$$\begin{cases} 5,000,000 = A \cdot 1 + B \\ 4,000,000 = A \cdot 1.25 + B \end{cases}$$

Subtracting the two equations yields

$$1,000,000 = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot A$$

or otherwise  $A = -4,000,000$ . Plugging this back to the first equations gives

$$B = 5,000,000 - A \cdot 1 = 9,000,000$$

(b) Find the monthly profit as a function  $P(q)$ .

Answer:  $\frac{(q-1,000,000)(q-5,000,000)}{-4,000,000}$

**Solution:** First write

$$p = \frac{q - 9,000,000}{-4,000,000}$$

so the revenue function is

$$R(q) = \frac{(q - 9,000,000)q}{-4,000,000}$$

By the data, the cost function is

$$C(q) = F + V(q) = 1,250,000 + \frac{3}{4}q.$$

Hence the profit is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P(q) &= R(q) - C(q) = \frac{(q - 9,000,000)q}{-4,000,000} - \left(1,250,000 + \frac{3}{4}q\right) \\ &= \frac{q^2 - 9,000,000q + 3,000,000q + 5,000,000,000,000}{-4,000,000} \\ &= \frac{q^2 - 6,000,000q + 5,000,000,000,000}{-4,000,000} \\ &= \frac{(q - 1,000,000)(q - 5,000,000)}{-4,000,000} \end{aligned}$$