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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 \$300 with a nominal interest rate of 11% compounded quarterly?

Answer:  $300 \cdot (1.0275)^3$

**Solution:**

$$FV = PV \cdot \left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)^{nt}, \quad PV = 300, \quad n = 4, \quad t = \frac{3}{4}, \quad i = 0.11$$

$$FV = 300 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{0.11}{4}\right)^{4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}} = 300 \cdot (1.0275)^3$$

- (b) Compute
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 1}{x^2 + x + 1}$
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Answer:  $\frac{23}{5}$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} = \frac{2^3 - 3 \cdot 2^2 + 1}{2^2 + 2 + 1} = \frac{8 - 12 + 1}{7} = -\frac{3}{7}$

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

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

- (a) An investment of \$600 gained \$200 in the last two months, what is the nominal interest rate, assuming it is compounded monthly?

Answer:  $12 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} - 1\right)$

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

$$PV = 600, \quad FV = PV + 200 = 800, \quad n = 12, \quad t = \frac{2}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$$

and so

$$800 = 600 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{i}{12}\right)^{12 \cdot \frac{1}{6}} = 600 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{i}{12}\right)^2.$$

Simplifying yields

$$i = 12 \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} - 1\right)$$

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

Answer:  $-\frac{1}{4}$

**Solution:**

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

### 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 \$3,000,000. 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 \$750,000 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:

$$q = -4,000,000 \cdot p + 7,000,000$$

**Solution:** The revenue is given by  $R = p \cdot q$  and the first piece of information says that  $3,000,000 = 1 \cdot q$  and hence, for the price of \$1 the company sells 3,000,000 boxes. Write  $q = A \cdot p + B$ . We have

$$\begin{cases} 3,000,000 = A \cdot 1 + B \\ 2,000,000 = A \cdot 1.25 + B \end{cases}$$

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

$$B = 3,000,000 - A \cdot 1 = 7,000,000$$

(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

$$p = \frac{q - 7,000,000}{-4,000,000}$$

so the revenue function is

$$R(q) = \frac{(q - 7,000,000)q}{-4,000,000}$$

By the data, the cost function is

$$C(q) = F + V(q) = 750,000 + \frac{3}{4}q$$

Hence the profit is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P(q) &= R(q) - C(q) = \frac{(q - 7,000,000)q}{-4,000,000} - \left(750,000 + \frac{3}{4}q\right) \\ &= \frac{(q - 1,000,000)(q - 3,000,000)}{-4,000,000} \end{aligned}$$

(See solution of column A for a more detailed simplification)