

2009 Mu Individual Cipherring Questions

Solutions:

0. $\frac{7!}{4!} = 210$

1. If $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - \sqrt{x+1} + 2$ and $f(3) = -2$, find $f(x)$.

$$y = x^3 - \frac{2}{3}(x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2x + c \rightarrow 3^3 - \frac{2}{3}(4)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 6 + c = -2 \rightarrow 27 - \frac{16}{3} + 6 + c = -2 \rightarrow c = -35 + \frac{16}{3};$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{2}{3}(x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2x - \frac{89}{3}$$

2. If the roots of the polynomial $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ are $-2, 1 \pm \sqrt{5}$, find the sum of $a + b + c + d$

$$r_1 r_2 r_3 = 8, r_1 + r_2 + r_3 = 0, r_1 r_2 + r_1 r_3 + r_2 r_3 = -8 \rightarrow x^3 - 8x - 8 = 0 \rightarrow a + b + c + d = -15$$

3. Find: $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{4t^2 + 3t \sin t}{t^2}$.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{4t^2}{t^2} + \frac{3t}{t^2} \sin t}{1} \rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 + \frac{3}{t} \sin t}{1} \rightarrow 7$$

4. Find all ordered pairs (x, y) of real numbers for which $x^2 + xy + x = 14$ and $y^2 + xy + y = 28$.

$$2x^2 + 2xy + 2x - y^2 - xy - y = 0 \rightarrow 2x^2 + x(y+2) - (y^2 - y) = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{-(y+2) \pm \sqrt{9y^2 + 12y + 4}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-y-2 \pm 3y+2}{4}; x = \frac{1}{2}y \text{ and } x = -y-1; x^2 + 2x^2 + x - 14 = 0 \rightarrow (3x+7)(x-2) \rightarrow x = 2, -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$(2, 4), \left(-\frac{7}{3}, -\frac{14}{3}\right); x^2 + x(-x-1) + x = 14 \rightarrow 0 \neq 14, x = -y-1 \text{ does not work.}$$

5. A sequence a_n is defined as follows: $a_1 = 2, a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2$ for $n > 1$. Find the term a_{2009} .

n	1	2	3	4	5
a_n	2	8	26	80	242

$$3^1 - 1, 3^2 - 1, 3^3 - 1, 3^4 - 1, 3^5 - 1, \dots, 3^{2009} - 1.$$

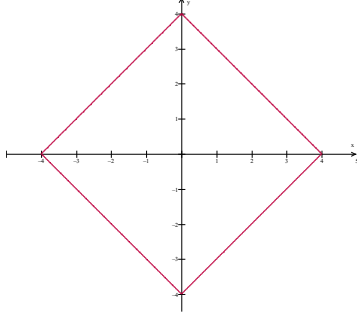
6. Evaluate: $\int_1^4 \frac{x+16}{x^2+2x-8} dx$.

$$\frac{A}{x+4} + \frac{B}{x-2} = \frac{x+16}{x^2+2x-8} \rightarrow \frac{Ax-2A+Bx+4B}{(x+4)(x-2)} = \frac{x+16}{x^2+2x-8} \rightarrow A+B=1; -2A+4B=16$$

$$6B=18 \rightarrow B=3, A=-2 \rightarrow \int_1^4 \frac{3}{x-2} dx - \int_1^4 \frac{2}{x+4} dx \rightarrow 3 \ln(x-2) - 2 \ln(x+4) \Big|_1^4 = \ln \frac{|x-2|^3}{(x+4)^2} \Big|_1^4$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{8} - \ln \frac{1}{25} \rightarrow \ln \frac{25}{8}.$$

7. Find the number of lattice points defined by the region $|x| + |y| < 4$.
(A lattice point in a rectangular coordinate plane is a point both whose coordinates are integers.)

<p> $(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)$ times 4 = 12 $(-3, 0), (-2, 0), (-1, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 0) = 6$ $(0, -3), (0, -2), (0, -1), (0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3) = 6$ $(0, 0) = 1$ </p> <p>Total: 25</p>	
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8. If the domain for x is complex numbers, find the solution set of $9x^4 + 20x^2 + 16 = 0$. Express each element of the solution set in the form $a + bi$, where a and b are real numbers.

$$9x^4 + 24x^2 + 16 - 4x^2 = 0 \rightarrow (3x^2 + 4)^2 - 4x^2 = 0 \rightarrow (3x^2 - 2x + 4)(3x^2 + 2x + 4) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-48}}{6}; x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-48}}{6} \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{11}}{3}i; -\frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{11}}{3}i$$

9. In a simple code, each letter of the alphabet is assigned its numerical position in the alphabet. A one word message was received in this code, but was lost. All that the operator remembered was that the message had the form of $x, x + 7, x + 6, x + 5$, that the second letter was a vowel, and that the word was an English word. What was the one word message?

Possible vowels: a, e, i, o, u . Position in alphabet: 1, 5, 9, 15, 21 and only $x + 7$ can represent i, o , and u . If it is i then word would be BIHG. If it is o then word would be JONM and for u the word would be **NUTS**.

10. Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph $2x^3 - x^2y + y^3 - 1 = 0$ at point $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$

$$6x^2 - 2xy - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy - 6x^2}{3y^2 - x^2} \rightarrow m = -\frac{2}{11} \rightarrow y - 1 = -\frac{2}{11}(x - \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{2x + 11y = 12}$$