



There are four questions included in this test. The weight of each question is equally 25 points. Each question may include a couple of sub-questions. Their weights are shown in points.

1. A factor of production i is called an inferior if the conditional demand for that factor decreases as output increases; that is, $\partial x_i(w, y) / \partial y < 0$, where w is vector of factor
 - (a) Draw a diagram indicating that inferior factors are possible. (7 points)
 - (b) Show that if the technology is constant returns to scale, then no factors can be inferior. (9 points)
 - (c) Show that if marginal cost decreases as the price of some factor increases, then the factor must be inferior. (9 points)

2. Suppose marginal costs are constant at $c > 0$ and that the demand function is given by

$$D(p) = \begin{cases} 10/p & \text{if } p \leq 20 \\ 0 & \text{if } p > 20 \end{cases}$$

What is the profit-maximizing price? (25 points)

3. Consider the multiplier-accelerator model of income determination:

(1) Consumption depends on the previous period's income: $C_t = a + bY_{t-1}$.

(2) The desired capital stock is proportional to the previous period's output:

$$K_t^* = cY_{t-1}.$$

(3) Investment equals the difference between the desired capital stock and the

stock inherited the previous period: $I_t = K_t^* - K_{t-1} = K_t^* - cY_{t-2}$.

(4) Government purchases are constant: $G_t = \bar{G}$.

(5) $Y_t = C_t + I_t + G_t$.

- (a) Express Y_t in terms of Y_{t-1} , Y_{t-2} and the parameters of the model. (10 points)
- (b) Suppose $b=0.9$ and $c=0.5$. Suppose there is a one-time disturbance to government purchases; specifically, suppose that G is equal to $\bar{G} + 1$ in period t and is equal to \bar{G} in all other periods. How does this shock affect output in future different 5 periods? (15 points)



4. Assume that an economy has a production function specified as

$$Y = F(K, AL),$$

where Y = output,

K = physical capital,

A = knowledge, and

L = labor.

The changes in factors per year are respectively as follows.

$$\dot{K} = sY(t) - \delta K(t),$$

$$\dot{L} = nL(t),$$

$$\dot{A} = gA(t),$$

Where s, δ, n, g are all constant.

Suppose that both labor and physical capital are paid by their marginal products.

Let $w = \frac{\partial F(K, AL)}{\partial L}$ and $r = \frac{\partial F(K, AL)}{\partial K} - \delta$, where w = wage and r = interest rate.

(a) If the production function can be written in another way as

$$y = f(k), \text{ where } y = \frac{Y}{AL} \text{ and } k = \frac{K}{AL}. \text{ Show } w = A[f(k) - kf'(k)]. \text{ (6 points)}$$

(b) Since constant returns to scale imply that the total amount paid to the factors of production equals total net output, show that under constant returns to scale,

$$wL + rK = F(K, AL) - \delta K. \quad (7 \text{ points})$$

(c) Derive what the growth rates of w and r on a balanced growth path are.

(12 points)



Answer the following questions carefully

1. Find Taylor's series for $f(x)=\sin x$ at $x=\frac{\pi}{4}$. (10 points)
2. Use Maclaurin series to approximate numerical value for $\int_0^{0.1} e^{-x^2} dx$. (10 points)
3. Let $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ $a > 0$. Prove that $f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \Leftrightarrow b^2 - 4ac \leq 0$. (15 points)
4. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow (\frac{\pi}{2})^-} (\sec x - \tan x)$. (10 points)
5. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$. (15 points)
6. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x + 1}$ (10 points)
7. The plan $x + y + z = 12$ intersects the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ in an ellipse. Find the highest and lowest points on this ellipse (10 points).
8. Use the law of logarithms to solve the equation $e^{x/3} = 4$ (10 points)
9. Evaluate the improper integral $\int_0^{\infty} (x-2)e^{-x^2+4x+3} dx$ if it is convergent (10 points)