

Carry out 6 out of these 8 tasks (please hand in only 6):

1. Use Mathematica to plot the the function  $f(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{|x|}$  over an “interesting” range of values of  $x$ . What is the maximal value of  $f(x)$ ? Is the function an even function, an odd function, neither or both?
2. The sample standard deviation of a collection of observations  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is,

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}},$$

where  $\bar{x}$  is the sample mean. Derive a mechanism for computing the sample standard deviation on-line in a recursive manner that does not require memory storage to grow with  $n$ .

3. Consider the on-line document “20 methods of the data scientist and the mathematics behind them”. Choose 3 methods from the methods 7–20 and look up what they mean on the web and similar resources. Summarizes the applicability of the methods that you chose, allowing 1-3 paragraphs for each method.
4. Prove De Morgan’s law (for  $n$  events) by induction.
5. Say you are distributing  $k$  balls into  $n$  distinct bins where the balls are indistinguishable and there isn’t a limit on how many balls fit in a bin. Find an expression for the number of possibilities for this and explain how you got it.

6. Prove:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n.$$

7. Solve question 1 from last year’s practice exam:  
<https://courses.smp.uq.edu.au/MATH7501/2018/Practice2018.pdf>
8. Solve question 1 from last year’s exam:  
<https://courses.smp.uq.edu.au/MATH7501/2018/2018Final.pdf>