## ISC CLASS XII MATHEMATICS (TEST PAPER 6) - SET 06

Time Allowed: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 80

#### Question 1 (10 $\times$ 1 Mark = 10 Marks)

Answer the following questions.

1. Question: Let \* be an operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined by a \* b = |a - b|. Check if \* is commutative.

**Answer:** Yes, \* is commutative.

**Solution:** An operation \* is commutative if a\*b=b\*a for all  $a,b\in\mathbb{Z}$ . Given a\*b=|a-b| and b\*a=|b-a|. Since |a-b|=|b-a|, it follows that a\*b=b\*a. Thus, \* is commutative.

2. **Question:** Find the principal value of  $\sec^{-1}(-2)$ .

Answer:  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ 

**Solution:** The range of  $\sec^{-1}(x)$  is  $[0,\pi] \setminus \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}$ .  $\sec \theta = -2$  implies  $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ . The principal value of  $\theta$  in  $[0,\pi]$  satisfying  $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$  is  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ .

3. **Question:** If f(x) = |x| - 5 and  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ , find  $f \circ g(1)$ .

Answer: -3

**Solution:** First, compute  $g(1) = (1)^2 + 1 = 2$ . Now,  $f \circ g(1) = f(g(1)) = f(2) = |2| - 5 = 2 - 5 = -3$ .

4. Question: State the range of the function  $f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos^{-1} x$ .

Answer:  $[0,\pi]$ 

**Solution:** The range of  $\cos^{-1}x$  is  $[0,\pi]$ . Thus, the range of  $f(x)=\frac{\pi}{2}-\cos^{-1}x$  is:  $\frac{\pi}{2}-\pi \leq f(x) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}-0$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq f(x) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . However, since  $\cos^{-1}x$  ranges from 0 to  $\pi$ , f(x) ranges from  $\frac{\pi}{2}-\pi$  to  $\frac{\pi}{2}-0$ , i.e.,  $[-\frac{\pi}{2},\frac{\pi}{2}]$ . But the question likely expects the range of  $\frac{\pi}{2}-\cos^{-1}x$  as  $[0,\pi]$  if interpreted as  $\sin^{-1}x$ . Correction: The range of  $f(x)=\frac{\pi}{2}-\cos^{-1}x$  is  $[-\frac{\pi}{2},\frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Alternative Question: State the range of  $f(x)=\sin^{-1}x$ .

5. **Question:** If  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at (1, 2).

Answer: -1

**Solution:** Differentiate implicitly:  $2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ . Solve for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ :  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$ . At (1,2),  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Correction: The point (1,2) does not satisfy  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ . Alternative Question: If  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at (1,2) is invalid. Use (1,2) for  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$  is incorrect. Use (1,2) for  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$  is not possible. Use (1,2) for  $x^2 + y^2 = 5$  is not valid. Alternative Question: If  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at (3,4). Answer:  $-\frac{3}{4}$ 

6. Question: Evaluate:  $\int e^x (1+x) dx$ .

**Answer:**  $e^x(x) + C$ 

**Solution:** Let u = x and  $dv = e^x dx$ . Then du = dx and  $v = e^x$ . Using integration by parts:  $\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$ . Thus,  $\int e^x (1+x) \, dx = \int e^x dx + \int x e^x dx = e^x + (x e^x - e^x) + C = x e^x + C$ .

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7. Question: What is the degree of the homogeneous differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+y}{x-y}$ ?

Answer: 1

**Solution:** A differential equation is homogeneous if it can be written as  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ . Here,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+y}{x-y} = \frac{1+\frac{y}{x}}{1-\frac{y}{x}}$ , which is homogeneous of degree 1.

- 8. Question: If P(A) = 0.4 and  $P(A \cap B) = 0.1$ , find  $P(A \cap B')$ .

Answer: 0.3

**Solution:**  $P(A \cap B') = P(A) - P(A \cap B) = 0.4 - 0.1 = 0.3.$ 

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- 9. Question: If the mean of a probability distribution is 10, what is E(2X+3)?

Answer: 23

**Solution:** E(2X + 3) = 2E(X) + 3 = 2(10) + 3 = 23.

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- 10. **Question:** If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , find a non-zero row matrix X such that XA = 0.

**Answer:** X = (2 -1)

**Solution:** Let  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $XA = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + y & x + 4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . This gives the system: 2x + y = 0 and x + 4y = 0. Solving, we get x = 2k and y = -k for any  $k \neq 0$ . Thus,  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution.

### Question 2 $(3 \times 2 \text{ Marks} = 6 \text{ Marks})$

Answer the following questions.

1. Question: If  $x = \sin^3 t$  and  $y = \cos^3 t$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\tan t$ 

**Solution:** Given  $x = \sin^3 t$  and  $y = \cos^3 t$ . Differentiate both with respect to t:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3\sin^2 t \cos t$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -3\cos^2 t \sin t$ . Thus,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{-3\cos^2 t \sin t}{3\sin^2 t \cos t} = -\frac{\cos t}{\sin t} = -\cot t$ . Correction:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\tan t$  is incorrect. The correct answer is  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\cot t$ .

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- 2. **Question:** A balloon is spherical in shape. Gas is leaking out of the balloon at the rate of  $10 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ . How fast is the radius of the balloon decreasing when the radius is 15 cm?

Answer:  $\frac{1}{90\pi}$  cm/min

**Solution:** The volume of a sphere is  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ . Differentiate with respect to t:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$ . Given  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -10$  and r = 15:  $-10 = 4\pi (15)^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$ . Thus,  $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{-10}{4\pi (225)} = \frac{-1}{90\pi}$  cm/min. The radius is decreasing at  $\frac{1}{90\pi}$  cm/min.

- 3. **Question:** A bag contains 4 red and 5 black balls. Two balls are drawn at random without replacement. Find the probability that both balls are red.

Answer:  $\frac{2}{9}$ 

**Solution:** Total balls = 4+5=9. Probability of drawing two red balls:  $P(\text{first red}) = \frac{4}{9}$  and  $P(\text{second red}) = \frac{3}{8}$ . Thus,  $P(\text{both red}) = \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{12}{72} = \frac{1}{6}$ . Correction: The correct probability is  $\frac{1}{6}$ .

## Question 3 $(4 \times 4 \text{ Marks} = 16 \text{ Marks})$

Answer the following questions.

1. **Question:** Find a matrix X such that 2A + B + X = 0, where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Answer:**  $X = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -7 & -13 \end{pmatrix}$ 

**Solution:**  $2A + B + X = 0 \implies X = -2A - B$ . Compute  $2A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus,

 $X = -2A - B = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ -6 & -8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -7 & -13 \end{pmatrix}.$ 

2. Question: Evaluate:  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2-6x+13}$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-3}{2} \right) + C$ 

**Solution:** Complete the square:  $x^2 - 6x + 13 = (x - 3)^2 + 4$ . Let u = x - 3, then  $\int \frac{dx}{u^2 + 4} = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{u}{2}\right) + C = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x - 3}{2}\right) + C$ .

3. Question: Show that  $f(x) = \log(\cos x)$  is strictly decreasing on  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .

**Solution:** Compute the derivative:  $f'(x) = \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} = -\tan x$ . Since  $\tan x > 0$  for  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,

 $f'(x) = -\tan x < 0$ . Thus, f(x) is strictly decreasing on  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .

4. Question: Solve the differential equation:  $\frac{dy}{dx} - y = \cos x - \sin x$ .

**Answer:**  $y = \sin x + Ce^x$ 

**Solution:** This is a linear differential equation. The integrating factor is  $e^{\int -1 \, dx} = e^{-x}$ . Multiply through:  $e^{-x} \frac{dy}{dx} - e^{-x}y = e^{-x}(\cos x - \sin x)$ . The left side is  $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{-x}y)$ , so:  $e^{-x}y = \int e^{-x}(\cos x - \sin x) \, dx = e^{-x} \sin x + C$ . Thus,  $y = \sin x + Ce^x$ .

# Question 4 (3 $\times$ 6 Marks = 18 Marks)

Answer the following questions.

1. Question: An open tank with a square base and vertical sides is to be constructed from a metal sheet of given area A. Show that the cost of material will be least if the depth is half of the width.

**Solution:** Let the side of the square base be x and the depth be h. The surface area

 $S = x^2 + 4xh = A$ . Express h in terms of x:  $h = \frac{A - x^2}{4x}$ . The volume

 $V = x^2 h = x^2 \left(\frac{A - x^2}{4x}\right) = \frac{Ax - x^3}{4}$ . To minimize the cost (i.e., minimize S), maximize V.

Differentiate V with respect to x and set to zero:  $\frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{A-3x^2}{4} = 0 \implies x = \sqrt{\frac{A}{3}}$ . Substitute

back to find  $h = \frac{A - \frac{A}{3}}{4\sqrt{\frac{A}{3}}} = \frac{\frac{2A}{3}}{4\sqrt{\frac{A}{3}}} = \frac{\sqrt{A}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{x}{2}$ . Thus, the depth is half the width.

2. Question: Evaluate:  $\int_0^\pi \frac{x \sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x} dx$ .

Answer:  $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$ 

**Solution:** Let 
$$I = \int_0^\pi \frac{x \sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x} dx$$
. Use the substitution  $x = \pi - t$ :  $I = \int_0^\pi \frac{(\pi - t) \sin t}{1 + \cos^2 t} dt = \pi \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin t}{1 + \cos^2 t} dt - I$ . Thus,  $2I = \pi \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin t}{1 + \cos^2 t} dt$ . Let  $u = \cos t$ , then  $du = -\sin t \, dt$ :  $2I = \pi \int_{-1}^1 \frac{-du}{1 + u^2} = \pi \left[ \tan^{-1} u \right]_{-1}^1 = \pi \left( \frac{\pi}{4} - \left( -\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{2}$ . Thus,  $I = \frac{\pi^2}{4}$ .

3. Question: Solve the system of linear equations using the matrix inverse method:

$$x + 2y + z = 4$$
$$-x + y + z = 0$$
$$x - 3y + z = 2$$

**Answer:** x = 1, y = 1, z = 1

**Solution:** The system is 
$$AX = B$$
, where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . The

inverse of A is 
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -5 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
. Thus,

$$X = A^{-1}B = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 4(4) - 5(0) + 1(2) \\ 2(4) + 0(0) - 2(2) \\ -2(4) + 5(0) + 3(2) \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Question 5 (15 Marks)

Answer the following questions.

1. (a) If  $f: \mathbb{R} \to [4, \infty)$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ , show that f is not invertible. Restrict the domain to  $D = [0, \infty)$  and find  $f^{-1}$ .

**Solution:** f is not invertible because it is not one-to-one (e.g., f(1) = f(-1) = 5). Restrict f to  $D = [0, \infty)$ . Then f is one-to-one and onto  $[4, \infty)$ . To find  $f^{-1}$ , solve  $y = x^2 + 4$  for x:  $x = \sqrt{y-4}$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y-4}$ .

2. (b) Find the mean and variance of the number of doubles when a pair of dice is thrown 3 times.

**Answer:** Mean = 0.5, Variance = 0.4167

**Solution:** The probability of a double in one throw is  $\frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$ . Let X be the number of doubles in 3 throws. Then  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n=3,p=\frac{1}{6})$ . Mean  $= np = 3 \times \frac{1}{6} = 0.5$ . Variance  $= np(1-p) = 3 \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{15}{36} = 0.4167$ .

3. (c) In a class, 40% students study Mathematics and 30% study Biology. 10% study both. Find the probability that a student studies Mathematics given he/she studies Biology.

Answer:  $\frac{1}{3}$ 

**Solution:** Let M be the event of studying Mathematics and B be the event of studying Biology. Given P(M)=0.4, P(B)=0.3, and  $P(M\cap B)=0.1$ .  $P(M|B)=\frac{P(M\cap B)}{P(B)}=\frac{0.1}{0.3}=\frac{1}{3}$ .

# SECTION B (Optional - 15 Marks)

Answer all questions from this section. (Unit V: Vectors - 5 Marks; Unit VI: 3D Geometry - 6 Marks; Unit VII: Applications of Integrals - 4 Marks)

### Question 6 (5 Marks)

Answer the following questions.

1. Question: Find the area of the parallelogram whose diagonals are  $\vec{d}_1 = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{d}_2 = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ .

Answer:  $\frac{\sqrt{651}}{2}$ 

**Solution:** The area of the parallelogram formed by the diagonals  $\vec{d_1}$  and  $\vec{d_2}$  is given by:

$$Area = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{d_1} \times \vec{d_2}|$$

Compute the cross product:

$$\vec{d_1} \times \vec{d_2} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(1 \cdot 4 - (-2) \cdot (-3)) - \hat{j}(3 \cdot 4 - (-2) \cdot 1) + \hat{k}(3 \cdot (-3) - 1 \cdot 1)$$

$$=\hat{i}(4-6)-\hat{j}(12+2)+\hat{k}(-9-1)=-2\hat{i}-14\hat{j}-10\hat{k}$$

The magnitude of the cross product is:

$$|\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-14)^2 + (-10)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 196 + 100} = \sqrt{300} = 10\sqrt{3}$$

Thus, the area of the parallelogram is:

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 10\sqrt{3} = 5\sqrt{3}$$

Correction: The magnitude is  $\sqrt{4+196+100}=\sqrt{300}=10\sqrt{3}$ . The area is  $\frac{1}{2}\times 10\sqrt{3}=5\sqrt{3}$ . Note: The original answer was incorrect; the correct area is  $5\sqrt{3}$ .

2. Question: Find the scalar product of  $(\vec{a}+3\vec{b})$  and  $(2\vec{a}-\vec{b})$ , if  $|\vec{a}|=2,$   $|\vec{b}|=3$ , and  $\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}=1$ .

Answer: 1

Solution: The scalar product is:

$$(\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}) - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) + 6(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}) - 3(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b})$$

Substitute the given values:

$$= 2(2^{2}) - 1 + 6(1) - 3(3^{2}) = 2(4) - 1 + 6 - 27 = 8 - 1 + 6 - 27 = -14$$

Correction: The correct scalar product is -14. Note: The original answer was incorrect; the correct scalar product is -14.

### Question 7 (10 Marks)

Answer the following questions.

1. **Question:** Find the distance of the origin from the plane 3x - 4y + 12z = 52. Find the vector equation of the plane.

**Answer:** Distance = 4; Vector equation:  $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = 52$ 

**Solution:** The distance D of the origin from the plane 3x - 4y + 12z = 52 is:

$$D = \frac{|3(0) - 4(0) + 12(0) - 52|}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2 + 12^2}} = \frac{52}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} = \frac{52}{\sqrt{169}} = \frac{52}{13} = 4$$

The vector equation of the plane is:

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = 52$$

2. **Question:** Using integration, find the area bounded by the parabola  $y^2 = 4x$  and the latus rectum.

Answer:  $\frac{8}{3}$ 

**Solution:** The parabola  $y^2 = 4x$  has its latus rectum at x = 1. The points of intersection of the parabola and the latus rectum are (1,2) and (1,-2). The area is:

Area = 
$$\int_{-2}^{2} \sqrt{4 - y^2} \, dy$$

But since  $x = \frac{y^2}{4}$ , the area is:

Area = 
$$\int_{-2}^{2} \frac{y^2}{4} dy = 2 \int_{0}^{2} \frac{y^2}{4} dy = 2 \left[ \frac{y^3}{12} \right]_{0}^{2} = 2 \left( \frac{8}{12} \right) = \frac{16}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Correction: The correct area is  $\frac{8}{3}$ . Note: The correct limits and integrand should be:

Area = 
$$\int_0^1 2\sqrt{4x} \, dx = 2 \int_0^1 2\sqrt{x} \, dx = 4 \left[ \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_0^1 = 4 \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{8}{3}$$

# SECTION C (Optional - 15 Marks)

Answer all questions from this section. (Unit VIII: Application of Calculus - 5 Marks; Unit IX: Linear Regression - 6 Marks; Unit X: Linear Programming - 4 Marks)

#### Question 8 (5 Marks)

Answer the following question.

1. Question: The demand function for a certain commodity is p = 100 - 4x and the cost function is C(x) = 50x + 200. Find the profit function P(x), the marginal profit, and the output level x at which the marginal revenue is zero.

**Answer:** Profit function:  $P(x) = 50x - 4x^2 - 200$ , Marginal profit: P'(x) = 50 - 8x, Output level at which marginal revenue is zero: x = 12.5

**Solution:** The revenue function R(x) is:

$$R(x) = p \cdot x = (100 - 4x) \cdot x = 100x - 4x^2$$

The profit function P(x) is:

$$P(x) = R(x) - C(x) = (100x - 4x^{2}) - (50x + 200) = 50x - 4x^{2} - 200$$

The marginal profit is the derivative of P(x):

$$P'(x) = 50 - 8x$$

The marginal revenue is the derivative of R(x):

$$R'(x) = 100 - 8x$$

Set the marginal revenue to zero to find the output level:

$$100 - 8x = 0 \implies x = \frac{100}{8} = 12.5$$

### Question 9 (10 Marks)

Answer the following questions.

1. **Question:** Solve the following Linear Programming Problem graphically: Minimize Z = 2x + 3y Subject to the constraints:

$$x + 2y \le 10$$

$$2x + y \le 8$$

$$x, y \ge 0$$

**Answer:** The minimum value of Z is 12 at the point (4,2).

Solution: Plot the constraints:

- $x + 2y \le 10$  intersects the axes at (10,0) and (0,5).
- $2x + y \le 8$  intersects the axes at (4,0) and (0,8).

The feasible region is a polygon with vertices at (0,0), (4,0), (4,3), (0,5), and (0,0). Evaluate Z = 2x + 3y at each vertex:

- At (0,0): Z=0
- At (4,0): Z=8
- At (4,3): Z=17
- At (0,5): Z=15
- At (2,4): Z=16
- At (4,2): Z=12

The minimum value of Z is 12 at the point (4, 2).

2. Question: For a bivariate distribution, the two regression coefficients are  $b_{yx} = -0.5$  and  $b_{xy} = -0.8$ . If the variance of y is 16, find the coefficient of correlation (r) and the standard deviation of x.

**Answer:** Coefficient of correlation (r) = -0.6325, Standard deviation of x = 5

Solution: The relationship between the regression coefficients and the correlation coefficient is:

$$b_{yx} = r \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}$$
 and  $b_{xy} = r \cdot \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$ 

Given  $b_{yx} = -0.5$  and  $b_{xy} = -0.8$ , we have:

$$b_{yx} \cdot b_{xy} = r^2 \implies (-0.5) \cdot (-0.8) = r^2 \implies r^2 = 0.4 \implies r = \pm \sqrt{0.4} = \pm 0.6325$$

Since both regression coefficients are negative, r is negative:

$$r = -0.6325$$

Given  $\sigma_y^2 = 16 \implies \sigma_y = 4$ . Using  $b_{yx} = r \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y}$ :

$$-0.5 = -0.6325 \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{4} \implies \sigma_x = \frac{0.5 \cdot 4}{0.6325} \approx 3.162$$

Correction:

$$b_{yx} = r \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y} \implies -0.5 = -0.6325 \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{4} \implies \sigma_x = \frac{0.5 \cdot 4}{0.6325} \approx 3.162$$

*Note:* The correct standard deviation of x is approximately 3.162. However, if we use the exact value of r:

$$r = -\sqrt{0.4} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$b_{yx} = r \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y} \implies -0.5 = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sigma_x}{4} \implies \sigma_x = \frac{0.5 \cdot 4 \cdot \sqrt{5}}{2} = \sqrt{5} \approx 2.236$$

Correction: The correct standard deviation of x is  $\sqrt{5}$ .