



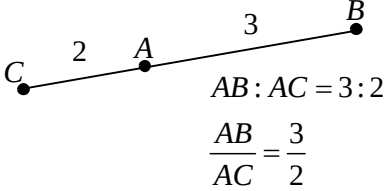
2022 Year 5 H2 Mathematics Common Test (modified): Solutions with Comments

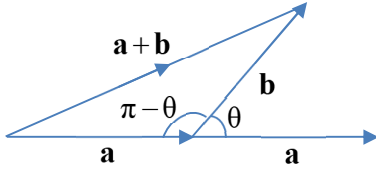
- 1 It is given that $f(x) = ax^3 - bx^2 + bx + c$ and $g(x) = ax + d$, where a , b , c and d are constants. Given that the curve with equation $y = f(x)$ has a stationary point at $(1, 1)$ and it intersects the curve with equation $y = g(x)$ at $(3, 17)$, determine the values of a , b , c and d . [5]

Solutions	Comments
1 [5] Since $y = f(x)$ passes through $(1, 1)$, $a - b + b + c = 1$ $a + c = 1$ (1) $f'(x) = 3ax^2 - 2bx + b$ Since $y = f(x)$ has a stationary point at $(1, 1)$, $f'(x) = 0$ at $x = 1$, $3a - 2b + b = 0$ $3a - b = 0$ (2) Since $y = g(x)$ passes through $(3, 17)$, $3a + d = 17$ (3) For the 2 curves to intersect at $(3, 17)$, $ax^3 - bx^2 + bx + c = ax + d$ $ax^3 - bx^2 + (b - a)x + c - d = 0$ $27a - 9b + 3(b - a) + c - d = 0$ $24a - 6b + c - d = 0$ (4) Solving (1), (2), (3) and (4) using GC, $a = 2$, $b = 6$, $c = -1$ and $d = 11$. Or Since $y = f(x)$ also passes through $(3, 17)$, $27a - 6b + c = 17$ (5) Solving any 4 equations using GC, $a = 2$, $b = 6$, $c = -1$ and $d = 11$.	Always make full use of the conditions given. The fact that there is a stationary point at $(1, 1)$ gives us 2 conditions - The curve passes through the point $f'(x) = 0$ at $x = 1$. Similarly, that the two curves intersect at $(3, 17)$ gives us 2 conditions as well. Note that at least 4 independent linear equations are needed to solve 4 unknowns completely. It is a lot faster (and less error-prone) to use the GC to solve a system of linear equations.

- 2 Referred to the origin O , the points A and B have position vectors $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$ respectively. Point C lies on BA produced such that $AB : AC = 3 : 2$.

- (i) Find $\overrightarrow{OC}$ in terms of $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$ and show that the area of triangle OAC can be written as $k|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$, where k is a constant to be found. [3]
- (ii) Given that $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$ are unit vectors and the magnitude of $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ is $\sqrt{3}$, find the cosine of the angle between $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$. [3]

Solutions	Comments
2 (i) [3]  $AB : AC = 3 : 2$ $\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{3}{2}$ By ratio theorem, $\overrightarrow{OA} = \frac{2\overrightarrow{OB} + 3\overrightarrow{OC}}{5}$ $5\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\overrightarrow{OB} + 3\overrightarrow{OC}$ $\overrightarrow{OC} = \frac{1}{3}(5\overrightarrow{OA} - 2\overrightarrow{OB}) = \frac{1}{3}(5\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b})$ Area of $\triangle OAC = \frac{1}{2} \left \overrightarrow{OA} \times \overrightarrow{OC} \right$ $= \frac{1}{2} \left \mathbf{a} \times \frac{1}{3}(5\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b}) \right $ $= \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{since } \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0})$ where $k = \frac{1}{3}$.	If a point is on BA produced, then the order of the points on the line is B, A, C (left to right or right to left). $\frac{1}{2} \left \mathbf{a} \times \frac{1}{3}(5\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b}) \right $ $= \frac{1}{2} \left \mathbf{a} \times \frac{5}{3}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} \times \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{b} \right $ $= \frac{1}{2} \left -\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \right = \frac{1}{2} \left -\frac{2}{3} \right \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} $ $= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} $ Note that area cannot be negative.

(ii) [3]	$ \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{3}$ $ \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} ^2 = 3$ $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 3$ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 3$ $ \mathbf{a} ^2 + \mathbf{b} ^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 3$ $1 + 1 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 3 \quad (\text{since } \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} = 1)$ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0.5$ $\cos \angle AOB = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{ \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} }$ $= \frac{0.5}{(1)(1)} = \frac{1}{2}$ <u>Alternative Method:</u> Let θ be the angle between $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$. Using cosine rule, $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} ^2 = \mathbf{a} ^2 + \mathbf{b} ^2 - 2 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \cos(\pi - \theta)$ $(\sqrt{3})^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 - 2(1)(1)\cos(\pi - \theta)$ $\cos(\pi - \theta) = -\frac{1}{2}$ $\cos \theta = -\cos(\pi - \theta) = \frac{1}{2}$	Most students are able to arrive at $\cos \angle AOB = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{ \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} } = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{(1)(1)} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ To be able to make progress, you must realise that the condition $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \sqrt{3}$ has to be used. To link it with the scalar product, a common way is to use the fact that for any vector $\mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \cos 0 = \mathbf{x} ^2$. 
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- 3 The line L_1 has equation $x = 3, \frac{6-y}{3} = z$ and the line L_2 has equation $x - 2 = y - 6, z = 7$.

(i) Find the acute angle between L_1 and L_2 . [2]

(ii) Show that L_1 and L_2 are skew lines. [2]

(iii) Let P_1 and Q_1 be two points on L_1 such that distance between them is $\sqrt{10}$. Let P_2 and Q_2 be the two respective points on L_2 such that P_1P_2 and Q_1Q_2 are minimum. Find the exact distance between P_2 and Q_2 . [2]

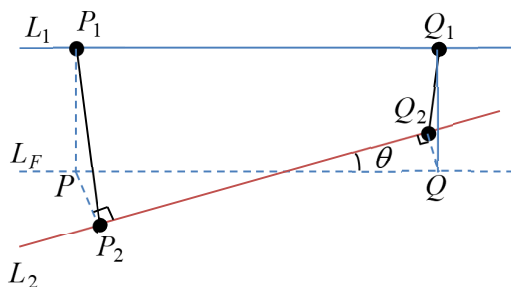
Solutions	Comments
3 (i) [2] $L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R},$ $L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ Let θ be the acute angle between L_1 and L_2. $\cos \theta = \frac{\left \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{10}\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{20}}$ $\Rightarrow \theta = 47.9^\circ \text{ (1 d.p.)}$	One should be careful when converting cartesian equation of a line to the vector/parametric form. Do it systematically by first introducing the parameter, $x = 3, \frac{6-y}{3} = z = \lambda$ Then express x, y and z in terms of the parameter: $x = 3, y = 6 - 3\lambda, z = \lambda$ before writing it in the vector form as shown. If you have made a mistake here, it will carry over to subsequent parts of the question, which is very costly.
(ii) [2] <u>(1) To show 2 lines are non parallel:</u> Since the angle between L_1 and L_2 is not 0° or 180°, the 2 lines are not parallel. OR L_1 is parallel to $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and L_2 is parallel to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Since $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ for any real k, the two lines are not parallel.	For 2 lines to be skew, they need to be both non parallel and non intersecting. It is not sufficient to just check that there is no intersection between the 2 lines.

	<u>(2) To show 2 lines are non intersecting:</u> Using cartesian equation: If the 2 lines intersect, then $x = 3, z = 7$. The first equation implies that $y = -15$ but the second equation implies that $y = 7$. Hence there are no intersections. Since both lines are not parallel and do not intersect, they are skew lines. <u>Alternative method for checking for intersection between L_1 and L_2 using vector equations:</u> Consider $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 - 3\lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + \mu \\ 6 + \mu \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \mu = 1 \dots (1) \\ -3\lambda = \mu \dots (2) \\ \lambda = 7 \dots (3) \end{array}$ Substituting (1) and (3), LHS of (2) = -21 and RHS of (2) = 1 This implies equations (1), (2) and (3) have no solutions for λ and μ, so L_1 and L_2 do not intersect. Since both lines are not parallel and do not intersect, they are skew lines.	
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(iii)

[2]

The required distance is given by $P_2 Q_2 = P_1 Q_1 \cos \theta$, where θ is the acute angle between the 2 lines. Essentially, $P_2 Q_2$ is the length of projection of $P_1 Q_1$ in the direction of line L_2 . To see this, we use the following diagram:



Let L_F be the line parallel to L_1 and intersecting L_2 . Let P and Q be the respective foot of perpendicular from P_1 and Q_1 to L_F . Then $P_2 Q_2 = PQ \cos \theta = P_1 Q_1 \cos \theta$.

We have $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{20}}$ and thus the required distance is simply $= \frac{3}{\sqrt{20}} \sqrt{10} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$.

Alternatively, since P_1 and Q_1 are on L_1 which is

parallel to $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{10}$, $\overrightarrow{P_1 Q_1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$P_2 Q_2 = \text{length of projection of } \overrightarrow{P_1 Q_1} \text{ on } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \frac{\left| \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right|}{\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Students who draw some diagrams usually made the most progress in this question.

Although it is possible to solve the problem by taking

$$\overrightarrow{P_1 Q_1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ one should not}$$

assume the positions of P_1 and Q_1 since they are **any** two points on the line. And the time (and calculation) spent to find the respective foot of perpendiculars is surely not worth the 2 marks, and better spent checking your work in other questions.

- 4 (a) Differentiate $\log_3(2x^2 + 1)$ with respect to x . [2]
- (b) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, given that $y = \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{1 + x^2}$. [2]
- (c) Given that $x = 1 - \cos \theta$, $y = 2 \sin \theta$, where $0 < \theta < \pi$, find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of θ . [2]

Solutions		Comments
4(a) [2]	$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \log_3(2x^2 + 1) &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\ln(2x^2 + 1)}{\ln 3} \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln 3} \frac{d}{dx} \ln(2x^2 + 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln 3} \cdot \frac{1}{(2x^2 + 1)} \cdot 4x \\ &= \frac{4x}{(2x^2 + 1) \ln 3} \end{aligned}$	(1) $\log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$ for $a, b, c > 0$ (2) $\frac{1}{\ln 3}$ is a scalar multiple
(b) [2]	$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{1 + x^2} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(1 + x^2) \frac{1}{1 + x^2} - (2x) \tan^{-1} x}{(1 + x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - (2x) \tan^{-1} x}{(1 + x^2)^2} \end{aligned}$	Note that $\tan^{-1} x$ gives the angle θ such that $\tan \theta = x$. Eg. $\tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$. As such, $\tan^{-1} x \neq \frac{1}{\tan x}$
(c) [2]	$\begin{aligned} x &= 1 - \cos \theta & y &= 2 \sin \theta \\ \frac{dx}{d\theta} &= \sin \theta & \frac{dy}{d\theta} &= 2 \cos \theta \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{d\theta} \div \frac{dx}{d\theta} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= 2 \cot \theta \end{aligned}$	

- 5 (a) Without using a calculator, solve the inequality

$$\frac{2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 4}{x+1} > x. \quad [4]$$

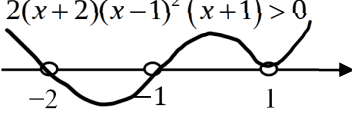
Hence solve the inequalities

$$(i) \quad \frac{2|x|^3 + x^2 - 5|x| + 4}{|x|+1} > |x|, \quad [1]$$

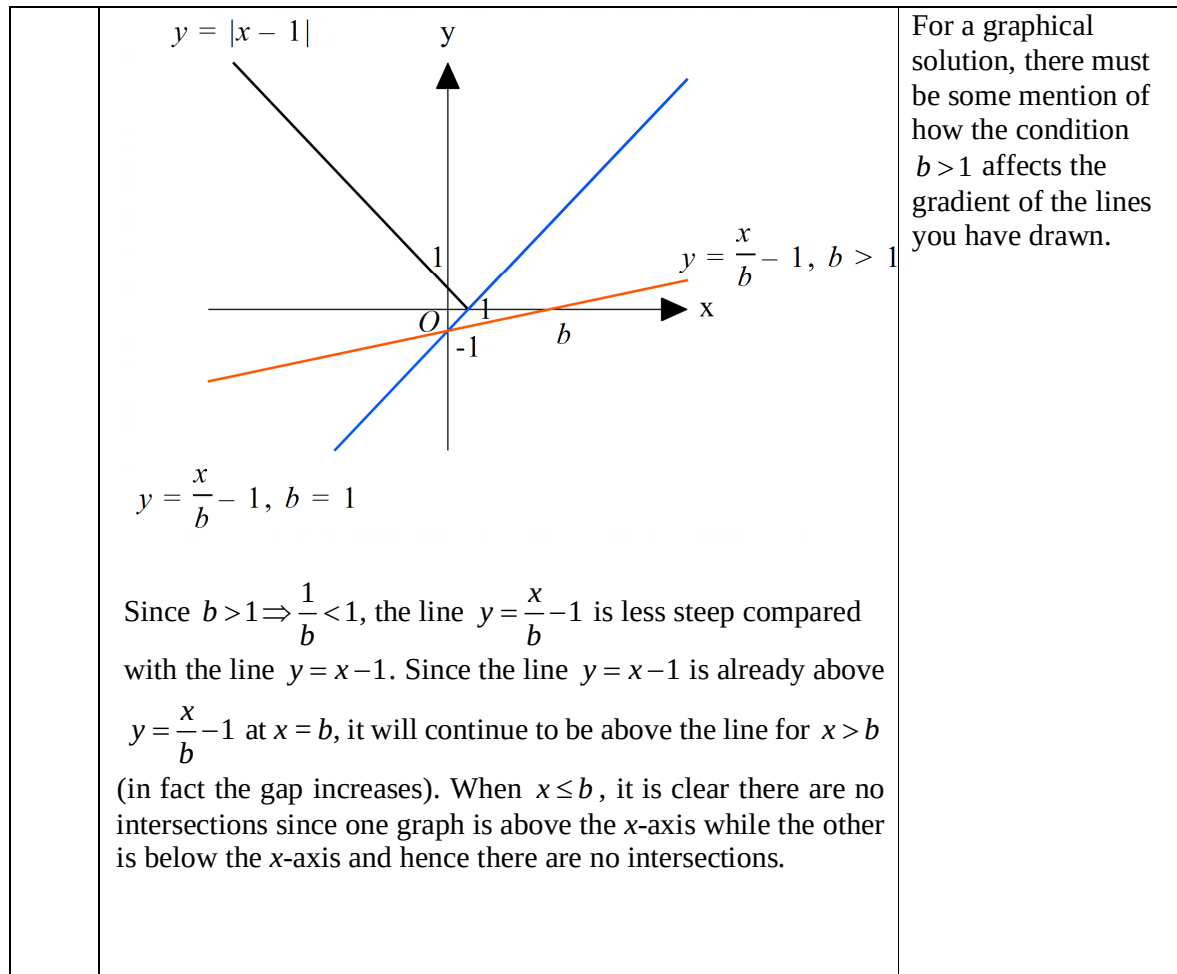
$$(ii) \quad \frac{2\cos^3 x - \cos^2 x - 5\cos x - 4}{1 - \cos x} < \cos x, \text{ for } 0 < x < 2\pi. \quad [2]$$

- (b) Show that there are no solutions to the equation

$$b|x-1| = x-b, \text{ where } b > 1 \text{ is a fixed constant.} \quad [4]$$

Solutions	Comments
5(a) [4] $\frac{2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 4}{x+1} > x \quad \text{-----} (*)$ $\frac{2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 4}{x+1} - \frac{x^2 + x}{x+1} > 0$ $\frac{2(x^3 - 3x + 2)}{x+1} > 0$ Let $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2$ Since $f(1) = 1^3 - 3 + 2 = 0$, $x-1$ is a factor of $f(x)$. $\therefore f(x) = (x-1)(x^2 + ax - 2)$ By comparing coefficient of x^2, $a - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1$ $\frac{2(x-1)(x^2 + x - 2)}{x+1} > 0$ $2(x+2)(x-1)^2(x+1) > 0$  $\therefore x < -2 \text{ or } x > -1, \quad x \neq 1$ Alternatively, $x < -2 \text{ or } -1 < x < 1 \text{ or } x > 1$	Note that the question says “w/o use of calculator”, so working has to be shown for the factorization of $x^3 - 3x + 2$ Do not present your answer as $x < -2, -1 < x < 1, x > 1$ “Or” should be used instead of commas, which mean “and”.
(i) $\frac{2 x ^3 + x^2 - 5 x + 4}{ x +1} > x \quad \text{-----} (\#)$ Replace x by x in $(*)$ to obtain $(\#)$. So, we do likewise for the solution,	

	$ x < -2$ or $-1 < x < 1$ or $ x > 1$ No Soln $-1 < x < 1$ $x < -1$ or $x > 1$ Thus, the solution of (#) is $x < -1$ or $-1 < x < 1$ or $x > 1$	
(ii)	$\frac{2\cos^3 x - \cos^2 x - 5\cos x - 4}{1 - \cos x} < \cos x \text{ ----- (@)}$ $\times -1, -\frac{2\cos^3 x - \cos^2 x - 5\cos x - 4}{1 - \cos x} > -\cos x$ $\frac{-2\cos^3 x + \cos^2 x + 5\cos x + 4}{(-\cos x) + 1} > -\cos x$ $\frac{2(-\cos x)^2 + (-\cos x)^2 + 5(-\cos x) + 4}{(-\cos x) + 1} > -\cos x$ Replace x by $-\cos x$ in (*) to obtain (@). So, we do likewise for the solution, $-\cos x < -2$ or $-1 < -\cos x < 1$ or $-\cos x > 1$ $\cos x > 2$ or $-1 < \cos x < 1$ or $\cos x < -1$ No soln or $0 < x < \pi$ or $\pi < x < 2\pi$ or No soln Thus, the solution of (@) is $0 < x < \pi$ or $\pi < x < 2\pi$.	Have to exclude $x = \pi$ because $\cos \pi = -1$
(b) [4]	<u>Method 1:</u> $ x-1 = \begin{cases} x-1, & x \geq 1 \\ 1-x, & x < 1 \end{cases}$ For $x \geq 1$, $bx - b = x - b$ For $x < 1$, $b - bx = x - b$ $(b-1)x = 0$ or $(b+1)x = 2b$ $x = 0$ or $x = \frac{2b}{b+1} > \frac{2b}{b+b} = 1$ (reject since $x \geq 1$) (reject since $x < 1$) Note: The case for $x < 1$ need not be discussed if the following observation is made. Since $b > 1$ and $ x-1 \geq 0$ for all real x , $b x-1 = x - b \Rightarrow x - b \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq b > 1 \Rightarrow x > 1$. <u>Method 2:</u> $b x-1 = x - b$ $ x-1 = \frac{x-b}{b} = \frac{x}{b} - 1$	For the case $x \geq 1$, $bx - b = x - b$ which leads to $bx = x$, many incorrectly concluded that b must be 1, without considering that x can be 0, which needs to be rejected by either considering the domain as shown or substituting it back into the equation.



6 The function f is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto (x-3)^2 + 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \geq k.$$

(i) Given that the function f^{-1} exists, state the least value of k . [1]

Use the value of k found in part (i) for the rest of this question.

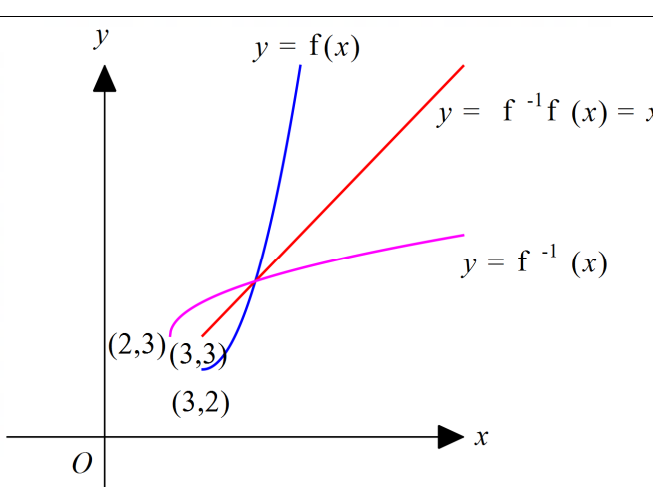
(ii) Without finding f^{-1} , sketch on the same diagram the graphs of $y = f(x)$, $y = f^{-1}(x)$ and $y = f^{-1}f(x)$. You should label your graphs clearly. [3]

(iii) Hence find the exact solution(s) of the equation $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$. [3]

The function g is defined by

$$g : x \mapsto \sqrt{x} + h, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

(iv) Find the set of values of h such that composite function fg exists and write down an expression for $fg(x)$ in terms of h . [3]

Solutions		Comments
6(i) [1]	Least value of $k = 3$.	
(ii) [3]		The graphs of f and f^{-1} are symmetrical about $y = x$, so ensure you have the same scale for both x and y axes. End points should be clearly labelled. Also, note that the domain of $f^{-1}f$ is the same as domain of f, so $y = f^{-1}f(x) = x$ only for $x \in D_f = [3, \infty)$ and $(3, 3)$ is the end point. We cannot draw the entire line $y = x$

(iii) [3]	$f(x) = f^{-1}(x) = x$ $f(x) = x$ $(x-3)^2 + 2 = x$ $x^2 - 7x + 11 = 0$ $x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{7^2 - 4(1)(11)}}{2}$ $= \frac{7 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{7 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ (rejected since } x \geq 3)$	The reason for rejecting the other answer should be given as $x \geq 3$, since that is the domain of f . Saying $x \geq 0$ doesn't make sense; in fact, $\frac{7 - \sqrt{5}}{2} > 0$.
(iv) [3]	For fg to exist, $R_g \subseteq D_f$. $R_g = [h, \infty)$ and $D_f = [3, \infty)$ Set of values of h for fg to exist is $= [3, \infty)$. $fg(x) = f(\sqrt{x} + h)$ $= (\sqrt{x} + h - 3)^2 + 2$	

7 **Do not use a calculator in answering this question.**

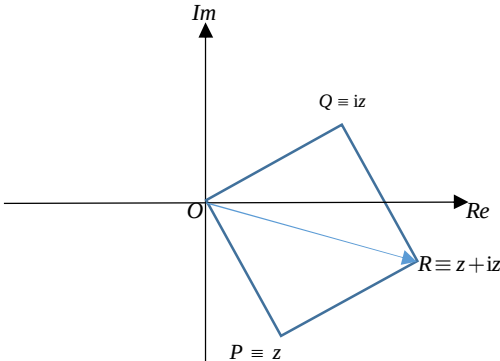
The complex number z is such that $\arg(z) = \theta$ where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < -\frac{\pi}{4}$.

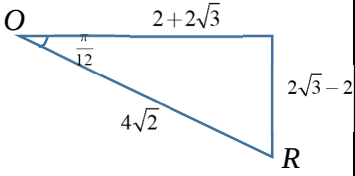
(i) In an Argand diagram, mark and label clearly the points P , Q and R representing the complex numbers z , iz and $z + iz$ respectively. [2]

(ii) State the geometrical representation of $OPRQ$ and express $\arg(z + iz)$ in terms of θ and π . [2]

(iii) It is now given that $z = 2 - 2\sqrt{3}i$. Show that

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}}. \quad [5]$$

Solutions		Comments
8(i)		Note that $\angle QOP = 90^\circ$
(ii)	Since angle $POQ = 90^\circ$ and $OP = OQ = z$, $OPRQ$ is a square. $\arg(z + iz) = \theta + \frac{\pi}{4}$	Note that $\angle POR = 45^\circ$. So, $\arg(z + iz)$ $= \arg z + \angle POR$ $= \theta + \frac{\pi}{4}$
(iii)	$z = 2 - 2\sqrt{3}i$ $\arg(z) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$ $\arg(z + iz) = -\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4} = -\frac{\pi}{12}$ $z + iz = (2 - 2\sqrt{3}i) + i(2 - 2\sqrt{3}i)$ $= (2 + 2\sqrt{3}) + (2 - 2\sqrt{3})i$ Note that $2 - 2\sqrt{3} < 0$.	

	Hypotenuse $= \sqrt{(2\sqrt{3}-2)^2 + (2+2\sqrt{3})^2}$ $= \sqrt{12 - 8\sqrt{3} + 4 + 4 + 8\sqrt{3} + 12}$ $= \sqrt{32}$ $= \sqrt{16 \times 2}$ $= 4\sqrt{2}$ From the diagram on the right, $\therefore \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{2\sqrt{3}-2}{4\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad (\text{Shown})$	
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- 8 (a) A manufacturer can produce q thousand units of a particular machine per week at the unit price $\$p$ according to the equation $q^2 - 3qp + p^2 = 5$, where $p > 3$ and $q > 3$.

Find the rate of change of the supply of the machines when the quantity produced is 4000 units, and the unit price is \$11 which is increasing at a rate of \$0.10 per week. [3]

- (b) Isocost lines and isoquant curves are studied in economics. A general class of isoquant curves are the Cobb-Douglas functions of the form $x^\alpha y^\beta = k$, where α , β and k are positive constants.

- (i) Show that $\frac{x}{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$. [2]

The point at which the isocost line is a tangent to the isoquant curve is called an equilibrium point.

- (ii) The isocost line $27x + 2y = 6$ is tangential to the isoquant curve

$$x^{\frac{1}{3}} y^{\frac{2}{3}} = k, \text{ where } x > 0, y > 0 \text{ and } k \text{ is a positive constant.}$$

Find the coordinates of the equilibrium point and the value of k . [7]

Solutions	Comments
8(a) [3] $q^2 - 3qp + p^2 = 5$ <u>Method 1: Differentiate wrt t</u> $2q \frac{dq}{dt} - 3 \left(q \frac{dp}{dt} + p \frac{dq}{dt} \right) + 2p \frac{dp}{dt} = 0$ When $q = 4$, $p = 11$ and $\frac{dp}{dt} = 0.1$, $2(4) \frac{dq}{dt} - 3 \left(4(0.1) + (11) \frac{dq}{dt} \right) + 2(11)(0.1) = 0$ $\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}$ Supply is increasing at a rate of $40 \left(= \frac{1}{25} \times 1000 \right)$ units per week. <u>Method 2:</u>	In this question, q represents number of machines produced in thousands.

	$q^2 - 3qp + p^2 = 5$ Differentiate wrt p: $2q \frac{dq}{dp} - 3 \left(q + p \frac{dq}{dp} \right) + 2p = 0$ $\frac{dq}{dp} = \frac{3q - 2p}{2q - 3p}$ $\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{dq}{dp} \times \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{0.1(3q - 2p)}{2q - 3p}$ When $q = 4$, $p = 11$ and $\frac{dp}{dt} = 0.1$, $\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{0.1(3(4) - 2(11))}{2(4) - 3(11)} = \frac{1}{25}$ Supply is increasing at a rate of 40 units per week.	
(b) (i) [2]	$x^\alpha y^\beta = k$ Since $\alpha, \beta, k > 0, x > 0$ and $y > 0$. Taking natural logarithm on both sides, $\alpha \ln x + \beta \ln y = \ln k.$ Differentiating with respect to x: $\frac{\alpha}{x} + \beta \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\beta}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\alpha}{x}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \text{ (shown)}$ <u>Alternative (Implicit differentiation):</u> $x^\alpha y^\beta = k$ Differentiating implicitly wrt x $\alpha x^{\alpha-1} y^\beta + \beta x^\alpha y^{\beta-1} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\alpha x^{\alpha-1} y^\beta}{\beta x^\alpha y^{\beta-1}} \text{ (note that } x, y \neq 0 \text{ since } k > 0)$ $\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\alpha x^\alpha y^\beta}{\beta x^\alpha y^\beta} = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \text{ (shown)}$	

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From **(b)(i)** $\frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = -\frac{1}{2}$

Tangent line : $27x + 2y = 6 \Leftrightarrow y = -\frac{27}{2}x + 3$ has slope $-\frac{27}{2}$.

$$\frac{x}{y} \left(-\frac{27}{2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{27}$$

Using tangent line, $27 \left(\frac{y}{27} \right) + 2(y) = 6 \Rightarrow y = 2, x = \frac{2}{27}$

Co-ordinates of equilibrium point are $\left(\frac{2}{27}, 2 \right)$

To find k we use equation of curve $x^{\frac{1}{3}} y^{\frac{2}{3}} = k$ and the equilibrium point $\left(\frac{2}{27}, 2 \right)$

$$\therefore k = \left(\frac{2}{27} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} 2^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{2}{3}$$