

2021 Prelims Exam – A Maths 4049/1

- 1 Show that $p > 0$ for the inequality $px^2 + 1 > 2px - p$ for all real values of x . [3]

$$px^2 + 1 > 2px - p \Rightarrow px^2 - 2px + (1 + p) > 0$$

Since the quadratic function is positive, then

$$D < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{coeff of } x^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2p)^2 - 4p(1 + p) < 0 \text{ and } p > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4p^2 - 4p - 4p^2 < 0$$

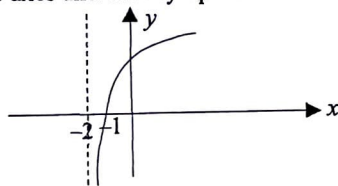
$$\Rightarrow -4p < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4p > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p > 0$$

$$\therefore \underline{p > 0}$$

- 2 (i) Sketch the graph of $y = \ln(x + 2)$ for $x > -2$, indicating clearly the point where the graph cuts the axes and the asymptotes. [2]



- (ii) In order to solve the equation $(x + 2) = e^{x-3}$, a graph with a suitable straight line is drawn on the same set of axes as the graph of $y = \ln(x + 2)$. Find the equation of this straight line. [2]

$$(x + 2) = e^{x-3}$$

$$\ln(x + 2) = x - 3$$

$\therefore$ The line to be drawn is $\underline{y = x - 3}$.

- 3 Express $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 2}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$ in partial fractions. [4]

$$\frac{x^2 - 4x + 2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \frac{(x^2 - 3x + 2) - x}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{-x}{(x-2)(x-1)}$$

Let $\frac{-x}{(x-2)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{B}{x-1}$

Multiplying by $(x-2)(x-1)$,
 $-x = A(x-1) + B(x-2)$
 When $x = 2$, $A = -2$
 When $x = 1$, $B = 1$
 $\therefore \frac{x^2 - 4x + 2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = 1 + \frac{-2}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x-1}$

- 4 It is given that $3^{2x-2}(2^{x+3}) = 9^{2x-1}$.

- (i) Find the exact value of $\left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^x$. [3]

$$3^{2x-2}(2^{x+3}) = 9^{2x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{2x}}{3^2} \times 2^x \times 2^3 = \frac{9^{2x}}{9^1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{2x} \times 2^x}{9^{2x}} = \frac{3^2 \times 2^3}{9^1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3^2 \times 2}{9^2}\right)^x = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^x = \frac{1}{8}} \text{ (shown)}$$

- (ii) Hence find the value of x . [2]

$$x = \log_2 \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= \frac{\lg \frac{1}{8}}{\lg \frac{2}{9}}$$

$$= \underline{1.38} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

- 5 (i) Given that $\sin \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{3}{4}$, show that

$$\sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{7}{32} \quad [3]$$

$$\sin \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)^2 = \frac{9}{16}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta - 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta = \frac{9}{16}$$

$$1 - 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{9}{16}$$

$$2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{7}{16}$$

$$\sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{7}{32} \text{ (shown)}$$

- (iii) Hence find the value of $3(\cot \theta + \tan \theta)$. [2]

$$3(\cot \theta + \tan \theta) = 3\left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}\right)$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}\right)$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{1}{\frac{7}{32}}\right)$$

$$= \underline{\frac{96}{7}}$$

- 6 The polynomial $P(x)$ is of degree three and has a constant term 20. The roots of the equation $P(x) = 0$ are 1, -2 and k . When $P(x)$ is divided by $(x + 1)$, the remainder is 24. [4]

- (i) Show that the value of k is 5.

$$P(x) = a(x-1)(x+2)(x-k)$$

$$P(0) = 20 \Rightarrow 2ak = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow ak = 10 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$P(-1) = 24 \Rightarrow a(-2)(-1-k) = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ak = 12 \quad \dots (2)$$

Sub (1) into (2), $a + 10 = 12$

$$a = 2$$

$$\underline{k = 5} \text{ (shown)}$$

- (ii) Find the remainder when $P(x)$ is divided by $(x - 2)$. [1]

$$P(x) = 2(x-1)(x+2)(x-5)$$

Remainder = $P(2)$

$$= 2(4)(-3)$$

$$= \underline{-24}$$

- 7 (a) Express each of $2x^2 - 6x + 9$ and $-x^2 - 6x - 8$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are constants. [3]

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 - 6x + 9 &= 2(x^2 - 3x) + 9 \\ &= 2\left[\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4}\right] + 9 \\ &= 2\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{2} + 9 \\ &= 2\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{9}{2} \\ -x^2 - 6x - 8 &= -(x^2 + 6x) - 8 \\ &= -[(x+3)^2 - 9] - 8 \\ &= -(x+3)^2 + 9 - 8 \\ &= -(x+3)^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Use your answers from part (a) to explain why the curve with equations $y = 2x^2 - 6x + 9$ and $y = -x^2 - 6x - 8$ will not intersect. [2]
From (a), we know that the graph of $y = 2x^2 - 6x + 9$ has a minimum point at $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{2}\right)$ while the graph of $y = -x^2 - 6x - 8$ has a maximum point at $(-3, 1)$. Thus the two graphs will not meet.

- 8 In an experiment on the cognitive ability of animals, a scientist recorded the time taken by a mouse to find a piece of cheese in a series of n attempts. The time T , in minutes, the mouse took is modelled by the equation $T = 1.6e^{-kn} + 3$ where k is a constant. It took the mouse 3.142 minutes to find the cheese on the fourth attempt.

- (i) Find the value of k giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

When $n = 4$, $T = 3.142$.

$$\therefore 1.6e^{-4k} + 3 = 3.142$$

$$e^{-4k} = \frac{3.142 - 3}{1.6} = 0.08875$$

$$\therefore -4k = \ln 0.08875$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 0.605 \text{ (3s.f.)}$$

- (ii) Using your value of k from part (i), find the time taken by the mouse to find the cheese on the sixth attempt. [1]

$$T = 1.6e^{-0.605n} + 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } n = 6, T &= 1.6e^{-0.605(6)} + 3 \\ &= 3.04 \text{ minutes} \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) Will the mouse be able to find the cheese within 1.5 minutes? Explain your answer. [2]
It is not impossible that the mouse can find the cheese within 1.5 minutes since $T = 1.6e^{-0.605n} + 3$ and $e^{-0.605n} > 0$
 $\therefore T > 3$ minutes.

- 9 Given that $y = 5xe^{2x}$,

- (i) find the value of x when the tangent is parallel to the x -axis. [3]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5e^{2x} + 5x(2e^{2x}) = 5e^{2x}(1 + 2x)$$

When the tangent is parallel to the x -axis, then gradient of tangent = 0.

$$\therefore 5e^{2x}(1 + 2x) = 0$$

$$\text{Since } e^{2x} > 0, \text{ then } x = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

- (ii) find the gradient of the curve when $x = \ln 4$, giving your answer in the form of $80(a \ln 2 + b)$. [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = \ln 4, \frac{dy}{dx} &= 5e^{2 \ln 4}(1 + 2 \ln 4) \\ &= 5(4^2)(1 + 2 \ln 2) \\ &= 80(1 + 4 \ln 2) \end{aligned}$$

y is decreasing at a rate of $5(4 \ln 2 + 1)$ units/s when $x = \ln 4$.

- (iii) Find the rate of change of x at this instant. [2]

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow -5(4 \ln 2 + 1) = 80(1 + 4 \ln 2) \times \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{5}{80} = -\frac{1}{16} \text{ units/s}$$

- 10 (a) Solve the equation $\lg(x-4) + 2\lg 3 = 1 + \lg\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ [3]

$$\lg(x-4) + 2\lg 3 = 1 + \lg\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\lg(x-4) + \lg 3^2 = \lg 10 + \lg\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\lg[(x-4) \times 9] = \lg 10\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore 9(x-4) = 5x$$

$$4x = 36$$

$$x = 9$$

- (b) Solve the equation $(\log_{81} x)\left(\frac{1}{\log_x 3}\right) = 6\frac{1}{4}$ [4]

$$(\log_{81} x)\left(\frac{1}{\log_x 3}\right) = 6\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{\log_3 x}{\log_3 81}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\log_3 3}\right) = \frac{25}{4}$$

Let $u = \log_3 x$, then the equation becomes

$$\left(\frac{u}{4}\right)\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) = \frac{25}{4}$$

$$\therefore u^2 = 25$$

$$u = \pm 5$$

$$\log_3 x = \pm 5$$

$$x = 3^5 \text{ or } 3^{-5}$$

$$x = 243 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{243}$$

- 11 (a) Solve $2\sqrt{x} = 3 - 5x$. [3]

$$2\sqrt{x} = 3 - 5x \text{ and } 3 - 5x \geq 0$$

Squaring both sides, we obtain

$$4x = 9 - 30x + 25x^2$$

$$25x^2 - 34x + 9 = 0$$

$$(25x - 9)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{9}{25} \text{ or } x = 1$$

$$\text{But } x \leq \frac{3}{5}, \therefore x = \frac{9}{25}$$

- (b) A toy train moved at a speed of $(2 + \sqrt{3})$ cm per second from point A to point B. Given that the distance covered was $(5\sqrt{75} - 10)$ cm, find the time taken to move from point A to B in the form $p\sqrt{3} + q$, where p and q are constants. [3]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time} &= \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}} = \frac{5\sqrt{75} - 10}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{5\sqrt{75} - 10}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{10\sqrt{75} - 5\sqrt{225} - 20 + 20\sqrt{3}}{4 - 3} \\ &= 10 \times 5\sqrt{3} - 5 \times 15 - 20 + 20\sqrt{3} \\ &= \underline{\underline{51\sqrt{3} - 77}} \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

- 12 (i) Write down the first three terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of $\left(3 - \frac{x}{5}\right)^n$, where n is a positive integer. [2]

$$\begin{aligned}\left(3 - \frac{x}{5}\right)^n &= 3^n + \binom{n}{1} 3^{n-1} \left(-\frac{x}{5}\right) + \binom{n}{2} 3^{n-2} \left(-\frac{x}{5}\right)^2 \\ &= 3^n - \frac{n \times 3^{n-1}}{5} x + \frac{n(n-1) \times 3^{n-2}}{50} x^2 \\ &= 3^n - \frac{n \times 3^{n-1}}{5} x + \frac{n(n-1) \times 3^{n-2}}{50} x^2\end{aligned}$$

The first two terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of x , of $(3+x)\left(3 - \frac{x}{5}\right)^n$ are $p + qx^2$, where p and q are constants.

- (ii) Show that $n = 5$. [3]

$$\begin{aligned}(3+x)\left(3 - \frac{x}{5}\right)^n &= (3+x) \left[3^n - \frac{n \times 3^{n-1}}{5} x + \frac{n(n-1) \times 3^{n-2}}{50} x^2 \right] \\ &= (3+x) \left[3^n - \frac{n \times 3^{n-1}}{5} x + \frac{n(n-1) \times 3^{n-2}}{50} x^2 \right]\end{aligned}$$

Since coefficient of $x = 0$, then

$$3 \times \left(-\frac{n \times 3^{n-1}}{5}\right) + 3^n = 0 \Rightarrow 3^n \left(-\frac{n}{5} + 1\right) = 0$$

- (iii) $\therefore n = 5$ (shown)
Hence find the value of p and q . [3]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } p &= 3 \times 3^5 = 3^6 = \underline{\underline{729}} \\ q &= \text{coefficient of } x^2 \\ &= \left(-\frac{5 \times 3^4}{5}\right) + 3 \times \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3^3}{50} \\ &= -81 + \frac{81 \times 2}{5} \\ &= \underline{\underline{-\frac{243}{5}}}\end{aligned}$$

- 13 (a) Find $\int \frac{5}{1 + \cos 2x} dx$. [3]

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{5}{1 + \cos 2x} dx &= \int \frac{5}{1 + 2 \cos^2 x - 1} dx \\ &= \int \frac{5}{2 \sec^2 x} dx \\ &= \frac{5}{2} \tan x + c\end{aligned}$$

- (b) (i) Show that $\frac{d}{dx} \ln \left(\frac{x^2}{\sin x} \right) = \frac{2}{x} - \cot x$ [2]

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \ln \left(\frac{x^2}{\sin x} \right) &= \frac{d}{dx} [2 \ln x - \ln (\sin x)] \\ &= \frac{2}{x} - \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \\ &= \frac{2}{x} - \cot x \text{ (shown)}\end{aligned}$$

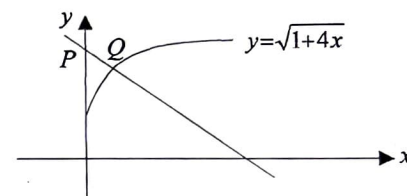
- (ii) Hence evaluate $\int_1^2 \frac{3}{4} \cot x dx$. [3]

Integrating both sides of (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{2}{x} - \cot x dx &= \ln \left(\frac{x^2}{\sin x} \right) + c \\ \Rightarrow 2 \ln x - \int \cot x dx &= \ln \left(\frac{x^2}{\sin x} \right) + c \\ \Rightarrow \int \cot x dx &= 2 \ln x - \ln \left(\frac{x^2}{\sin x} \right) + c \\ \Rightarrow \int_1^2 \frac{3}{4} \cot x dx &= \frac{3}{4} \left[2 \ln x - \ln \left(\frac{x^2}{\sin x} \right) \right]_1^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int_1^2 \frac{3}{4} \cot x dx &= \frac{3}{4} \left[2 \ln 2 - \ln \left(\frac{4}{\sin 2} \right) \right] - \left[0 - \ln \frac{1}{\sin 1} \right] \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.0581}}\end{aligned}$$

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The diagram above shows part of the curve $y = \sqrt{1+4x}$ with the normal of the curve at Q . Given that the gradient of the tangent at Q is $\frac{2}{3}$,

- (i) find the coordinates of Q . [3]

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \sqrt{1+4x} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{4}{2\sqrt{1+4x}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4x}} \\ \text{Gradient of tangent at } Q &= \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4x}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1+4x} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 4x = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2$$

$$\therefore y = 3$$

$$\therefore Q = (2, 3)$$

- (ii) find the coordinates of P , [2]

$$\text{Gradient of normal at } Q = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Equation of normal at Q is

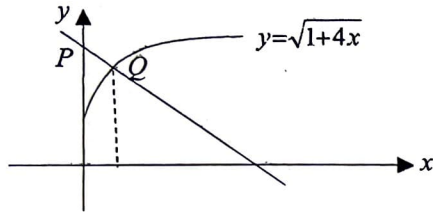
$$y - 3 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 2)$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 6$$

When $x = 0$, $y = 6$

$$\therefore P = (0, 6)$$

- (iii) Calculate the area bounded by the y-axis, line PQ and the curve. [4]



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Required area} &= \text{Area of trapezium} - \text{Area under the curve} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(6+3) \times 2 - \int_0^2 \sqrt{1+4x} \, dx \\
 &= 9 - \left[\frac{(1+4x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}(4)} \right]_0^2 \\
 &= 9 - \left[\frac{1}{6} \sqrt{(1+4x)^3} \right]_0^2 \\
 &= 9 - \frac{1}{6} [\sqrt{9^3} - 1] \\
 &= 9 - \frac{1}{6}(27-1) \\
 &= 9 - \frac{13}{3} \\
 &= \frac{14}{3} \text{ units}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

- 15 The gradient at any point on a particular curve is given by the expression $x^2 + \frac{16}{x^2}$, where $x > 0$.

Given that the curve passes through the point P(4, 18), find

- (i) the equation of the normal to the curve at P, [3]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + \frac{16}{x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{At P, gradient of tangent} &= 4^2 + \frac{16}{4^2} \\
 &= 17
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Gradient of normal} = -\frac{1}{17}$$

$\therefore$ Equation of the normal is

$$y - 18 = -\frac{1}{17}(x - 4)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{17}x + \frac{310}{17} \quad [3]$$

- (ii) the equation of the curve, [3]

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \int x^2 + \frac{16}{x^2} \, dx \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{3} + 16 \left(\frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right) + c \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{16}{x} + c
 \end{aligned}$$

When $x = 4$, $y = 18$

$$18 = \frac{64}{3} - \frac{16}{4} + c$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Equation of the curve is } y = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{16}{x} + \frac{2}{3}$$

- (iii) the coordinates of the point on the curve where the gradient is a minimum and calculate this minimum value. [4]

$$\text{gradient function is } \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + \frac{16}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2x - \frac{32}{x^3}$$

$$\text{For minimum gradient, } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$2x - \frac{32}{x^3} = 0$$

$$2x = \frac{32}{x^3}$$

$$x^4 = 16$$

Since $x > 0$, $x = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \frac{8}{3} - \frac{16}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \\
 &= -\frac{14}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{The point is } \left(2, -\frac{14}{3} \right)$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 2 + \frac{96}{x^4}$$

Since $x = 2$, $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} > 0$, the gradient is minimum when $x = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Minimum gradient} &= 2^2 + \frac{16}{2^2} \\
 &= 8
 \end{aligned}$$