



HIGHER MATHS

2017 Exam

Question Paper with Solutions

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2017 Non Calculator Paper

1. Functions f and g are defined on suitable domains by $f(x) = 5x$ and $g(x) = 2 \cos x$.

(a) Evaluate $f(g(0))$.

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(b) Find an expression for $g(f(x))$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad f(g(x)) &= f(2 \cos x) \\ &= 5(2 \cos x) \\ &= 10 \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(0)) &= 10 \cos 0 \\ &= 10 \times 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{f(g(0)) = 10}$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad g(f(x)) = g(5x)$$

$$\boxed{g(f(x)) = 2 \cos 5x}$$

2. The point $P(-2, 1)$ lies on the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 6y - 15 = 0$. Find the equation of the tangent to the circle at P .

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CENTRE $(4, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{RADIUS}} &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\ &= \frac{3 - 1}{4 - (-2)} \\ &= \frac{2}{6} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \times m_2 &= -1 \\ m_{\perp} &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y - b &= m(x - a) \\ y - 1 &= -3(x + 2) \\ y - 1 &= -3x - 6 \\ \boxed{y} &= \boxed{-3x - 5} \end{aligned}$$

3. Given $y = (4x - 1)^{12}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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$$y = (4x - 1)^{12}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12(4x - 1)^{11} \times 4$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = 48(4x - 1)^{11}}$$

4. Find the value of k for which the equation $x^2 + 4x + (k-5) = 0$ has equal roots.

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FOR EQUAL ROOTS $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

$$(4)^2 - (4 \times 1 \times (k-5)) = 0$$

$$16 - (4(k-5)) = 0$$

$$16 - 4k + 20 = 0$$

$$-4k = -36$$

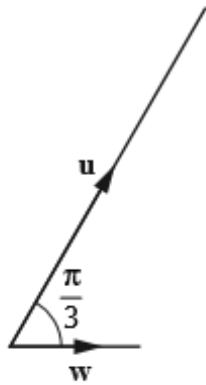
$$\boxed{k = 9}$$

5. Vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -8 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ respectively.

(a) Evaluate $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$.

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(b)



Vector \mathbf{w} makes an angle of $\frac{\pi}{3}$ with \mathbf{u} and $|\mathbf{w}| = \sqrt{3}$.

Calculate $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \underline{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \\ &= 5(3) + 1(-8) + (-1)(6) \\ &= 15 - 8 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } |\underline{\mathbf{u}}| &= \sqrt{(5)^2 + (1)^2 + (-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{27} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{w}} &= |\underline{\mathbf{u}}| |\underline{\mathbf{w}}| \cos \theta \\ &= \sqrt{27} \times \sqrt{3} \times \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{81} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{w}} = \frac{9}{2}}$$

6. A function, h , is defined by $h(x) = x^3 + 7$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Determine an expression for $h^{-1}(x)$.

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$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^3 + 7 \\x^3 + 7 &= y \\x^3 &= y - 7 \\x &= \sqrt[3]{y - 7}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{h^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x - 7}}$$

7. $A(-3, 5)$, $B(7, 9)$ and $C(2, 11)$ are the vertices of a triangle.

Find the equation of the median through C .

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$$\begin{aligned}Q = \text{mid}_{AB} &= \left(\frac{-3+7}{2}, \frac{5+9}{2} \right) \\&= (2, 7)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}m_{CQ} &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\&= \frac{7 - 11}{2 - 2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{0} = \text{VERTICAL LINE}$$

8. Calculate the rate of change of $d(t) = \frac{1}{2t}$, $t \neq 0$, when $t = 5$.

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$$\begin{aligned}d(t) &= \frac{1}{2t} \\&= \frac{1}{2} t^{-1} \\d'(t) &= -\frac{1}{2} t^{-2} \\&= -\frac{1}{2t^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$d'(5) = \frac{-1}{2(5)^2}$$

$$\boxed{d'(5) = -\frac{1}{50}}$$

9. A sequence is generated by the recurrence relation $u_{n+1} = mu_n + 6$ where m is a constant.

(a) Given $u_1 = 28$ and $u_2 = 13$, find the value of m . 2

(b) (i) Explain why this sequence approaches a limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$. 1

(ii) Calculate this limit. 2

(a) $u_{n+1} = mu_n + 6$

$$13 = 28m + 6$$

$$7 = 28m$$

$$m = \frac{7}{28}$$

$$m = \frac{1}{4}$$

(b)(i) LIMIT EXISTS AS
 $-1 < \frac{1}{4} < 1$

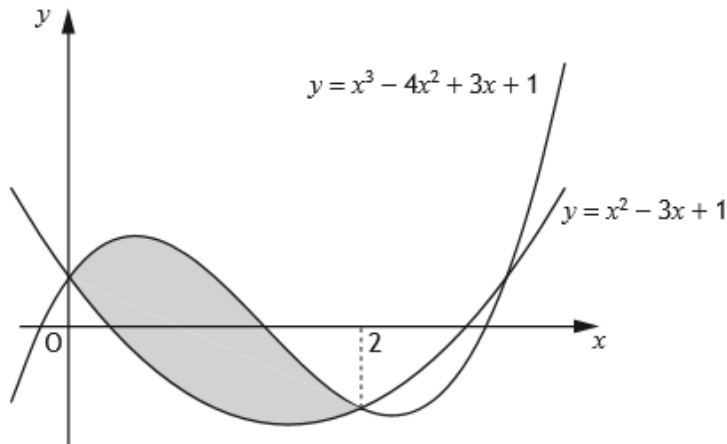
(ii) $L = \frac{1}{4}L + 6$

$$\frac{3}{4}L = 6$$

$$3L = 24$$

$$L = 8$$

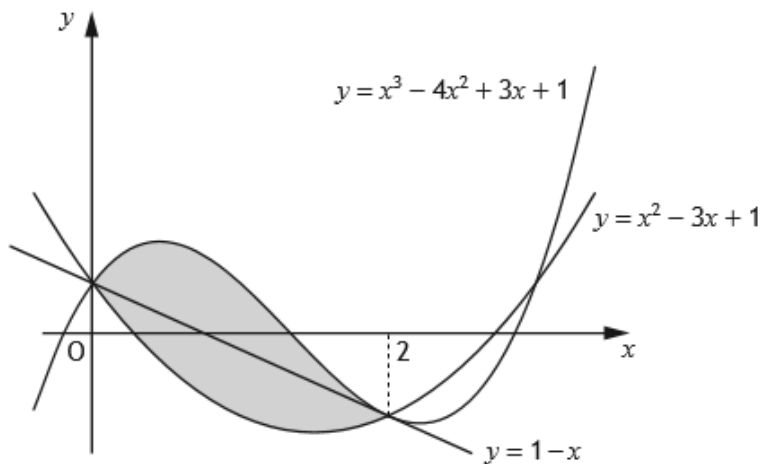
10. Two curves with equations $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 1$ and $y = x^2 - 3x + 1$ intersect as shown in the diagram.



- (a) Calculate the shaded area.

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The line passing through the points of intersection of the curves has equation $y = 1 - x$.



- (b) Determine the fraction of the shaded area which lies below the line $y = 1 - x$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) AREA} &= \int_0^2 \text{UPPER} - \text{LOWER} \\
 &= \int_0^2 (x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 1) - (x^2 - 3x + 1) dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x dx \\
 &= \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{5x^3}{3} + 3x^2 \right]_0^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{(2)^4}{4} - \frac{5(2)^3}{3} + 3(2)^2 \right) - (0) \\
 &= 4 - \frac{40}{3} + 12
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{AREA} = \frac{8}{3} \text{ units}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) AREA} &= \int_0^2 \text{UPPER} - \text{LOWER} \\
 &= \int_0^2 (1 - x) - (x^2 - 3x + 1) dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 -x^2 + 2x dx \\
 &= \left[-\frac{x^3}{3} + x^2 \right]_0^2 \\
 &= \left(-\frac{(2)^3}{3} + (2)^2 \right) - (0) \\
 &= -\frac{8}{3} + 4 \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \text{ units}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{4}{3}$ is $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{8}{3}$

So HALF SHADED AREA IS BELOW THE LINE

11. A and B are the points $(-7, 2)$ and $(5, a)$.
 AB is parallel to the line with equation $3y - 2x = 4$.
 Determine the value of a .

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$$3y - 2x = 4$$

$$3y = 2x + 4$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{4}{3}$$

$$m = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{a - 2}{5 - (-7)}$$

$$= \frac{a - 2}{12}$$

$$\frac{a - 2}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a - 2 = 12 \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a - 2 = 8$$

$$a = 10$$

12. Given that $\log_a 36 - \log_a 4 = \frac{1}{2}$, find the value of a .

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$$\log_a 36 - \log_a 4 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\log_a \left(\frac{36}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\log_a 9 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a^{1/2} = 9$$

$$a = 81$$

13. Find $\int \frac{1}{(5-4x)^{1/2}} dx$, $x < \frac{5}{4}$.

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$$\int \frac{1}{(5-4x)^{1/2}} dx$$

$$= \int (5-4x)^{-1/2} dx$$

$$= \frac{(5-4x)^{1/2}}{1/2} \times \frac{1}{-4} + C$$

$$= -\frac{(5-4x)^{1/2}}{2} + C$$

14. (a) Express $\sqrt{3} \sin x^\circ - \cos x^\circ$ in the form $k \sin(x-a)^\circ$, where $k > 0$ and $0 < a < 360$.

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, sketch the graph with equation $y = \sqrt{3} \sin x^\circ - \cos x^\circ$, $0 \leq x \leq 360$.

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Use the diagram provided in the answer booklet.

$$(a) \quad \sqrt{3} \sin x - \cos x = k \sin(x-a)$$

$$= k \sin x \cos a - k \cos x \sin a$$

$$-k \sin a = -1$$

$$k \sin a = 1$$

$$k \cos a = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 30^\circ$$

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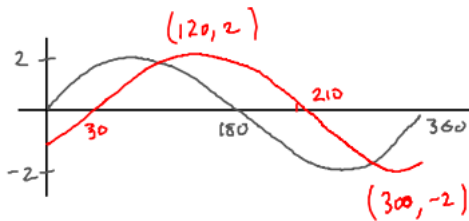
$$a = 30^\circ$$

$$k = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2}$$

$$= 2$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{3} \sin x - \cos x = 2 \sin(x - 30^\circ)}$$

(b)



$$- y = 2 \sin x$$

$$- y = 2 \sin(x - 30)$$

15. A quadratic function, f , is defined on \mathbb{R} , the set of real numbers.

Diagram 1 shows part of the graph with equation $y = f(x)$.

The turning point is $(2, 3)$.

Diagram 2 shows part of the graph with equation $y = h(x)$.

The turning point is $(7, 6)$.

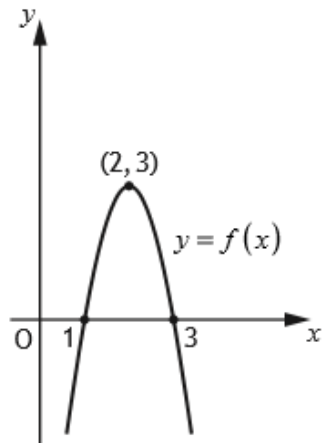


Diagram 1

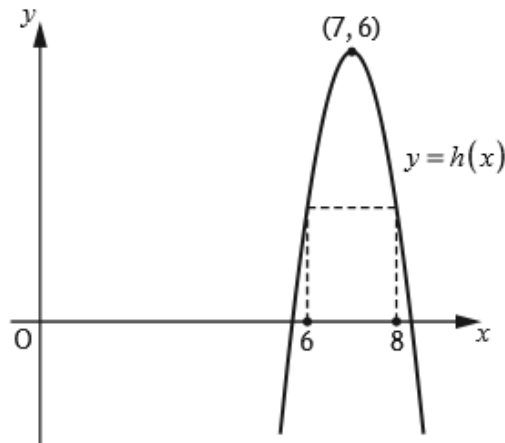


Diagram 2

(a) Given that $h(x) = f(x+a)+b$.

Write down the values of a and b .

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(b) It is known that $\int_1^3 f(x) dx = 4$.

Determine the value of $\int_6^8 h(x) dx$.

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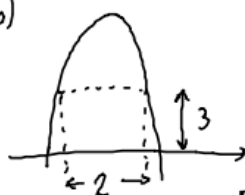
(c) Given $f'(1) = 6$, state the value of $h'(8)$.

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(a) $h(x) = f(x-5) + 3$

$a = -5 \quad b = 3$

(b)



$$\begin{aligned} \int_6^8 h(x) dx &= 4 + (3 \times 2) \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$\int_6^8 h(x) dx = 10$

(c)

$f'(1) = 6, \quad f'(3) = -6$

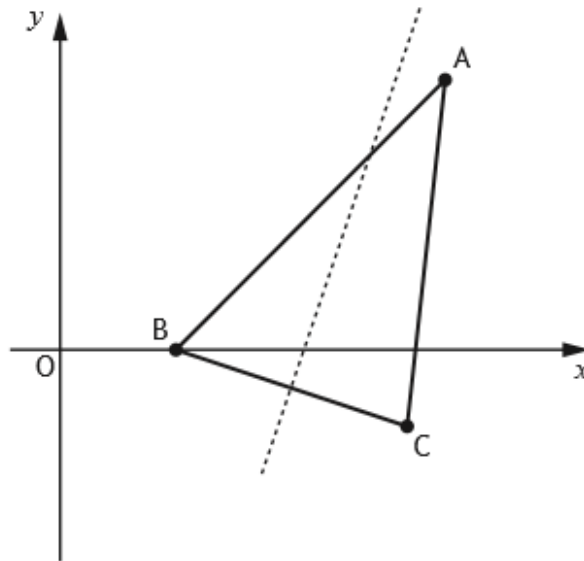
$h'(8) = -6$

2017 Calculator Paper

1. Triangle ABC is shown in the diagram below.

The coordinates of B are (3,0) and the coordinates of C are (9,-2).

The broken line is the perpendicular bisector of BC.



(a) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of BC. 4

(b) The line AB makes an angle of 45° with the positive direction of the x -axis.

Find the equation of AB. 2

(c) Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of AB and the perpendicular bisector of BC. 2

$$(a) \quad Q = \text{mid}_{BC} = \left(\frac{3+9}{2}, \frac{0+(-2)}{2} \right) \\ = (6, -1)$$

$$m_1 \times m_2 = -1 \\ m_{\perp} = 3$$

$$y - b = m(x - a) \\ y + 1 = 3(x - 6) \\ y = 3x - 19$$

$$m_{BC} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\ = \frac{-2 - 0}{9 - 3} \\ = -\frac{2}{6} \\ = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$(b) \quad m = \tan \theta \\ = \tan 45^\circ \\ m = 1$$

$$y - b = m(x - a) \\ y - 0 = 1(x - 3) \\ y = x - 3$$

$$(c) \quad \text{PoI} \quad 3x - 19 = x - 3 \\ 3x - x = -3 + 19 \\ 2x = 16 \\ x = 8$$

$$y = (8) - 3 \\ = 5$$

$$\text{PoI } (8, 5)$$

2. (a) Show that $(x-1)$ is a factor of $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + x + 2$. 2

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve $f(x) = 0$. 3

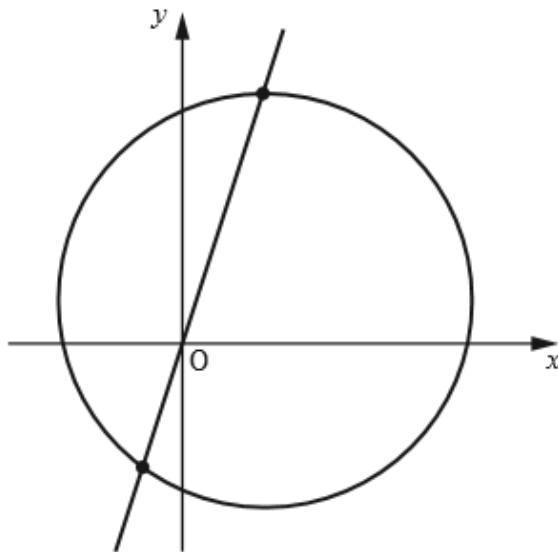
(a)
$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 2 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ & & 2 & -3 & -2 \\ \hline & 2 & -3 & -2 & 0 \end{array}$$

Rem = 0 so $x-1$ is a factor

(b)
$$\begin{aligned} 2x^3 - 5x^2 + x + 2 &= 0 \\ (x-1)(2x^2 - 3x - 2) &= 0 \\ (x-1)(2x+1)(x-2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

 $x = 1$ $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ $x = 2$

3. The line $y=3x$ intersects the circle with equation $(x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 = 25$.



Find the coordinates of the points of intersection. 5

$$\begin{aligned} (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2 &= 25 \\ (x-2)^2 + (3x-1)^2 &= 25 \\ x^2 - 4x + 4 + 9x^2 - 6x + 1 &= 25 \\ 10x^2 - 10x - 20 &= 0 \\ 10(x^2 - x - 2) &= 0 \\ 10(x-2)(x+1) &= 0 \\ x = 2 & \quad x = -1 \\ y = 3(2) & \quad y = 3(-1) \\ = 6 & \quad = -3 \end{aligned}$$

POI $(2, 6)$ AND $(-1, -3)$

4. (a) Express $3x^2 + 24x + 50$ in the form $a(x+b)^2 + c$. 3
- (b) Given that $f(x) = x^3 + 12x^2 + 50x - 11$, find $f'(x)$. 2
- (c) Hence, or otherwise, explain why the curve with equation $y = f(x)$ is strictly increasing for all values of x . 2

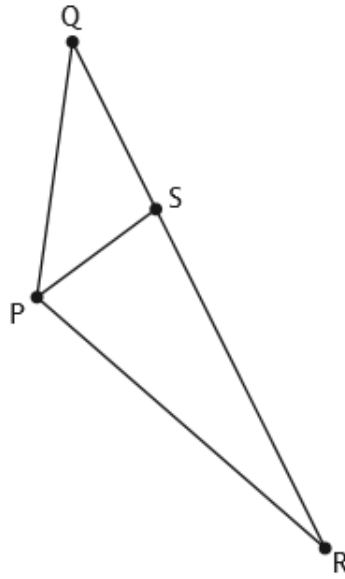
(a) $3x^2 + 24x + 50$
 $= 3[x^2 + 8x] + 50$
 $= 3[(x+4)^2 - 16] + 50$
 $= 3(x+4)^2 - 48 + 50$
 $= 3(x+4)^2 + 2$

(b) $f(x) = x^3 + 12x^2 + 50x - 11$
 $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 24x + 50$

(c) $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 24x + 50$
 $= 3(x+4)^2 + 2$

MIN VALUE OF $f'(x) = 2$
 SO FUNCTION ALWAYS
 INCREASING

5. In the diagram, $\vec{PR} = 9\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\vec{RQ} = -12\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$.



- (a) Express \vec{PQ} in terms of \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{k} . 2

The point S divides QR in the ratio 1:2.

- (b) Show that $\vec{PS} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$. 2

- (c) Hence, find the size of angle QPS. 5

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \vec{PQ} &= \vec{PR} + \vec{RQ} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ -9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{PQ} = -3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } \vec{PS} &= \vec{PQ} + \frac{1}{3}\vec{QR} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{3}\begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 9 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{PS} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } \cos QRS &= \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{PS}}{|\vec{PQ}| |\vec{PS}|} \\ &= \frac{21}{\sqrt{50}\sqrt{18}} \\ QRS &= \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{21}{\sqrt{50}\sqrt{18}}\right) \\ &= 45.57 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{QRS = 45.6^\circ}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{PS} &= (-3)(1) + (-4)(-1) + 5(4) \\ &= (-3) + 4 + 20 \\ &= 21 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{PQ}| &= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-4)^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{50} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{QR}| &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{18} \end{aligned}$$

6. Solve $5\sin x - 4 = 2\cos 2x$ for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 5\sin x - 4 &= 2\cos 2x \\
 5\sin x - 4 &= 2(1 - 2\sin^2 x) \\
 5\sin x - 4 &= 2 - 4\sin^2 x \\
 4\sin^2 x + 5\sin x - 6 &= 0 \\
 (4\sin x - 3)(\sin x + 2) &= 0 \\
 \sin x &= \frac{3}{4} \quad \sin x = -2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin x &= \frac{3}{4} \\
 x &= 48.6^\circ, 131.4^\circ \\
 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) &= 48.6^\circ \\
 \frac{\sqrt{S}}{J} \bigg| \frac{A}{C} & \\
 x &= 0.84, 2.29
 \end{aligned}$$

$\sin x = -2$
NO SOLS

7. (a) Find the x -coordinate of the stationary point on the curve with equation $y = 6x - 2\sqrt{x^3}$.

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(b) Hence, determine the greatest and least values of y in the interval $1 \leq x \leq 9$.

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(a) $y = 6x - 2\sqrt{x^3}$
 $= 6x - 2x^{3/2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6 - 3x^{1/2}$
 $= 6 - 3\sqrt{x}$

for SP $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $6 - 3\sqrt{x} = 0$
 $3(2 - \sqrt{x}) = 0$
 $2 - \sqrt{x} = 0$
 $\sqrt{x} = 2$
 $x = 4$

NATURE TABLE

x	\rightarrow	4	\rightarrow
$\frac{dy}{dx}$		+	0 -
shape		/	- \

$x = 4$ is a MAX TP

(b) WHEN $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 6(1) - 2\sqrt{(1)^3} \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

WHEN $x = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 6(4) - 2\sqrt{(4)^3} \\
 &= 8
 \end{aligned}$$

MAX VALUE

WHEN $x = 9$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 6(9) - 2\sqrt{(9)^3} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

MIN VALUE

8. Sequences may be generated by recurrence relations of the form

$$u_{n+1} = ku_n - 20, u_0 = 5 \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Show that $u_2 = 5k^2 - 20k - 20$.

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(b) Determine the range of values of k for which $u_2 < u_0$.

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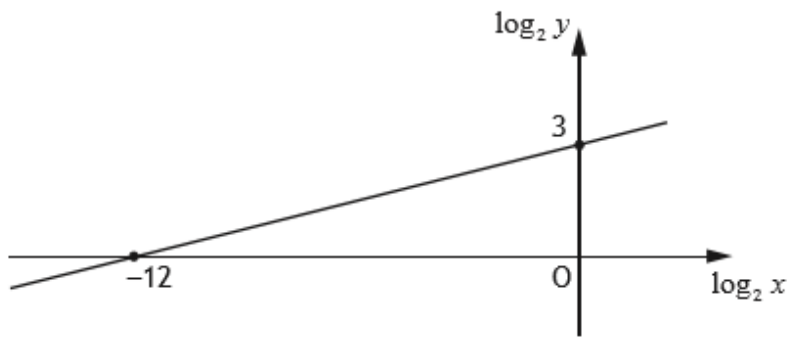
(a) $u_1 = 5k - 20$
 $u_2 = k(5k - 20) - 20$
 $u_2 = 5k^2 - 20k - 20$

(b) $u_2 < u_0$
 $5k^2 - 20k - 20 < 5$
 $5k^2 - 20k - 25 < 0$
 $5(k^2 - 4k - 5) < 0$
 $5(k - 5)(k + 1) < 0$



$-1 < k < 5$

9. Two variables, x and y , are connected by the equation $y = kx^n$.
The graph of $\log_2 y$ against $\log_2 x$ is a straight line as shown.



Find the values of k and n .

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$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= kx^n \\
 \log_2 y &= \log_2 kx^n \\
 &= \log_2 k + \log_2 x^n \\
 &= \log_2 k + n \log_2 x \\
 &= n \log_2 x + \log_2 k
 \end{aligned}$$

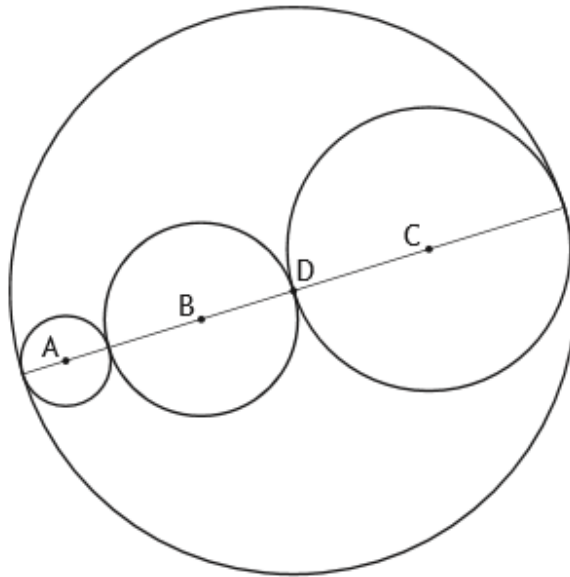
$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= m \\
 n &= \frac{3-0}{0-(-12)} \\
 &= \frac{3}{-12} \\
 n &= -\frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_2 k &= c \\
 \log_2 k &= 3 \\
 k &= 8
 \end{aligned}$$

10. (a) Show that the points $A(-7, -2)$, $B(2, 1)$ and $C(17, 6)$ are collinear.

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Three circles with centres A , B and C are drawn inside a circle with centre D as shown.



The circles with centres A , B and C have radii r_A , r_B and r_C respectively.

- $r_A = \sqrt{10}$
- $r_B = 2r_A$
- $r_C = r_A + r_B$

(b) Determine the equation of the circle with centre D .

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$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad m_{AB} &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} & m_{BC} &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\ &= \frac{1 - (-2)}{2 - (-7)} & &= \frac{6 - 1}{17 - 2} \\ &= \frac{3}{9} & &= \frac{5}{15} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} & &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$m_{AB} = m_{BC}$ so LINES ARE PARALLEL
SHARE COMMON POINT (B) so A, B & C
ARE COLLINEAR

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad \text{DIAMETER OF CIRCLE D} & \\ &= 2r_A + 2r_B + 2r_C \\ &= 2r_A + 2(2r_A) + 2(r_A + r_B) \\ &= 2r_A + 4r_A + 2r_2 + 2r_B \\ &= 2r_A + 4r_A + 2r_A + 4r_A \\ &= 12r_A \\ &= 12\sqrt{10} \\ r_D &= 6\sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

CENTRE

$B(2, 1)$ $C(17, 6)$
RATIO 2:3
 $D(8, 3)$

CIRCLE D

$$(x - 8)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = (6\sqrt{10})^2$$

$$(x - 8)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 360$$

11. (a) Show that $\frac{\sin 2x}{2\cos x} - \sin x \cos^2 x = \sin^3 x$, where $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$. 3

(b) Hence, differentiate $\frac{\sin 2x}{2\cos x} - \sin x \cos^2 x$, where $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$. 3

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sin 2x}{2\cos x} - \sin x \cos^2 x \\ &= \frac{2\sin x \cos x}{2\cos x} - \sin x \cos^2 x \\ &= \sin x - \sin x \cos^2 x \\ &= \sin x (1 - \cos^2 x) \\ &= \sin x \sin^2 x \\ &= \sin^3 x \quad \text{AS REQUIRED} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{\sin 2x}{2\cos x} - \sin x \cos^2 x \\ &= \sin^3 x \\ &= (\sin x)^3 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3(\sin x)^2 \times \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3\sin^2 x \cos x$$