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## Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

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Exercise A, Question 1

### Question:

Use the standard results for  $\sum_{r=1}^n r$  and for  $\sum_{r=1}^n r^2$  to show that, for all positive integers  $n$ ,  $\sum_{r=1}^n (r+1)(3r+2) = n(an^2 + bn + c)$ , where the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  should be stated.

### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^n (r+1)(3r+2) &= \sum_{r=1}^n (3r^2 + 5r + 2) \\ &= 3 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + 5 \sum_{r=1}^n r + 2 \sum_{r=1}^n 1 \\ &= 3 \frac{n}{6}(n+1)(2n+1) + 5 \frac{n}{2}(n+1) + 2n \\ &= \frac{n}{2}[(n+1)(2n+1) + 5(n+1) + 4] \\ &= \frac{n}{2}[2n^2 + 3n + 1 + 5n + 5 + 4] \\ &= \frac{n}{2}[2n^2 + 8n + 10] \\ &= n[n^2 + 4n + 5] \end{aligned}$$

So  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 4$  and  $c = 5$ .

Multiply out brackets first

Split into three separate parts to isolate  $\sum r^2$ ,  $\sum r$  and  $\sum 1$

Use standard formulae for  $\sum r^2$ ,  $\sum r$  and remember that  $\sum_{r=1}^n 1 = n$ .

Take out factor  $\frac{n}{2}$

Multiply out the terms in the bracket.

Simplify the bracket.

Take out factor of 2 from bracket which will then be 'cancelled' by the  $\frac{1}{2}$  term to give the answer.

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Exercise A, Question 2

**Question:**

$$f(x) = x^3 + 3x - 6$$

The equation  $f(x) = 0$  has a root  $\alpha$  in the interval  $[1, 1.5]$ .

**a** Taking 1.25 as a first approximation to  $\alpha$ , apply the Newton–Raphson procedure once to  $f(x)$  to obtain a second approximation to  $\alpha$ . Give your answer to three significant figures.

**b** Show that the answer which you obtained is an accurate estimate to three significant figures.

**Solution:**

**a**

$$f(x) = x^3 + 3x - 6$$

Differentiate  $f(x)$  to give  $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 3$$

Using the Newton-Raphson procedure  
with  $x_1 = 1.25$

$$x_2 = 1.25 - \frac{f(1.25)}{f'(1.25)}$$

State the Newton-Raphson procedure.

$$= 1.25 - \frac{[1.25^3 + 3 \times 1.25 - 6]}{[3 \times 1.25^2 + 3]}$$

Substitute 1.25.

$$= 1.25 - \frac{[-0.296875]}{7.6875}$$

$$= 1.25 + .0386 \dots$$

$$= 1.29(\text{to } 3 \text{ sf})$$

Give your answer to the required accuracy.

**b**

$$f(1.285) = -0.023 \dots < 0$$

$$f(1.295) = 0.0567 \dots > 0$$

Check the sign of  $f(x)$  for the lower and upper bounds of values which round to 1.29 (to 3 sf).

As there is a change of sign and  $f(x)$  is continuous the root  $\alpha$  satisfies

State ‘sign change’ and draw a conclusion.

$$1.285 < \alpha < 1.295$$

$\therefore \alpha = 1.29$ (correct to 3 sf).

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Exercise A, Question 3

**Question:**

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

**a** Describe fully the geometric transformation represented by each of  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$ .

**b** Calculate  $\mathbf{RS}$ .

The unit square,  $U$ , is transformed by the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{S}$  followed by the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{R}$ .

**c** Find the area of the image of  $U$  after both transformations have taken place.

**Solution:**

**a**

$\mathbf{R}$  represents a rotation of  $135^\circ$  anti-clockwise about 0.

$\mathbf{R}$  takes  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$  so is rotation.

$\mathbf{S}$  represents an enlargement scale factor  $\sqrt{2}$  centre 0

$\mathbf{S}$  is of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$  so is enlargement with scale factor  $k$ .

**b**

$$\mathbf{RS} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use the process of matrix multiplication eg  $(ab)\begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = ac + bd$ .

**c**

Determinant of  $\mathbf{RS} = 2$

$\therefore$  Area scale factor of  $U$  is 2.

$\therefore$  Image of  $U$  has area 2.

Recall that the determinant of matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is  $ad - bc$  and that this represents an area scale factor.

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Exercise A, Question 4

**Question:**

$$f(z) = z^4 + 3z^2 - 6z + 10$$

Given that  $1 + i$  is a complex root of  $f(z) = 0$ ,

**a** state a second complex root of this equation.

**b** Use these two roots to find a quadratic factor of  $f(z)$ , with real coefficients.

Another quadratic factor of  $f(z)$  is  $z^2 + 2z + 5$ .

**c** Find the remaining two roots of  $f(z) = 0$ .

**Solution:**

**a**

$1 - i$  is a second root.

This is the conjugate of  $1 + i$ , and complex roots of polynomial equations with real coefficients occur in conjugate pairs.

**b**

$[z - (1 + i)][z - (1 - i)]$  is a quadratic factor.

Multiply the two linear factors to give a quadratic factor.

$\therefore z^2 - 2z + 2$  is the factor.

**c**

$$\text{If } z^2 + 2z + 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20}}{2} \\ &= -1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{16}i \\ &= -1 \pm 2i \end{aligned}$$

Use the quadratic formula

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

Remaining roots are  $-1 + 2i$  and  $-1 - 2i$ .

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#### Exercise A, Question 5

#### Question:

The rectangular hyperbola  $H$  has equation  $xy = c^2$ . The points  $P \left( cp, \frac{c}{p} \right)$  and  $Q \left( cq, \frac{c}{q} \right)$  lie on the hyperbola  $H$ .

**a** Show that the gradient of the chord  $PQ$  is  $-\frac{1}{pq}$ .

The point  $R, \left( 3c, \frac{c}{3} \right)$  also lies on  $H$  and  $PR$  is perpendicular to  $QR$ .

**b** Show that this implies that the gradient of the chord  $PQ$  is 9.

#### Solution:

**a**

The gradient of the chord  $PQ$  is  $\frac{\frac{c}{p} - \frac{c}{q}}{cp - cq}$

$$= c \frac{(q-p)}{pq} \div c(p-q)$$

$$= c \frac{(q-p)}{pq} \times \frac{1}{c(p-q)}$$

$$= -\frac{(p-q)}{pq(p-q)}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{pq}$$

$$\text{Use gradient} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Use a common denominator to combine the fractions.

Express  $(q-p)$  as  $-(p-q)$

Divide numerator and denominator by the factor  $(p-q)$ .

**b**

$PR$  has gradient  $\frac{-1}{3p}$

$QR$  has gradient  $\frac{-1}{3q}$

These lines are perpendicular

$$\therefore \frac{-1}{3p} \times \frac{-1}{3q} = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{9pq} = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{pq} = -9$$

$$\therefore \text{Gradient of } PQ = \frac{-1}{pq} = 9.$$

Use the result established in part (a) to deduce these gradients.

Use the condition for perpendicular lines  $mm' = -1$ .

Find the value of  $\frac{-1}{pq}$ .

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Exercise A, Question 6

**Question:**

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} x & 2x-7 \\ -1 & x+4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a** Find the inverse of matrix  $\mathbf{M}$ , in terms of  $x$ , given that  $\mathbf{M}$  is non-singular.
- b** Show that  $\mathbf{M}$  is a singular matrix for two values of  $x$  and state these values.

**Solution:**

- a** The determinant of  $\mathbf{M}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & x(x+4) - (-1)(2x-7) \\ &= x^2 + 4x + 2x - 7 \\ &= x^2 + 6x - 7 \end{aligned}$$

The inverse of  $\mathbf{M}$  is

$$\frac{1}{x^2 + 6x - 7} \begin{pmatrix} x+4 & 7-2x \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

Use the result that the inverse of  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$ .

- b**  $\mathbf{M}$  is singular when

$$\begin{aligned} & x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0 \\ \text{ie: } & (x+7)(x-1) = 0 \\ \therefore & x = -7 \text{ or } 1. \end{aligned}$$

Put the value of the determinant of  $\mathbf{M}$  equal to zero.

Then solve the quadratic equation.

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Exercise A, Question 7

### Question:

The complex numbers  $z$  and  $w$  are given by  $z = \frac{7-i}{1-i}$ , and  $w = iz$ .

**a** Express  $z$  and  $w$  in the form  $a + ib$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.

**b** Find the argument of  $w$  in radians to two decimal places.

**c** Show  $z$  and  $w$  on an Argand diagram

**d** Find  $|z - w|$ .

### Solution:

**a**

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{7-i}{1-i} = \frac{(7-i)(1+i)}{(1-i)(1+i)} \\ &= \frac{8+6i}{2} \\ &= 4+3i \end{aligned}$$

Multiply numerator and denominator by the conjugate of  $1 - i$ .

Remember  $i^2 = -1$

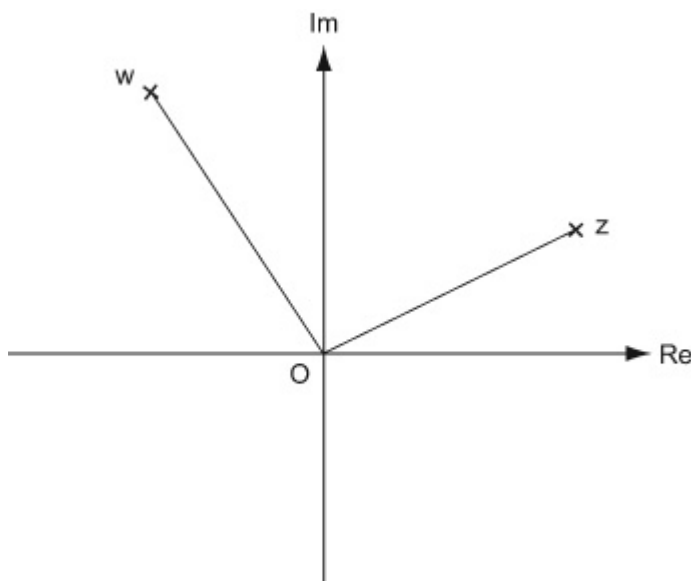
$$\begin{aligned} w = iz &= i(4+3i) \\ &= -3+4i \end{aligned}$$

**b**

$$\begin{aligned} \arg w &= \pi - (\tan^{-1} 4/3) \\ &= 2.21 \end{aligned}$$

As  $w$  is in the second quadrant in the Argand diagram.

**c**





**d**

$$\begin{aligned}z - w &= 7 - i \\|z - w| &= \sqrt{7^2 + (-1)^2} \\&= \sqrt{50} \\&= 5\sqrt{2}.\end{aligned}$$

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Exercise A, Question 8

### Question:

The parabola  $C$  has equation  $y^2 = 16x$ .

**a** Find the equation of the normal to  $C$  at the point  $P$ ,  $(1, 4)$ .

The normal at  $P$  meets the directrix to the parabola at the point  $Q$ .

**b** Find the coordinates of  $Q$ .

**c** Give the coordinates of the point  $R$  on the parabola, which is equidistant from  $Q$  and from the focus of  $C$ .

### Solution:

**a**

$$y^2 = 16x \Rightarrow y = 4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4 \times \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

At  $(1, 4)$  gradient is 2

$\therefore$  Gradient of normal is  $-\frac{1}{2}$

The equation of the normal is  $y - 4 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$

ie:  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4\frac{1}{2}$

**b**

The directrix has equation  $x = -4$ .

Substitute  $x = -4$  into normal equation

$\therefore y = 6\frac{1}{2}$

So  $Q$  is the point  $(-4, 6\frac{1}{2})$ .

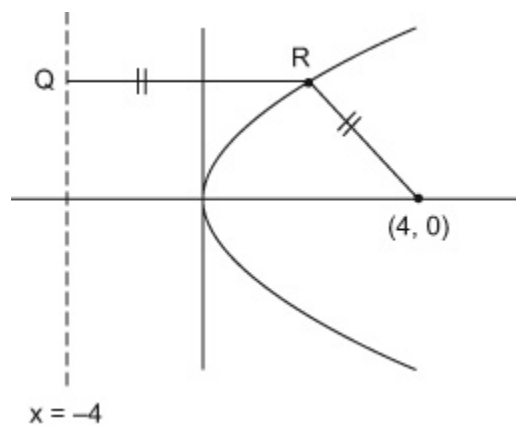
**c**

Find the gradient of the curve at  $(1, 4)$ .

Use  $mm' = -1$  as the normal is perpendicular to the curve.

Use  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

The directrix of the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  has equation  $x = -a$ .



At  $R$   $y = 6\frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \left(6\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 16x$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{6\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}}{16} = \frac{169}{64}$$

So  $R$  is the point  $\left(\frac{169}{64}, \frac{13}{2}\right)$

The point  $R$  must have the same  $y$  co-ordinate as the point  $Q$ .

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Exercise A, Question 9

**Question:**

a Use the method of mathematical induction to prove that, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{r-1} = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 + n + 4) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}.$$

b  $f(n) = 3^{n+2} + (-1)^n 2^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

By considering  $2f(n+1) - f(n)$  and using the method of mathematical induction prove that, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $3^{n+2} + (-1)^n 2^n$  is divisible by 5.

**Solution:**

a Let  $n = 1$

$$LHS = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= \frac{1}{2}(1^2 + 1 + 4) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 6 - 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Show that the result is true when  $n = 1$ .

$\therefore LHS = RHS$  so result is true for  $n = 1$

Assume that the result is true for  $n = k$

$$\text{ie: } \sum_{r=1}^k \left[ r + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{r-1} \right] = \frac{1}{2}(k^2 + k + 4) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1}$$

Add  $(k+1) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$  to each side.

Show that assuming the result is true for  $n = k$  implies that it is also true for  $n = k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} r + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{r-1} &= \frac{1}{2}(k^2 + k + 4) + (k+1) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(k^2 + k + 4 + 2k + 2) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} \left(-1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \text{Collect the similar terms together.} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(k^2 + 3k + 6) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}((k+1)^2 + (k+1) + 4) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ie: } \sum_{r=1}^n r + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{r-1} = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 + n + 4) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

where  $n = k + 1$

ie: Result is implied for  $n = k + 1$ .

$\therefore$  By induction, as result is true for  $n = 1$  then it is implied for  $n = 2, n = 3$ , etc... ie: for all positive integer values for  $n$ .

Conclude that this implies by induction that the result is true for all positive integers.

**b**

$$f(n) = 3^{n+2} + (-1)^n 2^n \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Let  $n = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 3^3 + (-1)^1 2^1 \\ &= 27 - 2 \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

Show that the result is true when  $n = 1$ .

This is divisible by 5.

Let  $f(k)$  be divisible by 5

Assume that  $f(k)$  is divisible by 5

$$\text{ie: } 3^{k+2} + (-1)^k 2^k = 5A \quad *$$

Consider

$$2f(k+1) - f(k) = 2 \cdot 3^{k+3} + 2(-1)^{k+1} 2^{k+1} - 3^{k+2} - (-1)^k 2^k$$

Follow the hint given in the question

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3^{k+2} [2 \cdot 3 - 1] + 2^k (-1)^k [-4 - 1] \\ &= 3^{k+2} \times 5 - 5 \cdot (-1)^k 2^k \\ &= 5(3^{k+2} - (-1)^k 2^k). \end{aligned}$$

Collect similar terms together and look for common factor of 5.

$\therefore 2f(k+1) - f(k)$  is divisible by 5.

$$= 5B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2f(k+1) &= 5B + f(k) \\ &= 5(B + a) \end{aligned}$$

As  $f(k)$  and  $2f(k+1) - f(k)$  are each divisible by 5, deduce that  $f(k+1)$  is also divisible by 5.

ie:  $2f(k+1)$  is divisible by 5  $\Rightarrow f(k+1)$  is divisible by 5.

So by induction as  $f(1)$  is divisible by 5 then so is  $f(2)$  and so is  $f(3)$  .... and by induction  $f(n)$  is divisible by 5 for all positive integers  $n$ .

Use induction to complete your proof.