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Worked solutions

This book presents:

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Question 1

- a. Show that for $0 < x < 1$, $\frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin(2x-1)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-x^2}}$.

Worked solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dx}(\arcsin(2x-1)) \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(2x-1)^2}} \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(4x^2-4x+1)}} \\
 &= 2 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{4x-4x^2}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{2\sqrt{x-x^2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-x^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

2 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for correctly using the chain rule to differentiate $(\arcsin(2x-1))$.
- 1 mark for simplifying.

**Tip**

The derivative of $\arcsin(u)$ is $\frac{u'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$

b. Hence, find the exact value of $\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{6}{\sqrt{x-x^2}} dx$.

Worked solution

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{6}{\sqrt{x-x^2}} dx$$

$$= 6 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-x^2}} dx$$

$$= 6 \left[\arcsin(2x-1) \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$= 6 \left[\arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \arcsin(0) \right]$$

$$= 6 \times \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= \pi$$

2 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct antiderivative.
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

**END OF QUESTION 1
TURN OVER**

Question 2

- a. Solve the following equation over C .
 $z^2 - 2iz + 5 = 0$

Worked solution

$$z^2 - 2iz + 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow z &= \frac{2i \pm \sqrt{(2i)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 5}}{2 \times 1} \\ &= \frac{2i \pm \sqrt{4i^2 + 20i^2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2i \pm \sqrt{24i^2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2i \pm (2\sqrt{6})i}{2} \\ &= (1 \pm \sqrt{6})i\end{aligned}$$

2 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct use of the quadratic formula.
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

- b. Let $z_1 = \sqrt{3} - i$.
Express z_1 in polar form, $rcis \theta$ where $\theta = Arg(z_1)$.

Worked solution

□

$$z_1 = \sqrt{3} - i$$

$$|z_1| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1| = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$Arg(z_1) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

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

$$= -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 = 2cis\left(\frac{-\pi}{6}\right)$$

1 mark

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct answer.



Tip

z_1 is in the fourth quadrant, so $\frac{-\pi}{2} < Arg(z_1) < 0$.

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c. On the argand diagram below, plot and clearly label

i. z_1

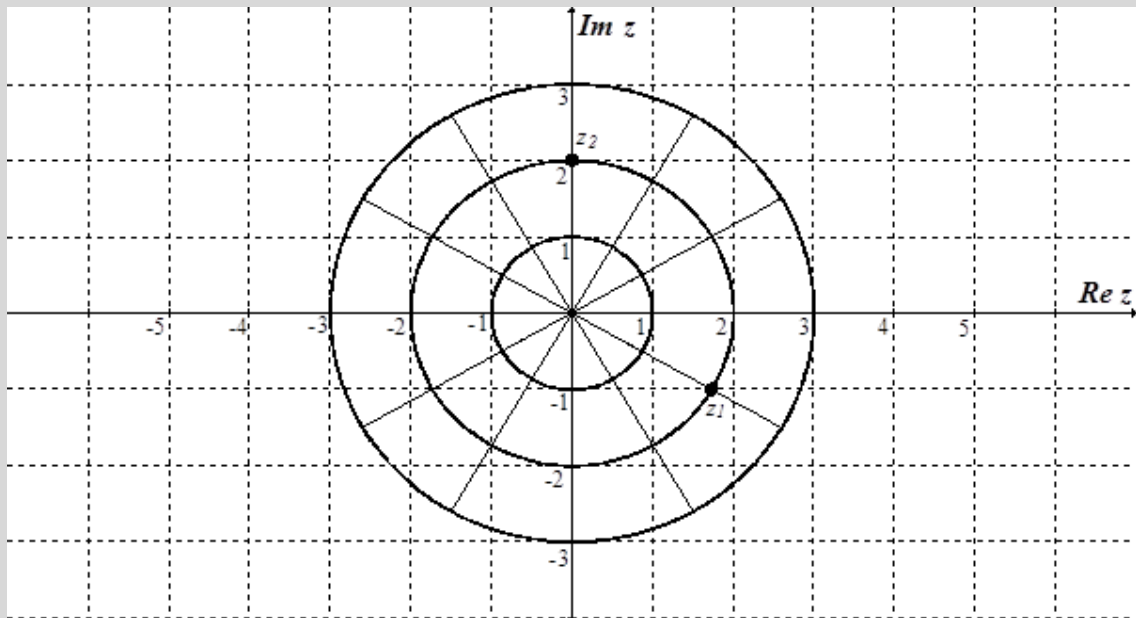
ii. $z_2 = \overline{z_1} i$

Worked solution

$$z_1 = \sqrt{3} - i$$

$$z_2 = \overline{z_1} i = |\overline{z_1}| i$$

$$z_2 = 2i$$



2 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct position of z_1 .
- 1 mark for the correct position of z_2 .

**END OF QUESTION 2
TURN OVER**

Question 3

A particle moves in a straight line with an acceleration of $a \text{ m/s}^2$, as given by

$$a = \frac{v^2 + v}{1 + \log_e(v+1)}, \quad v > 0.$$

At time t seconds, its displacement is x metres from a fixed point and its velocity is $v \text{ m/s}$.

What is the displacement of the particle as it moves from its position where $v = (e - 1) \text{ m/s}$ to its position where $v = (e^2 - 1) \text{ m/s}$?

Worked solution

$$a = v \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 + v}{1 + \log_e(v+1)}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v+1}{1 + \log_e(v+1)}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dv} = \frac{1 + \log_e(v+1)}{v+1}$$

$$x = \int_{e-1}^{e^2-1} \frac{1 + \log_e(v+1)}{v+1} \cdot dv$$

Let $u = 1 + \log_e(v+1)$

$$\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{1}{v+1}$$

$$x = \int_2^3 u \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot dv$$

$$= \int_2^3 u \cdot du$$

$$= \left[\frac{u^2}{2} \right]_2^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [3^2 - 2^2]$$

$$= \frac{5}{2}$$

$\therefore$ The displacement $\frac{5}{2}$ or 2.5 is metres.

3 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct differential equation for $\frac{dx}{dv}$.
- 1 mark for antidifferentiating correctly.
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

**Tip**

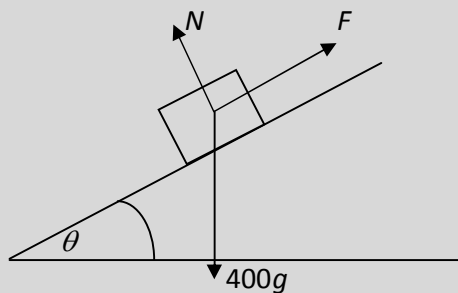
Since x is required as a function of v , and the acceleration is given as a function of v , then a is replaced by $v \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$.

END OF QUESTION 3
TURN OVER

Question 4

A container of mass 400 kg rests on the rough surface of an inclined tray truck. The tray is inclined at an angle of θ° to the horizontal.

- a. On the diagram below, clearly label the three forces, including the normal force, N , and the friction force, F , acting on the container.

Worked solution

1 mark

Mark allocation

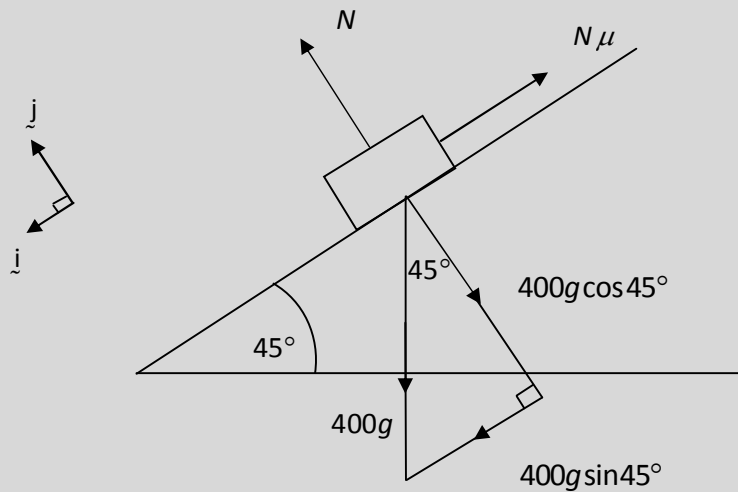
- 1 mark for correctly labelling the three forces.

When the tray is raised to an angle of 45° to the horizontal, the container accelerates down the tray at $\frac{g\sqrt{2}}{20} \text{ m/s}^2$.

b. What is the coefficient of friction between the container and the surface of the tray?

Worked solution

Label the forces acting on the container, parallel and perpendicular to the tray.



$$R = (400g \sin 45^\circ - N\mu) \mathbf{i} + (N - 400g \cos 45^\circ) \mathbf{j} = 400 \times \frac{g\sqrt{2}}{20} \mathbf{i}$$

$$R = (200g\sqrt{2} - N\mu) \mathbf{i} + (N - 200g\sqrt{2}) \mathbf{j} = 20g\sqrt{2} \mathbf{i}$$

$$N - 200g\sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$N = 200g\sqrt{2}$$

$$200g\sqrt{2} - N\mu = 20g\sqrt{2}$$

$$200g\sqrt{2} - 200g\sqrt{2}\mu = 20g\sqrt{2}$$

$$200 - 200\mu = 20$$

$$200\mu = 180$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{180}{200} = 0.9$$

3 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct equation of motion.
- 1 mark for correctly evaluating the normal, N .
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

**END OF QUESTION 4
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Question 5

- a. Use a compound angle formula to show that $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$.

Worked solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\
 &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

1 mark

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for correctly evaluating the appropriate compound angle formula.

**Tip**

$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ could also be used to obtain the correct answer.

b. Hence, evaluate $\int_{\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 4 \sin x \cos^3 x \, dx$

Express the answer in the form $\left(\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}\right)^n$, where n is an integer.

Worked solution

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 4 \sin x \cos^3 x \, dx$$

Let $u = \cos x$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 4 \sin x \cos^3 x \, dx &= \int_{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}^{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)} -4 \frac{du}{dx} u^3 \, dx \\ &= \int_{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}^{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)} -4u^3 \, du \\ &= \left[-u^4\right]_{\cos\frac{\pi}{12}}^{\cos\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= -\cos^4\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos^4\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) \\ &= 0 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}\right)^4 \\ &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}\right)^4 \end{aligned}$$

2 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct antiderivative.
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

END OF QUESTION 5
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Question 6

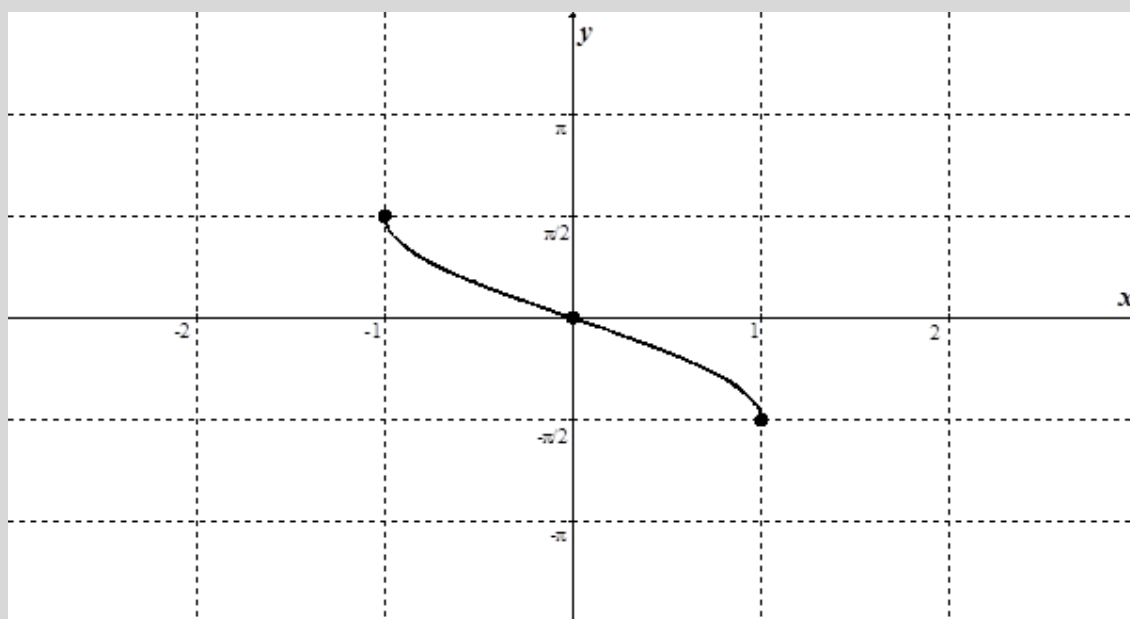
- a. Sketch the graph of the curve with equation $y = \cos^{-1}(x) - \frac{\pi}{2}$ on the set of axes below.

Worked solution

$$x = -1, y = \cos^{-1}(-1) - \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x = 0, y = \cos^{-1}(0) - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$x = 1, y = \cos^{-1}(1) - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$



1 mark

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct graph.

- b. Find the volume generated when the region enclosed by the curve with equation $y = \cos^{-1}(x) - \frac{\pi}{2}$, the y -axis and the lines $y = 0$ and $y = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is rotated about the y -axis to form a solid of revolution.

Worked solution

$$y = \cos^{-1}(x) - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\cos^{-1}(x) = y + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \cos\left(y + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$x^2 = \cos^2\left(y + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Volume} = \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2\left(y + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) dy$$

$$= \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1 + \cos(2y + \pi)}{2} dy$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1 + \cos(2y + \pi)) dy$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[y + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2y + \pi) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times \sin(2\pi) \right) - \left(0 + \frac{1}{2} \sin(\pi) \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{4}$$

4 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for correctly expressing x as a function of y .
- 1 mark for the correct definite integral representing the volume.
- 1 mark for correctly using the double angle formula in the integrand.
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

Question 7

For the relation $\log_e(xy) = x^2y^2$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{x}$.

Worked solution

$$\log_e(xy) = x^2y^2$$

$$\log_e(x) + \log_e(y) = x^2y^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x) + \log_e(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2y^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{d}{dy}(\log_e(y)) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \cdot y^2 + x^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dy}(y^2) \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2 + 2yx^2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} - 2xy^2 = \frac{dy}{dx} \left(2yx^2 - \frac{1}{y} \right)$$

$$\frac{1 - 2x^2y^2}{x} = \frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{2x^2y^2 - 1}{y} \right)$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-(2x^2y^2 - 1)}{x} \times \frac{y}{2x^2y^2 - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{x}$$

3 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for correctly differentiating the relation using implicit differentiation.
- 1 mark for correctly expressing the relation as a function of $\frac{dy}{dx}$.
- 1 mark for simplifying correctly.

**Tip**

The relation cannot be expressed explicitly as a function of x , so implicit differentiation is required to obtain $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

END OF QUESTION 7

Question 8

The position vector of a moving particle, $\mathbf{r}(t)$ metres, at any time, t seconds, is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 2 \tan(t) \mathbf{i} + \sec^2(t) \mathbf{j}, \quad t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right).$$

- a. Determine the Cartesian equation for the path of the particle. State the domain and range.

Worked solution

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 2 \tan(t) \mathbf{i} + \sec^2(t) \mathbf{j}$$

$$x = 2 \tan(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(t) = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$y = \sec^2(t)$$

$$= 1 + \tan^2(t)$$

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

$$\text{Domain, } x = 2 \tan(t), \quad t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Range, } y = 1 + \frac{x^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in [1, \infty) \text{ since } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

3 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct Cartesian equation.
- 1 mark for the correct domain.
- 1 mark for the correct range.

**Tip**

Use the identity $\sec^2(t) = 1 + \tan^2(t)$.

- b. Find the minimum speed of the particle.

Worked solution

$$\underline{v}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}[2\tan(t)\underline{i} + \sec^2(t)\underline{j}]$$

$$\underline{v}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}[2\tan(t)\underline{i} + (\cos(t))^{-2}\underline{j}]$$

$$\underline{v}(t) = 2\sec^2(t)\underline{i} + (-2)(-\sin(t))(\cos(t))^{-3}\underline{j}$$

$$\underline{v}(t) = 2\sec^2(t)\underline{i} + \frac{2\sin(t)}{\cos^3(t)}\underline{j}$$

$$\underline{v}(t) = 2\sec^2(t)\underline{i} + 2\tan(t)\sec^2(t)\underline{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{4\sec^4(t) + 4\tan^2(t)\sec^4(t)}$$

$$= \sqrt{4\sec^4(t)(1 + \tan^2(t))}$$

$$= \sqrt{4\sec^4(t)(\sec^2(t))}$$

$$= \sqrt{4\sec^6(t)}$$

$$= 2|\sec^3(t)|$$

Minimum value of $|\sec(t)|$ is 1.

$\Rightarrow$ The minimum value of $|\sec^3(t)|$ is 1.

$\therefore$ The minimum speed is 2 m/s.

3 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct velocity vector.
- 1 mark for the correct equation of the speed as a function of t .
- 1 mark for the correct answer.



Tip

Use the identity $\sec^2(t) = 1 + \tan^2(t)$.

Question 9

Three points, A , B and O , are given by $A(2,1,2)$, $B(2,2,0)$ and $O(0,0,0)$.

- a. Find the vector $\vec{AB}$ expressed in the form $x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$.

Worked solution

$$\vec{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\vec{OB} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$$

$$= \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

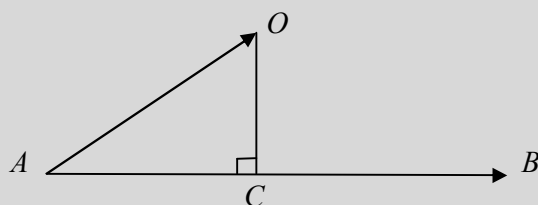
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Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct answer.

- b. A point, C , on vector $\vec{AB}$ is closest to O . Find the coordinates of point C .

Worked solution



Let C be the point on $\vec{AB}$ where $\vec{OC}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{AB}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{AC} &= \frac{\vec{AO} \cdot \vec{AB}}{|\vec{AB}|^2} \times \frac{\vec{AB}}{|\vec{AB}|} \\
 &= \frac{1}{|\vec{AB}|^2} (\vec{AO} \cdot \vec{AB}) \vec{AB} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2})^2} (-2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) (\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} (3) (\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \\
 &= \frac{3}{5} \hat{j} - \frac{6}{5} \hat{k} \\
 \vec{OC} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{AC} \\
 &= 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + \frac{3}{5} \hat{j} - \frac{6}{5} \hat{k} \\
 &= 2\hat{i} + \frac{8}{5} \hat{j} + \frac{4}{5} \hat{k} \\
 \Rightarrow C &\text{ is } \left(2, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

3 marks

Mark allocation

- 1 mark for the correct vector $\vec{AC}$.
- 1 mark for the correct vector $\vec{OC}$.
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

**Tip**

The vector resolute of $\vec{a}$ onto $\vec{b}$ is $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{b} \div b^2$

The vector $\vec{OC}$ could also have been found by finding the vector resolute of $\vec{BO}$ onto $\vec{BA}$.

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Question 10

On the axes supplied, sketch the graph of $f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 1$, clearly indicating the location of any asymptotes and intercepts with the axes.

Worked solution

$$f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 1$$

Asymptotes:

$$\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$$

$$x = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots$$

$\therefore$ The asymptotes are $x = 0$ and $x = 2\pi$, for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$.

$\therefore$ There is no y-intercept.

x-intercept:

$$\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 1 = 0$$

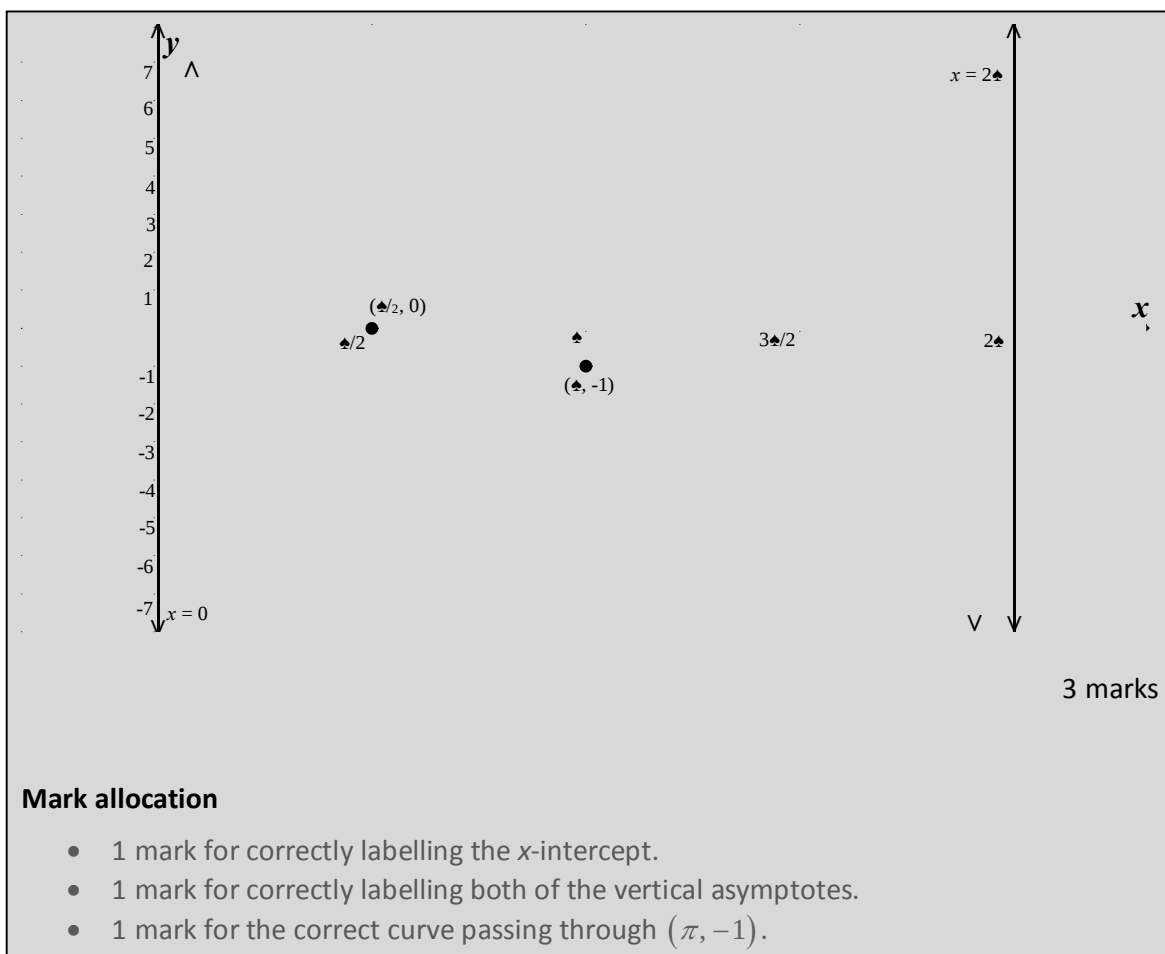
$$\cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \dots$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \dots$$

$\therefore$ The x-intercept is $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$.



Tip

Vertical asymptotes occur where the denominator of a rational function equals zero.

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