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Written examination 1

Worked solutions

This book presents:

- fully worked solutions
- mark allocations
- tips on how to approach the exam

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Question 1a.**Worked solution**

$$z^2 + (a + bi)z + bi = 0$$

$$(2i)^2 + (a + bi)(2i) + bi = 0$$

$$-4 + 2ai - 2b + bi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-4 - 2b) + (2a + b)i = 0 + 0i$$

$$\Rightarrow -4 - 2b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -2$$

$$2a + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1$$

$$\therefore a = 1 \text{ and } b = -2$$

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for obtaining two correct simultaneous equations in terms of a and b
- 1 mark for the correct answer

Question 1b.**Worked solution**

$$z^2 + (a + bi)z + bi = z^2 + (1 - 2i)z - 2i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z(z + 1) - 2i(z + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (z + 1)(z - 2i) = 0$$

$\therefore z = -1$ is the other solution

Alternative method

Substituting the answer to part a. into $z^2 + (a + bi)z - 2i = 0$ gives

$$z^2 + (1 - 2i)z - 2i = 0.$$

$2i$ is known to be a solution; therefore, $z - 2i$ is a factor of $z^2 + (1 - 2i)z - 2i$.

$z^2 + (1 - 2i)z - 2i$ has the factorised form $(z - 2i)(z + \alpha)$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$.

By comparison with $z^2 + (1 - 2i)z - 2i$, the constant term in the expansion of $(z - 2i)(z + \alpha)$ must equal $-2i$, which means that $\alpha = 1$.

$$\therefore z^2 + (1 - 2i)z - 2i = (z - 2i)(z + 1)$$

From the null factor law, the other solution to $z^2 + (1 - 2i)z - 2i = 0$ is therefore $z = -1$.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for correctly factorising
- 1 mark for the correct answer

Question 2a.**Worked solution**

$$\underline{r}(t) = \tan^{-1}(t) \underline{i} + t \underline{j} + \underline{c}$$

$$\underline{r}(0) = \underline{c} = \underline{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{r}(t) = \tan^{-1}(t) \underline{i} + (t+1) \underline{j}$$

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for correctly antidifferentiating $\underline{v}(t)$ to obtain $\underline{r}(t)$
- 1 mark for the correct answer

Question 2b.**Worked solution**

$$x = \tan^{-1}(t)$$

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

$$y = t + 1$$

$$\therefore y = 1 + \tan(x)$$

Mark allocation: 1 mark

- 1 mark for the correct answer

Question 3**Worked solution**

$$(x - y)^2 - \log_e x = x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - \log_e x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 2y - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}(2y - 2x) = \frac{1}{x} + 2y - 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{2y - 2x} + 1.$$

$$\text{At the point } (1, 2), \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}.$$

The gradient of the tangent is $\frac{3}{2}$ or 1.5.

Alternative method 1

Another method is to avoid unnecessary algebra by substituting (1, 2) into

$$2x - 2y - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x} = 0 \text{ and then making } \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ the subject.}$$

$$2(1) - 2(2) - 2(1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2(2) \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - 4 - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Alternative method 2

Instead of expanding $(x - y)^2$ and then differentiating, this term can be directly differentiated using the chain rule.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x - y)^2 = \underbrace{2(x - y)}_{\text{Derivative of outer function}} \times \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{dy}{dx}\right)}_{\text{Derivative of inner function}}$$

This requires less work and leads to easier calculations.

Alternative method 3

$$(x - y)^2 - \log_e x = 1$$

$$(x - y)^2 = 1 + \log_e x$$

$$(y - x)^2 = 1 + \log_e x$$

$$y - x = \pm \sqrt{1 + \log_e x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x + \sqrt{1 + \log_e x}, \text{ since } y = 2 \text{ when } x = 1$$

$$y = x + (1 + \log_e x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{1 + \log_e x}}$$

$$\text{When } x = 1, \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 mark for correctly differentiating the equation
- 1 mark for obtaining a correct expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$
- 1 mark for the correct answer

**Tip**

- *The relation can be explicitly expressed as a function of x and then differentiated to obtain $\frac{dy}{dx}$, but this would be time consuming.*

Question 4**Worked solution**

$$\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \frac{\cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)}, \quad x \in [0, \pi]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \frac{\cos(2x)}{2\sin(x)\cos(x)}, \text{ where } \cos(x) \neq 0 \text{ and } \sin(x) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin(x)\cos(x)\sin(x) = \cos(x)\cos(2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin(x)\cos(x)\sin(x) - \cos(x)\cos(2x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(x)(2\sin^2(x) - \cos(2x)) = 0.$$

Case 1: $\cos(x) = 0$.

Reject this case because $\cos(x) \neq 0$.

Case 2: $2\sin^2(x) - \cos(2x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2(x) - (1 - 2\sin^2(x)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\sin^2(x) - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2(x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x) = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \quad x \in [0, \pi].$$

Case 2a: $\sin(x) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

Case 2b: $\sin(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

Reject this case because $x \in [0, \pi]$

Answer: $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$

Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 mark for correctly using the double angle formulas
- 1 mark for obtaining a correct equation in terms of $\sin x$ only
- 1 mark for the correct answer

**Tip**

- All double angle formulas can be looked up on the formula sheet provided.

Question 5a.**Worked solution**

Let X = the time the students spend studying at home each week
and Y = the time the students spend involved in recreational activities each week.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X + Y) &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) = 40^2 + 30^2 \\ &= 1600 + 900 \\ &= 2500\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sd}(X + Y) = \sqrt{2500} = 50$$

The standard deviation of the total time that students at Academia University spend studying at home and being involved in recreational activities each week is 50 minutes.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for the correct calculation of the variance
- 1 mark for the correct answer

Question 5b.i.**Worked solution**

$$n = 64, \bar{x} = 719, \sigma = 40 \text{ and } z = 1.96$$

$$H_0 : \mu = 730$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq 730$$

Mark allocation: 1 mark

- 1 mark for correctly expressing the null hypothesis and the alternative hypothesis

Question 5b.ii.**Worked solution**

$n = 64$, $\bar{x} = 719$, $\sigma = 40$ and $z = 1.96$

$H_0 : \mu = 730$

$H_1 : \mu \neq 730$

Using $\alpha = 0.05$, reject H_0 if $z < -1.96$ or $z > 1.96$.

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \\ &= \frac{719 - 730}{\frac{40}{\sqrt{64}}} \\ \Rightarrow z &= \frac{-11}{5} = -2.2 \end{aligned}$$

Because $z < -1.96$, reject H_0 .

The university's claim that the mean time spent studying at home each week by its students is 730 minutes is not supported by the data at the $\alpha = 0.05$ level of significance.

Alternative method 1

Construct an approximate 95% confidence interval.

$n = 64$, $\bar{x} = 719$, $\sigma = 40$ and $z = 1.96$

$H_0 : \mu = 730$

$H_1 : \mu \neq 730$

The 95% confidence interval for μ is

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\bar{x} - 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + 1.96 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \\ &= \left(719 - 1.96 \times \frac{40}{\sqrt{64}}, 719 + 1.96 \times \frac{40}{\sqrt{64}} \right) \\ &= (719 - 1.96 \times 5, 719 + 1.96 \times 5) \\ &= (709.2, 728.8) \end{aligned}$$

Because this interval does not contain the hypothesised mean of 730, reject the hypothesis that $\mu = 730$.

Alternative method 2

Calculate an approximate maximum value of the p value.

$$H_0 : \mu = 730$$

$$H_1 : \mu < 730$$

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu = 730$$

$$SD(\bar{X}) = \frac{40}{\sqrt{64}} = 5$$

$$p \text{ value} = 2 \times \Pr(\bar{X} \leq 719 | \mu = 730)$$

$$= 2 \times \Pr\left(Z \leq \frac{719 - 730}{5}\right)$$

$$= 2 \times \Pr(Z \leq -2.2)$$

$$2 \times \Pr(Z \leq -2.2) < 2 \times \Pr(Z \leq -2.0) \approx 0.05$$

Because the p value is less than the significance level of 0.05, reject the hypothesis that $\mu = 730$.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for correctly evaluating z , the 95% confidence interval or the p value
- 1 mark for rejecting the claim that the mean is 730 minutes

Question 6**Worked solution**

$$\text{Arc length} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} \, dx.$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + (f'(x))^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2x^2} \right)^2$$

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

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

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

$$\text{Arc length} = \int_1^3 \sqrt{\left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2x^2} \right)^2} \, dx$$

$$= \int_1^3 \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2x^2} \, dx$$

$$\text{since } \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2x^2} > 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{1}{2x} \right]_1^3$$

$$= \left(\frac{27}{6} - \frac{1}{6} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{26}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{28}{6} = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$\text{Answer: } \frac{14}{3} \text{ units}$$

Mark allocation: 4 marks

- 1 mark for correctly expanding and simplifying the square root part of the integrand
- 1 mark for correctly expressing the square root part of the integrand as a perfect square
- 1 mark for simplifying the integrand
- 1 mark for the correct answer

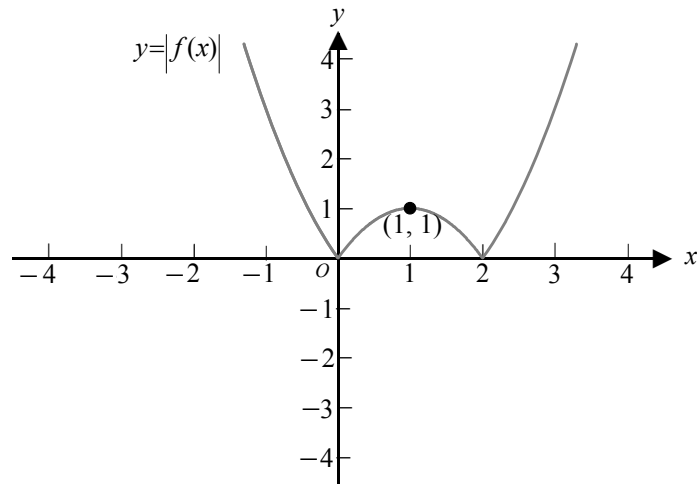
**Tip**

- *The VCAA requires that the answer is simplified to get the final answer mark.*

Question 7a.**Worked solution**

First, graph $y = |f(x)|$.

Reflect any part of $y = f(x)$ that is below the x -axis through the x -axis.



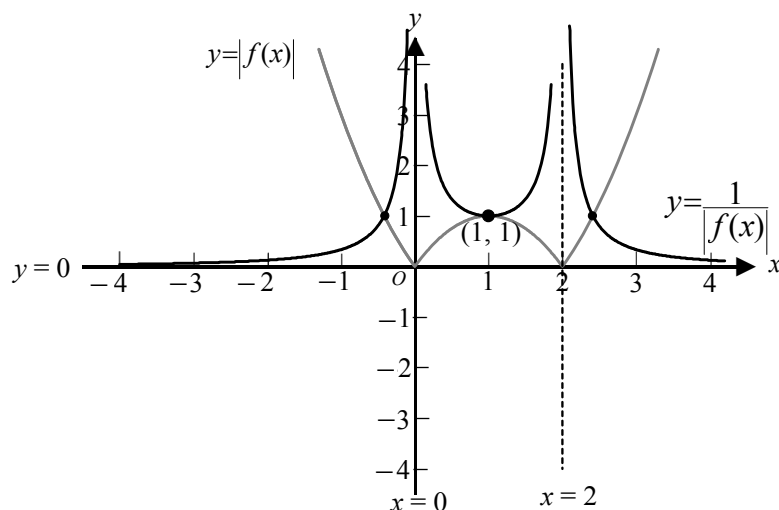
Second, graph $y = \frac{1}{|f(x)|}$.

When $y = |f(x)| = 0$, $y = \frac{1}{|f(x)|}$ will have vertical asymptotes (i.e. $x = 0$ and $x = 2$).

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$, $y \rightarrow 0$

Therefore, $y = 0$ is a horizontal asymptote.

When $y = |f(x)| = \pm 1$, $y = \frac{1}{|f(x)|} = \pm 1$.



Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 mark for correctly labelling the asymptotes
- 1 mark for correctly labelling the minimum stationary point of $y = \frac{1}{|x^2 - 2x|}$
- 1 mark for the correct graph of $y = \frac{1}{|x^2 - 2x|}$

**Tip**

- *For a correct shape, it is essential that the intersection of $y = f(x)$ and $y = \frac{1}{|f(x)|}$ aligns with $y = 1$ on the given vertical scale.*

Question 7b.**Worked solution**

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

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x(x-2)} &= \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-2} \\ &= \frac{A(x-2) + Bx}{x(x-2)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A(x-2) + Bx \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Option 1: Substitute convenient values of x .

Substituting $x = 2$ gives

$$1 = 2B \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substituting $x = 0$ gives

$$1 = -2A \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Option 2: Expand the right-hand side and equate coefficients.

$$1 = Ax - 2A + Bx.$$

Coefficient of x is $0 = A + B$.

Constant term is $1 = -2A$.

Solve simultaneously: $A = -\frac{1}{2}$, $B = \frac{1}{2}$.

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

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x(x-2)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{x} dx$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left| \frac{x-2}{x} \right|$$

Mark allocation: 4 marks

- 1 mark for setting up the partial fractions
- 1 mark for the correct value of A
- 1 mark for the correct value of B
- 1 mark for the correct answer

Question 7c.**Worked solution**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area} &= \int_3^4 \frac{1}{|x^2 - 2x|} dx = \int_3^4 \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x} dx \\
 &= \left[\frac{1}{2} \log_e \left| \frac{x-2}{x} \right| \right]_3^4 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Mark allocation: 1 mark

- 1 mark for the correct answer in the form required

Question 8**Worked solution**

When $t = 0$, $v = 36 \Rightarrow t(36) = 0$

Need $t = ?$, $v = 9 \Rightarrow t(9) = ?$

The time taken for the parachutist to reduce her speed from 36 ms^{-1} to $9 \text{ ms}^{-1} = t(9) - t(36)$.

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -0.01v^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dv} = -100v^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$t(9) = \int_{36}^9 \frac{dt}{dv} dv + t(36)$$

$$\Rightarrow t(9) = \int_{36}^9 -100v^{-\frac{3}{2}} dv + 0$$

$$= \left[\frac{-100}{-\frac{1}{2}} v^{\frac{-1}{2}} \right]_{36}^9 = \left[\frac{200}{\sqrt{v}} \right]_{36}^9$$

$$= \frac{200}{3} - \frac{200}{6} = \frac{200}{3} - \frac{100}{3}$$

$$= \frac{100}{3} = 33\frac{1}{3} \quad \therefore t(9) - t(36) = 33\frac{1}{3} - 0 = 33\frac{1}{3}$$

It takes the parachutist $33\frac{1}{3}$ seconds to reduce her speed from 36 ms^{-1} to 9 ms^{-1} .

Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 mark for the correct acceleration
- 1 mark for correctly expressing the time taken as an integrand in terms of the speed
- 1 mark for the correct answer

Question 9

Worked solution

The vectors are **linearly dependent** if

$$\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k} = \alpha(2\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k}) + \beta(p\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k})$$

where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$.

Equate components:

$$\underline{i} \text{ components: } 1 = 2\alpha + p\beta. \quad (1)$$

$$\underline{j} \text{ components: } 2 = -\alpha + 2\beta. \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{k} \text{ components: } -1 = 3\alpha + 2\beta. \quad (3)$$

Solve equations (2) and (3) simultaneously:

$$(3) - (2) \quad -3 = 4\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{3}{4}$$

Substituting $\alpha = -\frac{3}{4}$ into equation (2) gives $2 = \frac{3}{4} + 2\beta$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{5}{8}$$

Substituting $\alpha = -\frac{3}{4}$ and $\beta = \frac{5}{8}$ into equation (1) and solving for p gives $p = 4$.

Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 mark for three equations equating the $\underline{i}$, $\underline{j}$ and $\underline{k}$ components
- 1 mark for correctly evaluating α and β
- 1 mark for the correct answer for p

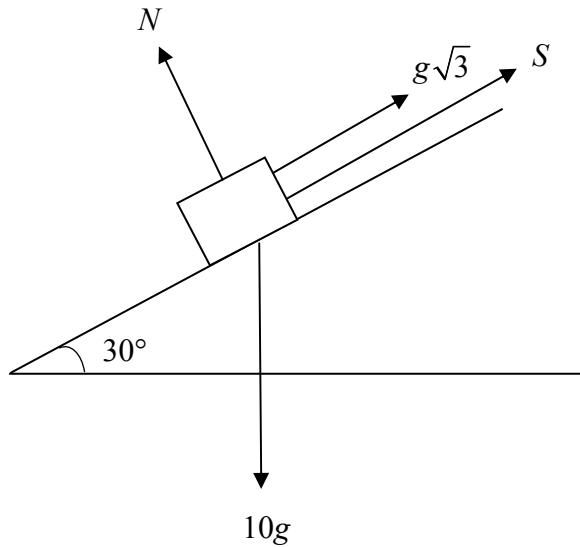


Tip

- If three vectors are linearly dependent, it is simpler to express any one of the vectors as a linear combination of the other two vectors to solve for p . Alternatively, the vectors $\underline{a} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}$, $\underline{b} = 2\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k}$ and $\underline{c} = p\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}$ are **linearly dependent** if $\gamma\underline{a} + \alpha\underline{b} + \beta\underline{c} = \underline{0}$, where $\gamma, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and not all of γ, α, β are equal to zero. The solution process here is more involved than the one provided.

Question 10a.**Worked solution**

Moving down the plane:

**Mark allocation: 1 mark**

- 1 mark for all forces correctly labelled

Question 10b.**Worked solution**

Resolve forces parallel to the plane (the direction of motion of the box down the plane is taken as the positive direction).

$$F_{net} = ma = 10a.$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{net} &= 10g \sin(30^\circ) - g\sqrt{3} - S \\ &= 5g - g\sqrt{3} - 3g \\ &= g(2 - \sqrt{3}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 10a = g(2 - \sqrt{3}).$$

$$\text{Answer: } a = \frac{g(2 - \sqrt{3})}{10} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for a correct expression for the resultant force down the plane
- 1 mark for the correct acceleration

Question 10c.**Worked solution**

For constant speed the acceleration = 0

$$F_{net} = 5g - g\sqrt{3} - S = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow S = g(5 - \sqrt{3})$$

Mark allocation: 1 mark

- 1 mark for the correct answer

END OF WORKED SOLUTIONS