

VCE Specialist Mathematics Units 3&4

Written Examination 2

Suggested Solutions

SECTION A – MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

1	A	B	C	D	E
2	A	B	C	D	E
3	A	B	C	D	E
4	A	B	C	D	E
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9	A	B	C	D	E
10	A	B	C	D	E

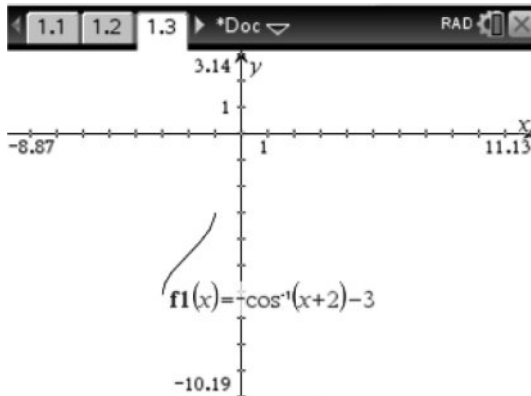
11	A	B	C	D	E
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17	A	B	C	D	E
18	A	B	C	D	E
19	A	B	C	D	E
20	A	B	C	D	E

Question 1 D

The calculator screen shows the command `expand((x^3+2*x^2)/(x^2+x))` and the result $\frac{-1}{x+1} + x + 1$.

The graph has one non-vertical asymptote at $y = x + 1$ and one vertical asymptote at $x = -1$.

Note: The graph has a discontinuity, but not an asymptote, at $x = 0$.

Question 2 E

$$-1 \leq x - 2a \leq 1$$

$$2a - 1 \leq x \leq 2a + 1$$

$$-3 \leq x \leq -1 \Rightarrow a = -1$$

$$\therefore f(x) = -\cos^{-1}(x+2) - 3$$

$$R_f = [-\pi - 3, -0 - 3] = [-\pi - 3, -3]$$

Question 3 C

The calculator screen shows the command `domain(2+csc(x+pi/3),x)` and the result $x \neq \frac{(3 \cdot n1 - 1) \cdot \pi}{3}$.

$$R \setminus \left\{ \frac{(3n-1)\pi}{3} \right\} = R \setminus \left\{ n\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \right\} \text{ is the same as } R \setminus \left\{ n\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} + \pi \right\}.$$

Since each number is half a revolution away from the next number:

$$\therefore R \setminus \left\{ n\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right\} = R \setminus \left\{ \frac{(3n+2)\pi}{3} \right\}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Note: None of the options show the answer in the form produced by CAS, and A is incorrect since the domain is the complementary set.

Question 4 A

A is correct.

$$z = a + bi$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(z + 1) = a + 1$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(\bar{z}) = -b$$

$$\therefore a + 1 = -b$$

Since $a + 1 = 3$ and $-b = 3$:

$$\therefore z = 2 - 3i$$

B is incorrect. This option represents $a + 1 = 2$ and $-b = -1$.

C is incorrect. This option represents $a + 1 = 4$ and $-b = -4$.

D is incorrect. This option represents $a + 1 = 4$ and $-b = 2$.

E is incorrect. This option represents $a + 1 = 2$ and $-b = -2$.

Question 5 C

C is correct.

$$z = x + yi$$

$$\sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2} = \sqrt{(x+4)^2 + y^2}$$

The point $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, 1\right)$ satisfies $-10x - 4y - 11 = 0$.

A, B, D and E are incorrect. These options do not satisfy $-10x - 4y - 11 = 0$.

Question 6 B

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z^{2k+1}}{w^k} &= \frac{((-1+i)^2)^k (-1+i)}{i^k} \\ &= \frac{(-2i)^k (-1+i)}{i^k} \\ &= (-2)^k (-1+i) \\ &= -(2^k)(-1+i) \quad (\text{since } k \text{ is odd}) \\ &= (2^k)(1-i) \end{aligned}$$

Note: The valid answer should satisfy $-\pi < \operatorname{Arg} \leq \pi$.

Question 7 B

B is correct. The height between point A and side BC is $\frac{1}{2}a$. Height is perpendicular to the side; hence, the scalar product is 0.

A, **C** and **D** are incorrect as $a - b + c \neq 0$.

E is incorrect as $|2b| = |b| + |c| \neq |b + c|$.

Question 8 C

The screenshot shows a CAS interface with the input: $\text{expand}\left(\frac{x}{2 \cdot (x-b)^2}\right)$. The output is: $\frac{1}{2 \cdot (x-b)} + \frac{b}{2 \cdot (x-b)^2}$.

Note that $A = \frac{1}{2}$ and $B = \frac{b}{2}$.

Question 9 C

The screenshot shows a CAS interface with the input: $y(x) := e^{2 \cdot x}$. The output is: Done . Below this, the first derivative is shown: $\frac{d}{dx}(y(x)) = 2 \cdot e^{2 \cdot x}$. Below that, the second derivative is shown: $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(y(x)) = 4 \cdot e^{2 \cdot x}$.

It can be verified that $2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} - 14y = 8e^{2x} + 6e^{2x} - 14e^{2x} = 0$.

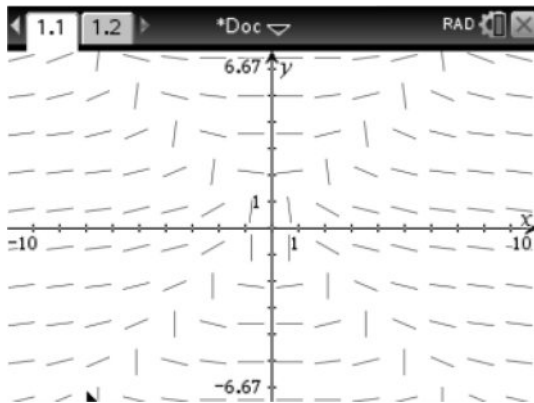
Question 10 C

The screenshot shows a CAS interface with the input: $a := [2 \ 3 \ 0]$ and $b := [1 \ -2 \ 1]$. The output for a is $[2 \ 3 \ 0]$ and for b is $[1 \ -2 \ 1]$. Below this, the dot product of a and the normalized vector b is shown: $\text{dotP}\left(a, \frac{b}{\text{norm}(b)}\right) = \frac{-2 \cdot \sqrt{6}}{3}$.

Note: The correct answer is the value of $\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}$.

Question 11 D

D is correct, and **B** and **C** are incorrect. When $y > x$ in the first quadrant, the slopes are always positive. Among options **B**, **C** and **D**, option **C** does not satisfy this requirement. When $y > x$ in the second quadrant, the slopes are always negative. Option **D** satisfies this requirement. This can be verified using CAS.



A is incorrect. For $y = x$ or $y = -x$, $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is undefined.

E is incorrect. For $x = 0$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

Question 12 B

Let $u = 2x - 1$.

$$2x = u + 1 \Rightarrow 4x + 1 = 2(u + 1) + 1 = 2u + 3$$

$$du = 2dx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{2}du$$

$$\int \frac{4x + 1}{\sqrt{2x - 1}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2u + 3}{\sqrt{u}} du$$

Question 13 A

$$f(x) = \cos(e^x)$$

$$h = 0.1$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h, y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n)$$

$$x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1 \Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + 0.1(\cos(e^0)) = 1 + 0.1(\cos(1))$$

$$x_1 = 0.1 \Rightarrow y_2 = 1 + 0.1\cos(1) + 0.1\cos(e^{0.1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 = 0.2 \Rightarrow y_3 &= 1 + 0.1\cos(1) + 0.1\cos(e^{0.1}) + 0.1\cos(e^{0.2}) \\ &= 1 + 0.1(\cos(1) + \cos(e^{0.1}) + \cos(e^{0.2})) \end{aligned}$$

Question 14 E

$$110 \times \cos(60^\circ) - 10 = 3a$$

$$a = 15 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$= 0 + 15 \times 6$$

$$= 90 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\underline{p} = m\underline{v}$$

$$= 3 \times 90$$

$$= 270 \text{ kg ms}^{-1}$$

Question 15 A

The system will move in the direction of the heavier mass.

Let the tension be T . The equations of motion for each mass will be:

$$20g - T = 20a$$

$$T - 12g = 12a$$

Adding the equations side by side gives:

$$8g = 32a$$

$$a = \frac{g}{4}$$

$$= \frac{9.8}{4}$$

$$= 2.45 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

Question 16 B

The magnitudes of three of the forces are known. Their vector sum is:

$$4\sqrt{2} \cos(45^\circ) \underline{i} + 4\sqrt{2} \sin(45^\circ) \underline{j} + 5 \underline{i} - 3 \underline{j} = 9 \underline{i} + \underline{j}$$

Since the system is in equilibrium:

$$\underline{F} = -(9 \underline{i} + \underline{j})$$

$$F = |\underline{F}|$$

$$= \sqrt{9^2 + 1^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{82}$$

Question 17 C

TI-Nspire calculator interface showing the definition of $v(x) := \sin(2 \cdot x) + \cos(2 \cdot x)$ and the calculation of the derivative $v(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(v(x))$, resulting in $2 \cdot (\cos(2 \cdot x) + \sin(2 \cdot x)) \cdot (\cos(2 \cdot x) - \sin(2 \cdot x))$.

$$F = ma$$

$$= m \times v \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$= 2 \times 2 (\cos^2(2x) - \sin^2(2x))$$

$$= 4 \cos(4x)$$

$$F_{\max} = 4 \text{ N} \quad (\text{since } \cos(4x) \leq 1)$$

Question 18 A

TI-Nspire calculator interface showing the calculation of $\text{normCdf}\left(-\infty, 5, 7, \frac{1.5}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$, resulting in 0.001435.

Question 19 D

A type II error is accepting the null hypothesis when it is false. In this context, a type II error would be stating that the kettle boils water in 90 seconds when it actually does not boil water in 90 seconds.

Question 20 A

$$\left(\bar{x} - z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = (234.3, 267.9)$$

TI-Nspire calculator interface showing the calculation of the sample standard deviation s . The first screenshot shows the calculation of the mean $\frac{234.3 + 267.9}{2} = 251.1$. The second screenshot shows the calculation of $z = -\text{invNorm}\left(\frac{1-0.9}{2}, 0, 1\right) = 1.64485$. The third screenshot shows the solution to the equation $251.1 - 234.3 = \frac{z \cdot s}{\sqrt{50}}$, resulting in $s = 72.2216$.

TI-Nspire calculator interface showing the results of the $z\text{Interval}$ command: $z\text{Interval } 72.216, 251.1, 50, 0.95: \text{stat.results}$. The results are displayed in a table:

"Title"	"z Interval"
"CLower"	231.083
"CUpper"	271.117
" $\bar{x}$ "	251.1
"ME"	20.0169
"n"	50.
" σ "	72.216

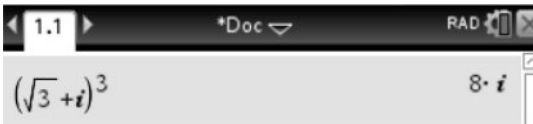
SECTION B

Question 1 (14 marks)

a. $u = 2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ A1

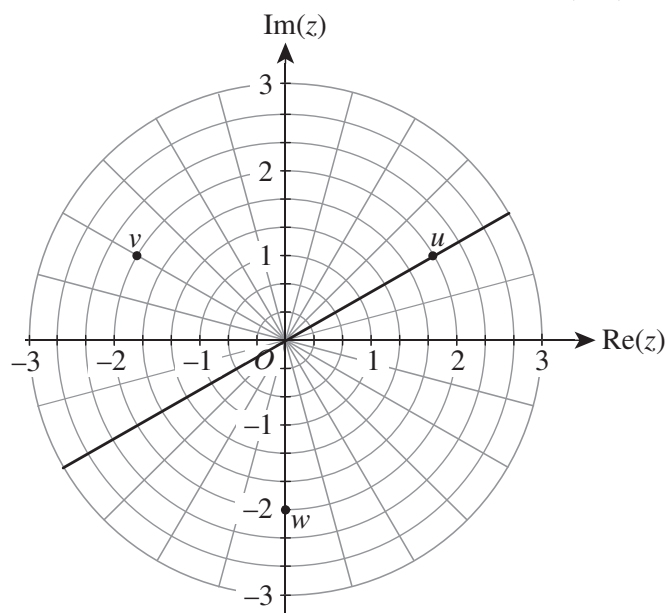
$v = 2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$ A1

$w = 2 \operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ A1

b. 

$k = 8i$ A1

c. i. Let $z = x + yi$.
 $\sqrt{3}y - x = 0$ A1
 $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x$ is a line that makes an angle of $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 30^\circ$ with the positive x -axis.



correct line A1

- ii. The line is the perpendicular bisector of v and w .

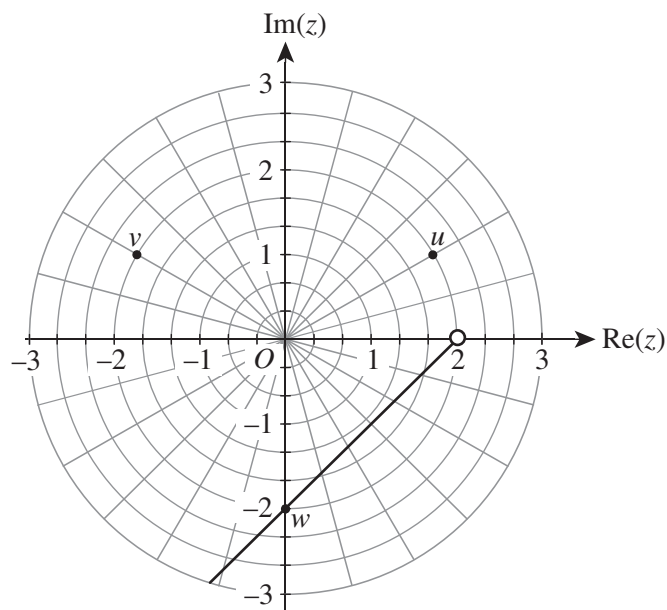
$$\therefore z_1 = 0 - 2i \text{ or } z_1 = -2i$$

A1

$$z_2 = -\sqrt{3} + i$$

A1

iii.



correct ray A1
passing through w and excluding (2, 0) A1

d. i. $2 + 2i = 2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$$u = 2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

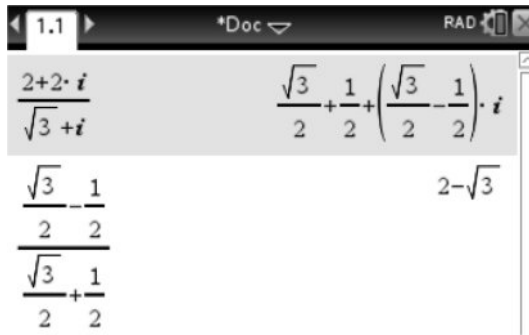
$$\frac{2 + 2i}{u} = \frac{2}{2} \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

M1

$$= \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$$

A1

ii.



$$\frac{2+2i}{u} = \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}\right)i$$

M1

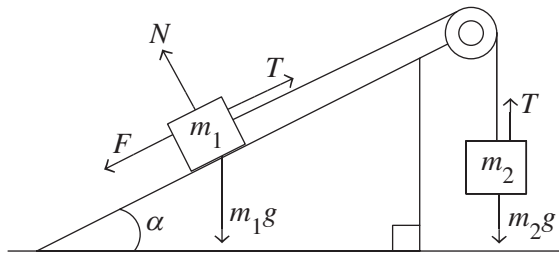
$$\text{Arg}\left(\frac{2+2i}{u}\right) = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

A1

Question 2 (15 marks)

a. i.



first pair of correct forces A1
 second pair of correct forces A1
 third pair of correct forces A1

ii. mass m_1 : $T - F - m_1 g \sin \alpha = m_1 a$

A1

mass m_2 : $m_2 g - T = m_2 a$

A1

Adding the equations side by side gives:

$$-F - m_1 g \sin \alpha + m_2 g = m_1 a + m_2 a$$

$$-F + g(m_2 - m_1 \sin \alpha) = a(m_1 + m_2)$$

M1

$$\therefore F = g(m_2 - m_1 \sin \alpha) - (m_1 + m_2)a$$

b. If the system is in equilibrium, $F = 0$ and $a = 0$.

M1

$$g(m_2 - m_1 \sin \alpha) = 0$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$$

A1

c. From **part a.ii.**:

$$F = g(m_2 - m_1 \sin \alpha) - (m_1 + m_2)a$$

Substituting $F = \frac{m_1}{5}$ and $m_2 = \frac{m_1}{2}$ gives:

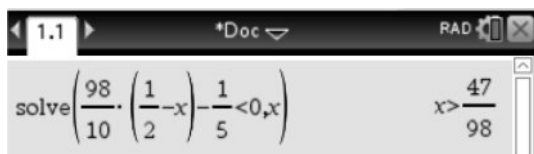
$$\frac{m_1}{5} = g \left(\frac{m_1}{2} - m_1 \sin \alpha \right) - \left(m_1 + \frac{m_1}{2} \right) a \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\frac{1}{5} = g \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sin \alpha \right) - \frac{3}{2} a$$

$$\frac{3}{2} a = g \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sin \alpha \right) - \frac{1}{5}$$

$$g \left(\frac{1}{2} - \sin \alpha \right) - \frac{1}{5} < 0 \quad (\text{since } a < 0 \text{ (object with mass } m_1 \text{ falls)}) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\sin \alpha > \frac{47}{98} \quad \text{A1}$$

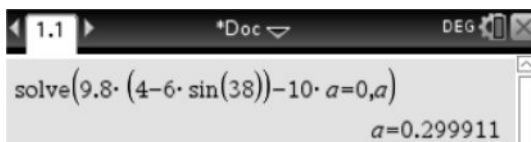


d. i. $0 = g(m_2 - m_1 \sin \alpha) - (m_1 + m_2)a$

$$0 = 9.8(4 - 6 \sin(38^\circ)) - 10a \quad \text{M1}$$

$$a = 0.2999... > 0$$

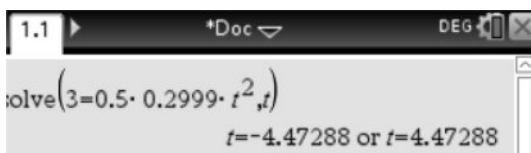
Therefore, the object with mass m_2 will fall to the floor. A1



ii. $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$3 = 0 + \frac{1}{2}(0.2999...)t^2 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$t = 4.47 \text{ seconds} \quad \text{A1}$$



Note: Consequential on answer to Question 2d.i.

Question 3 (9 marks)

a. $\frac{dx}{dt} = \text{inflow} - \text{outflow}$

$$= 10 \times 2 - \frac{4x}{30 + (2-4)t}$$

M1

$$= \frac{2x}{t-15} + 20$$

b. i. $x = \frac{4}{9}(t-60)(t-15)$

$$= \frac{4}{9}(t^2 - 75t + 900)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{4}{9}(2t - 75)$$

$$= \frac{8}{9}t - \frac{100}{3}$$

M1

$$\frac{2x}{t-15} + 20 = \frac{\frac{8}{9}(t-60)(t-15)}{(t-15)} + 20$$

$$= \frac{8}{9}(t-60) + 20$$

$$= \frac{8}{9}t - \frac{100}{3}$$

M1

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2x}{t-15} + 20$$

$$t = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{9} \times 60 \times 15 = 400$$

M1

Therefore, $x = \frac{4}{9}(t-60)(t-15)$ satisfies the differential equation.

ii. $x \geq 0$
 $0 \leq t < 15$

A1

TI-84 Plus calculator screen showing the function $x(t) := \frac{4}{9} \cdot (t-60) \cdot (t-15)$ and the solve command $\text{solve}(x(t) \geq 0, t)$ resulting in $t \leq 15 \text{ or } t \geq 60$.

Note: $t = 15$ does not satisfy $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2x}{t-15} + 20$.

- c. Differentiating both sides of the equation $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{2x}{t-15} + 20$ with respect to t gives:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{2 \frac{dx}{dt} (t-15) - 2x \times 1}{(t-15)^2} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{2 \left(\frac{2x}{t-15} + 20 \right) (t-15) - 2x}{(t-15)^2} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{2(2x + 20(t-15)) - 2x}{(t-15)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4x + 40(t-15) - 2x}{(t-15)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x + 40(t-15)}{(t-15)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8}{9}(t-60)(t-15) + 40(t-15)}{(t-15)^2} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{8(t-60) + 360}{9(t-15)} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{8t - 120}{9t - 135}$$

Question 4 (13 marks)

a. $3x^2 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 4y + 4x \frac{dy}{dx}$ M1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y - 3x^2}{3y^2 - 4x}$$
 A1

b. $\frac{4y - 3x^2}{3y^2 - 4x} \Big|_{(2,2)} = -1$ A1

$$y - 2 = -1(x - 2)$$

$$y = -x + 4$$
 A1

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 4a.

c. $x = \frac{4t}{1+t^3}$ and $y = \frac{4t^2}{1+t^3}$

$$x^3 = \frac{64t^3}{(1+t^3)^3}$$

$$y^3 = \frac{64t^6}{(1+t^3)^3}$$

$$x^3 + y^3 = \frac{64t^3(1+t^3)}{(1+t^3)^3} = \frac{64t^3}{(1+t^3)^2}$$
 M1

$$4xy = 4 \times \frac{4t}{1+t^3} \times \frac{4t^2}{1+t^3} = \frac{64t^3}{(1+t^3)^2}$$
 M1

$$\therefore x^3 + y^3 = 4xy$$

d. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$

$$= \frac{t(t^3 - 2)}{2t^3 - 1}$$

M1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow t = 0.435\dots \text{ or } t = 2.296\dots$$

A1

(1.61, 0.70) and (0.70, 1.61)

A1

TI-Nspire calculator screen showing the definition of $y(t)$ and $x(t)$:

$$y(t) := \frac{4 \cdot t^2}{1 + t^3}$$

$$x(t) := \frac{4 \cdot t}{1 + t^3}$$

TI-Nspire calculator screen showing the definition of $f(t)$ as the ratio of the derivatives of $y(t)$ and $x(t)$:

$$f(t) := \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(y(t))}{\frac{d}{dt}(x(t))}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{t \cdot (t^3 - 2)}{2 \cdot t^3 - 1}$$

TI-Nspire calculator screen showing the solution of $f(t) = 1$ and the resulting coordinates:

t	$x(t)$	$y(t)$
0.435421	1.60881	0.700475
2.29663	0.70055	1.60888

- e. i. The total area can be found by subtracting the area between $t = 0$ and $t = a$ from the area between $t = a$ and $t = \infty$.

However, the curve does not always trace in the positive direction between $t = 0$ and $t = \infty$.

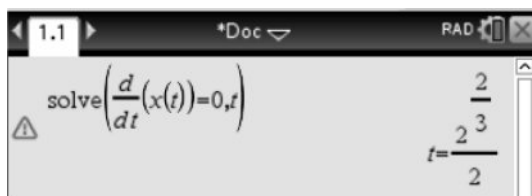
Therefore, the value of a single definite integral between $t = a$ and $t = \infty$ will be negative.

In order to find the t value when the curve traces in the negative direction, the value when the derivative is undefined must be found.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

$$a = 2^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

A1



- ii. Substituting $a = 2^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ into the given expression, the area will be:

$$\frac{8}{3}$$

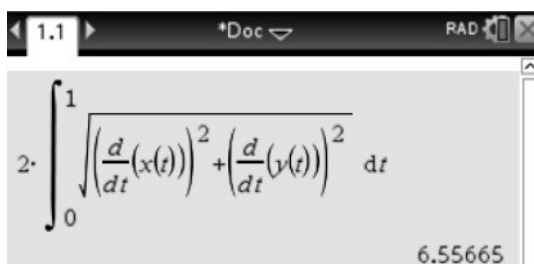
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Note: Consequential on answer to Question 4e.i.

f. $2 \int_0^1 \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$
 $= 6.56$

M1

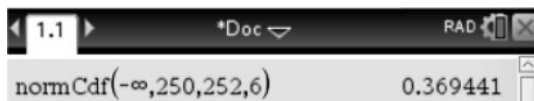
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Question 5 (9 marks)

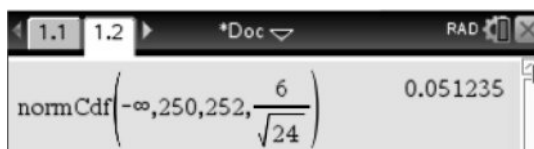
a. 0.369

A1



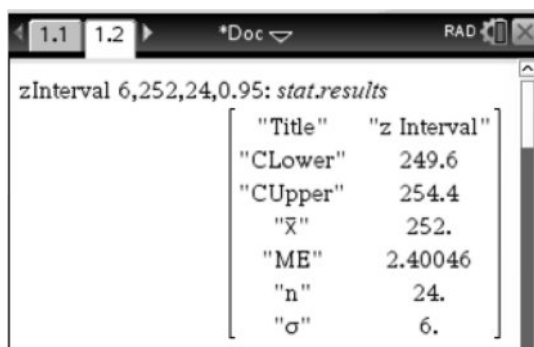
b. 0.051

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c. (249.6, 254.4)

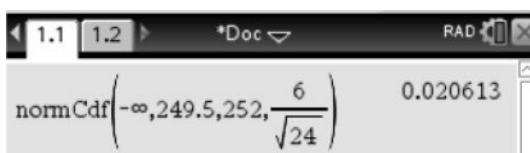
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d. i. $H_0 : \mu = 250$ $H_1 : \mu < 250$ both H_0 and H_1 A1ii. $p\text{-value} = \Pr(\bar{X} < 247) = 0.0206$

A1

 $p\text{-value} < 0.05 \Rightarrow$ machine is faulty

A1

e. $\Pr(\bar{X} > 250) = 0.99$ $\Pr(Z > a) = 0.99 \Rightarrow a = -2.3263\dots$

A1

$$\frac{250 - 252}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{24}}} = a$$

M1

$$s = 4.2$$

A1

