

**HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION 2012**  
**PURE MATHEMATICS PAPER 1**  
**SAMPLE SOLUTIONS**

$$1. \quad (\text{a}) \quad (\text{i}) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k = (2-x)^n \quad (1)$$

Substituting  $x = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k = 1$$

(ii) Differentiating (1) w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k a_k x^{k-1} = -n(2-x)^{n-1} \quad (2)$$

Substituting  $x = 1$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k a_k = -n$$

(iii) Differentiating (2) w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$\sum_{k=2}^n k(k-1)a_k x^{k-2} = n(n-1)(2-x)^{n-2}$$

Substituting  $x = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 - n &= \sum_{k=2}^n (k^2 - k)a_k \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^n k^2 a_k - \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k + a_1 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k + n \quad (\text{By (a)(ii)}) \\ n^2 - 2n &= \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{b}) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (n+k)^2 a_k &= n^2 a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n (n^2 + 2nk + k^2) a_k \\ &= n^2 \sum_{k=0}^n a_k + 2n \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k + \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k \quad (\text{By (a)}) \\ &= n^2 + 2n(-n) + (n^2 - 2n) \\ &= -2n \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) Let  $\frac{2x - 23}{(2x + 1)(2x + 5)(2x + 7)} = \frac{A}{2x + 1} + \frac{B}{2x + 5} + \frac{C}{2x + 7}$ .

Comparing the numerator on both sides,

$$2x - 23 = A(2x + 5)(2x + 7) + B(2x + 1)(2x + 7) + C(2x + 1)(2x + 5)$$

Substituting  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - 23 = A\left[2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 5\right]\left[2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 7\right]$$

$$A = -1$$

Substituting  $x = -\frac{5}{2}$ , we have

$$2\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) - 23 = B\left[2\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) + 1\right]\left[2\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) + 7\right]$$

$$B = \frac{7}{2}$$

Substituting  $x = -\frac{7}{2}$ , we have

$$2\left(-\frac{7}{2}\right) - 23 = C\left[2\left(-\frac{7}{2}\right) + 1\right]\left[2\left(-\frac{7}{2}\right) + 5\right]$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{2x - 23}{(2x + 1)(2x + 5)(2x + 7)} = -\frac{1}{2x + 1} + \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{B}{2x + 5} - \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{C}{2x + 7}$$

(b)  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2k - 3}{(2k + 1)(2k + 5)(2k + 7)} = -\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k + 1} + \frac{7}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k + 5} - \frac{5}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k + 7}$  (By (a))

$$= -\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k + 1} + \frac{7}{2} \sum_{k=3}^{n+2} \frac{1}{2k + 1} - \frac{5}{2} \sum_{k=4}^{n+3} \frac{1}{2k + 1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{7}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{7} + \left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{5}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2n + 3}\right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{7}{2} - \frac{5}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2n + 5}\right) - \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2n + 7}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{37}{210} + \frac{1}{2n + 3} + \frac{1}{2n + 5} - \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2n + 7}\right)$$

(c)  $\sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \frac{2k - 23}{(2k + 1)(2k + 5)(2k + 7)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=4}^n \frac{2k - 23}{(2k + 1)(2k + 5)(2k + 7)}$

$$= \frac{21}{3 \cdot 7 \cdot 9} + \frac{19}{5 \cdot 9 \cdot 11} + \frac{17}{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=4}^n \frac{2k - 23}{(2k + 1)(2k + 5)(2k + 7)}$$

$$= \frac{21}{3 \cdot 7 \cdot 9} + \frac{19}{5 \cdot 9 \cdot 11} + \frac{17}{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13}$$

$$+ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{37}{210} + \frac{1}{2n + 3} + \frac{1}{2n + 5} - \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2n + 7}\right) \right] \quad (\text{By (b)})$$

$$= -\frac{25}{2574}$$

3. (a)  $\sin \pi x = 1$

$$\pi x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \quad \forall k \in \mathbf{Z}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} + 2k$$

(b)  $f(x) \sin \pi x = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\sin \pi x = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \mathbf{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  has infinitely many real roots

$\therefore f(x)$  is a polynomial with real coefficients

$$\therefore f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

(c) Let  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \forall x \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \mathbf{Z} \\ 1 & \forall x \in \mathbf{Z} \end{cases}$ .

$$g(x) \sin \pi x = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\text{But } g(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{Z}$$

Hence, the claim is not true.

4. (a)  $P = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3} & 1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{3} & 1 \\ 1 & \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} k \cos \theta & k \sin \theta \\ k \sin \theta & -k \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} k \cos \theta = -\sqrt{3} \\ k \sin \theta = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{\pi}{6} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{when } \theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}, & k = -2 \quad (\text{rejected, } \because k > 0) \\ \text{when } \theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}, & k = 2 \end{cases}$$

$T$  is a transformation that consists of a reflection about the  $x$ -axis, followed by a counter-clockwise rotation of  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ , followed by a scale of 2.

5. (a) When  $n = 1$ ,  $a_1 = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{3^0}$ .  
 When  $n = 2$ ,  $a_2 = \frac{7}{12} = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^1}$ .

Assume, as the Inductive Hypothesis, that  $a_m = \frac{1}{2^m} + \frac{1}{3^{m-1}}$  and  $a_{m+1} = \frac{1}{2^{m+1}} + \frac{1}{3^m}$  for some positive integer  $m$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{m+2} &= \frac{1}{6} (5a_{m+1} - a_m) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \left[ 5 \left( \frac{1}{2^{m+1}} + \frac{1}{3^m} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2^m} + \frac{1}{3^{m-1}} \right) \right] && \text{(By Inductive Hypothesis)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{5-2}{2^{m+1}} + \frac{5-3}{3^m} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{m+1}} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3^m} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^{m+2}} + \frac{1}{3^{m+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, we have  $a_n = \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{3^{n-1}}$  for all positive integer  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad \sum_{k=1}^m a_k &= \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{2^k} + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{3^{k-1}} && \text{(By (a))} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2^{m+1}}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3^m}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2^{m+2}} - \frac{2}{3^{m+1}} \\
 &< \frac{5}{3} \\
 &< 3
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, there does not exist a positive integer  $m$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^m a_k > 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
6. \quad (\text{a}) \quad 2n - S &= 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \left[2 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)\right] \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

By A.M.  $\geq$  G.M., we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=2}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) &\geq \left[ \prod_{k=2}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \\
&= \left( \prod_{k=2}^n \frac{k-1}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \\
&= \left(1 \cdot \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2n - S}{n - 1} \geq \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$$

$$(\text{b}) \quad \frac{2n - S}{n - 1} \geq \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \tag{By (a)}$$

$$2n - S \geq (n - 1)n^{\frac{1}{1-n}}$$

$$S \leq 2n - (n - 1)n^{\frac{1}{1-n}} \tag{3}$$

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)$$

$$\geq n \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

(By A.M.  $\geq$  G.M.)

$$= n \left( \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k+1}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= n(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}} \tag{4}$$

Combining (3) and (4), we have

$$2n - (n - 1)n^{\frac{1}{1-n}} \geq S \geq n(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
7. \quad (a) \quad (i) \quad \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & a-1 \\ a+2 & 1 & 2a+1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= 5(2a+1) + 2(a-1)(a+2) - 2 + 5(a+2) - 4(2a+1) - (a-1) \\
&= 2a^2 + 8a + 6 \\
&= 2(a+1)(a+3)
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (E)$  has a unique solution if and only if  $a \neq -1$  and  $a \neq -3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_x &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 & a-1 \\ b & 1 & 2a+1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= 15(2a+1) + 2b(a-1) - 4 + 5b - 8(2a+1) - 3(a-1) \\
&= (2b+11)a + (3b+6)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_y &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & a-1 \\ a+2 & b & 2a+1 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= 4(2a+1) + 3(a-1)(a+2) - 2b + 4(a+2) - 6(2a+1) - b(a-1) \\
&= 3a^2 + 3a - ba - b \\
&= (a+1)(3a-b)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_z &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \\ a+2 & 1 & b \end{vmatrix} \\
&= 5b + 8(a+2) + 6 - 15(a+2) - 4 - 4b \\
&= -7a + b - 12
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the solution to  $(E)$  when  $(E)$  has a unique solution is

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{(2b+11)a + (3b+6)}{2(a+1)(a+3)} \\ y = \frac{3a-b}{2(a+3)} \\ z = \frac{-7a+b-12}{2(a+1)(a+3)} \end{cases}$$

(ii) When  $a = -4$ ,  $(E)$  becomes

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - z = 3 & \dots (1) \\ 2x + 5y - 4z = 4 & \dots (2) \\ -x + y - 5z = b & \dots (3) \end{cases}$$

$$4 \times (1) - (2) : 2x + 3y = 8$$

$$5 \times (1) - (3) : 6x + 9y = 15 - b$$

In order to have  $(E)$  to be consistent,

$$15 - b = 3 \cdot 8$$

$$b = -9$$

When  $b = -9$ , let  $x = t$ , we have

$$y = \frac{8-2t}{3}$$

$$z = t + 2 \cdot \frac{8-2t}{3} - 3 = \frac{7-t}{3}$$

Hence, the solution to  $(E)$  when  $a = -3$  and  $b = -9$  is

$$\left( t, \frac{8-2t}{3}, \frac{7-t}{3} \right) : t \in \mathbf{R}$$

(b) When  $a = -\frac{4}{3}$  and  $b = -4$ , (E) becomes the first 3 equations.

By (a), the solution to the first 3 equations is

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{[2(-4) + 11] \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) + [3(-4) + 6]}{2 \left(-\frac{4}{3} + 1\right) \left(-\frac{4}{3} + 3\right)} = 9 \\ y = \frac{3 \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) - (-4)}{2 \left(-\frac{4}{3} + 3\right)} = 0 \\ z = \frac{-7 \left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) + (-4) - 12}{2 \left(-\frac{4}{3} + 1\right) \left(-\frac{4}{3} + 3\right)} = 6 \end{cases}$$

Substituting the solution into the fourth equation, we have

$$L.S. = 4(9) + 5(0) - 6(6) = 0 \neq 1 = R.S.$$

Hence, the system of equations is inconsistent.

(c) When  $a = -3$  and  $b = -9$ , (E) becomes the system of constraints.

By (b), the solution to the system of constraints is

$$\left(t, \frac{8-2t}{3}, \frac{7-t}{3}\right) : t \in \mathbf{R}$$

Substituting the solution into  $3x^2 - 7y^2 + 8z^2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3t^2 - 7 \left(\frac{8-2t}{3}\right)^2 + 8 \left(\frac{7-t}{3}\right)^2 &= \frac{27t^2 - 448 + 224t - 28t^2 + 392 - 112t + 8t^2}{9} \\ &= \frac{7t^2 + 112t - 56}{9} \\ &= \frac{7(t+8)^2}{9} - 56 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the least value of  $3x^2 - 7y^2 + 8z^2$  is  $-56$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
8. \quad (a) \quad (i) \quad \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[ \cos \left( k - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\pi}{n} - \cos \left( k + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\pi}{n} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} - \cos \left( n - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\pi}{n} \right] \\
&= \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} \\
&= \sin \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(ii) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |a^k - 1| &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left| \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} - 1 \right| && \text{(By de Moivre's formula)} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sqrt{\left( \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} - 1 \right)^2 + \sin^2 \frac{2k\pi}{n}} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sqrt{2 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right)} \\
&= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} \\
&= 2 \left[ \sin \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} \right] \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} \right)^{-1} && \text{(By (a))} \\
&= 2 \left[ \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2n} \right) \right] \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} \right)^{-1} \\
&= 2 \cot \frac{\pi}{2n}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) (i) Suppose  $1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{n-1}$  are not all distinct.  
There exists  $0 \leq i < j \leq n-1$  such that  $\beta^i = \beta^j$ .

We have  $\beta^{j-i} = 1$  and  $0 < j-i < n-1$ .

But  $\beta^k \neq 1$  for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

Contradiction arises.

Hence,  $1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{n-1}$  are all distinct.

(ii) Since  $\beta^n = 1$ ,  $\beta$  is the  $n$ -th unity root of 1.

$$\beta = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^{2n-1} |\beta^k - 1| &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\beta^k - 1| + |\beta^n - 1| + \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n-1} |\beta^k - 1| \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\beta^k - 1| + |1 - 1| + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\beta^{n+k} - 1| \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\beta^k - 1| + 0 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |1 \cdot \beta^k - 1| \\
&= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |\beta^k - 1| \\
&= 4 \cot \frac{\pi}{2n} && \text{(By (a)(ii))}
\end{aligned}$$

9. (a) Let  $f(x) = (1+x)^\lambda - (1+\lambda x)$ .

$$f'(x) = \lambda(1+x)^{\lambda-1} - \lambda$$

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

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda(1+x)^{\lambda-1} - \lambda = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1+x)^{\lambda-1} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

$$f''(0) = \lambda(\lambda-1)$$

$$> 0 \quad \text{for } \lambda > 1$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is minimum at  $x = 0$ , i.e. for any  $x > 0$

$$f(x) > f(0)$$

$$(1+x)^\lambda - (1+\lambda x) > (1+0)^\lambda - (1+\lambda 0)$$

$$(1+x)^\lambda > 1 + \lambda x$$

$$(b) \quad (i) \quad \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{\frac{n+1}{n}} > 1 + \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \quad (\text{By (a)})$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} > \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$a_{n+1} > a_n$$

$$(ii) \quad (1) \quad \frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+2}}$$

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

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

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

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

$$(2) \quad \frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+2)}\right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{n+1}{n+2}\right) \quad (\text{By (b)(ii)(1)})$$

$$> \left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+2)+1}\right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{n+1}{n+2}\right)$$

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

$$= \left[ C_0^{n+1} + \frac{C_1^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} + \dots \right] \left(\frac{n+1}{n+2}\right)$$

$$> \left[ 1 + \frac{n+1}{(n+1)^2} \right] \left(\frac{n+1}{n+2}\right)$$

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

$$= 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iii) } b_n &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1} \\
&> \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n && (\because 1 + \frac{1}{n} > 1) \\
&= a_n
\end{aligned}$$

By (b)(i) and (b)(ii)(2), we have  $a_n > a_{n-1} > \dots > a_1$  and  $b_n < b_{n-1} < \dots < b_1$ .  
Hence,  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < b_n < b_{n-1} < \dots < b_1$ .

Since  $a_n$  is strictly increasing and bounded above by  $b_1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists.

Similarly, since  $b_n$  is strictly decreasing and bounded below by  $a_1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$  exists.

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= a_n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\
&= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n\right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\
&= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n\right) (1 + 0) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iv) } \prod_{k=1}^n a_k &= \left(\frac{2}{1}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \dots \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n \\
&= \frac{(n+1)^n}{n!} \\
\prod_{k=1}^n b_k &= \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 \dots \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^{n+1} \\
&= \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{n!}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > a_k \\
\prod_{k=1}^n \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &> \prod_{k=1}^n a_k \\
e^n &> \frac{(n+1)^n}{n!} \\
n! e^n &> (n+1)^n \\
&\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n < b_k \\
\prod_{k=1}^n \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n &< \prod_{k=1}^n b_k \\
e^n &< \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{n!} \\
n! e^n &< (n+1)^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(n+1)^{n+1} > n! e^n > (n+1)^n$ .

10. (a) Let the degree of  $g(x)$  be  $m$ .

From the equation  $[f(x)]^2 - 1 = (x^2 - 1)[g(x)]^2$ , we have  
 $2n = 2 + 2m$  Hence, the degree of  $g(x)$  is  $n - 1$ .

$$m = n - 1$$

- (b) Suppose  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  have non-constant common factor  $x - \alpha$ , then  $f(\alpha) = 0$  and  $g(\alpha) = 0$ .  
 But we have

$$[f(\alpha)]^2 - 1 = (\alpha^2 - 1)[g(\alpha)]^2$$

$$0^2 - 1 = (\alpha^2 - 1)(0^2)$$

$$-1 = 0$$

which is impossible. Hence,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  have no constant common factors.

- (c)  $[f(x)]^2 - 1 = (x^2 - 1)[g(x)]^2$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t.  $x$ , we have

$$2f(x)f'(x) = 2x[g(x)]^2 + 2(x^2 - 1)g(x)g'(x)$$

$$f(x)f'(x) = g(x)[xg(x) + (x^2 - 1)g'(x)]$$

which shows that  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $f(x)f'(x)$ . But from (b),  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  have no non-constant common factors.

Therefore,  $g(x)$  is a factor of  $f'(x)$ , i.e.  $f'(x)$  is divisible by  $g(x)$ .

- (d) From (c),  $f'(x)$  is divisible by  $g(x)$ .

Let  $g(x) = kf'(x)$  and  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ .

$$g(x) = k[a_n n x^{n-1} + a_{n-1}(n-1)x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1]$$

$$[a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0]^2 - 1 = (x^2 - 1)k^2 [a_n n x^{n-1} + a_{n-1}(n-1)x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1]^2$$

Comparing the coefficient of the highest degree term on both sides, we have

$$a_n^2 = k^2 n^2 a_n^2$$

$$k^2 = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } [f(x)]^2 - 1 = \frac{1}{n^2}(x^2 - 1)[f'(x)]^2, \text{ i.e. } n^2 \{ [f(x)]^2 - 1 \} = (x^2 - 1)[f'(x)]^2.$$

- (e) 
$$n^2 \{ [f(x)]^2 - 1 \} = (x^2 - 1)[f'(x)]^2 \quad (\text{By (d)})$$

$$n^2 \{ [a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0]^2 - 1 \} = (x^2 - 1)[a_n n x^{n-1} + a_{n-1}(n-1)x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1]^2$$

Comparing the coefficient of the second highest degree term on both sides, we have

$$n^2(2a_n a_{n-1}) = 2(a_n n)[a_{n-1}(n-1)]$$

$$2n^2 a_n a_{n-1} = 2n^2 a_n a_{n-1} - 2n a_n a_{n-1}$$

$$a_n a_{n-1} = 0$$

Since the degree of  $f(x)$  is  $n$ ,  $a_n \neq 0$ . Then we have  $a_{n-1} = 0$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$$

$$= -\frac{0}{a_n}$$

$$= 0$$

11. (a) (i) (1) Differentiating  $f(x) = \mu_1 x + \mu_2(1 - x^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \mu_1 + \mu_2 \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) (1 - x^s)^{\frac{1}{s}-1} (-sx^{s-1}) \\ &= \mu_1 - \mu_2 (x^{-s} - 1)^{\frac{1}{s}-1} \\ f''(x) &= -\mu_2 \left(\frac{1}{s} - 1\right) (x^{-s} - 1)^{\frac{1}{s}-2} (-sx^{s-1}) \\ &= -\mu_2(s-1) (x^{-s} - 1)^{\frac{1}{s}-2} [x^{-(s+1)}] \\ &< 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad \forall x \in (0, 1) \\ f'(x) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \mu_1 - \mu_2 (x^{-s} - 1)^{\frac{1}{s}-1} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x^{-s} - 1)^{-\frac{1}{r}} = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)^r + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{s}}$$

Since  $0 < \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)^r + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{s}} < 1$ ,  $f'' \left( \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)^r + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{s}} \right) < 0$ .

$f(x)$  achieves its maximum at  $x = \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)^r + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{s}}$ .

Thus,  $\forall x \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$f(x) \leq f \left( \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)^r + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{s}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 x + \mu_2(1 - x^s)^{\frac{1}{s}} &\leq \mu_1 \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)^r + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{s}} + \mu_2 \left\{ 1 - \left[ \left( \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right)^r + 1 \right]^{-1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ &= \mu_1 \left( \frac{\mu_1^r}{\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} + \mu_2 \left( \frac{\mu_2^r}{\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r}{(\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r)^{\frac{1}{s}}} \qquad \qquad \qquad \left( 1 + \frac{r}{s} = \frac{r+s}{s} = \frac{rs}{s} = r \right) \\ &= (\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Let  $x = \frac{\lambda_1}{(\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}}$ .

$$\lambda_1^s < \lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s$$

$$\lambda_1 < (\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{(\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}} < 1$$

$$\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s > 0$$

$$(\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}} > 0$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{(\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}} > 0$$

From (a) (i) (1), we have

$$\mu_1 \cdot \frac{\lambda_1}{(\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}} + \mu_2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\lambda_1^s}{\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s} \right]^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq (\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

$$\mu_1 \cdot \frac{\lambda_1}{(\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}} + \mu_2 \cdot \frac{\lambda_2}{(\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}} \leq (\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

$$\mu_1 \lambda_1 + \mu_2 \lambda_2 \leq (\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r)^{\frac{1}{r}} (\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}$$

(ii) When  $n = 2$ , from (a) (i) (2),  $\mu_1\lambda_1 + \mu_2\lambda_2 \leq (\mu_1^r + \mu_2^r)^{\frac{1}{r}} (\lambda_1^s + \lambda_2^s)^{\frac{1}{s}}$ .

Assume, as the Inductive Hypothesis, that  $\sum_{k=1}^m a_k b_k \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^m a_k^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m b_k^s\right)^{\frac{1}{s}}$  for some positive integer  $m$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} a_k b_k &= \sum_{k=1}^m a_k b_k + a_{m+1} b_{m+1} \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^m a_k^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m b_k^s\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} + a_{m+1} b_{m+1} && \text{(By Inductive Hypothesis)} \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^m a_k^r + a_{m+1}^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m b_k^s + b_{m+1}^s\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} && \text{(By (a) (i) (2))} \\ &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m+1} a_k^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m+1} b_k^s\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, we have  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k^s\right)^{\frac{1}{s}}$  for all positive integer  $n$ .

(b) Let  $a_k = 1$ ,  $b_k = x_k^{1-\beta}$  and  $\frac{1}{s} = 1 - \beta$ .

$$\beta > 0$$

$$1 - \beta < 1$$

$$s = \frac{1}{1 - \beta} > 1$$

$$\frac{1}{r} = 1 - \frac{1}{s}$$

$$= 1 - (1 - \beta)$$

$$= \beta$$

$$< 1$$

$$r > 1$$

From (a) (ii) (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{1-\beta} &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n 1\right)^{\beta} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right)^{1-\beta} \\ &= n^{\beta} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right)^{1-\beta} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Put  $x_k = 2k - 1$ ,  $\beta = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $n = 1331$ . From (b), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{1331} (2k - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} &\leq 1331^{\frac{2}{3}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{1331} 2k - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 121 \left(2 \sum_{k=1}^{1331} k - 1331\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 121 [(1 + 1331)(1331) - 1331]^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 121 \times 121 \\ &= 14641 \end{aligned}$$

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**SAMPLE SOLUTIONS**

1. (a) Since  $g(x)$  is continuous at  $x = \pi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(\pi) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} g(x) \\ f(\pi) + \pi + k &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{\sin x}{x - \pi} \\ -1 + \pi + k &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} -\frac{\sin(x - \pi)}{x - \pi} \\ -1 + \pi + k &= -1 \\ k &= -\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{g(x) - g(\pi)}{x - \pi} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{f(x) + x - \pi - (-1)}{x - \pi} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{f'(x) + 1}{1} && \text{(By l'Hôpital's rule)} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{g(x) - g(\pi)}{x - \pi} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{\frac{\sin x}{x - \pi} - (-1)}{x - \pi} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{\sin x + x - \pi}{(x - \pi)^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{\cos x + 1}{2(x - \pi)} && \text{(By l'Hôpital's rule)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{-\sin x}{2} && \text{(By l'Hôpital's rule)} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^-} \frac{g(x) - g(\pi)}{x - \pi} \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{g(x) - g(\pi)}{x - \pi}$ ,  $g(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = \pi$ .



2. (a) When  $n = 1$ ,  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + x\right)$ .

Assume, as the Inductive Hypothesis, that  $\frac{d^k}{dx^k} \sin x = \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + x\right)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}} \sin x &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d^k}{dx^k} \sin x \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + x\right) && \text{(By Inductive Hypothesis)} \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + x\right) \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{k\pi}{2} + x\right) \\ &= \sin\left[\frac{(k+1)\pi}{2} + x\right] \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the principle of Mathematical Induction,  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} \sin x = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2} + x\right)$  for all positive integer  $n$ .

(b) (i)  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{1 + 4x^2}$

$$(1 + 4x^2) f(x) = \sin x$$

Differentiating both side  $n + 2$  times w.r.t.  $x$ , we have

$$\binom{n+2}{0} (1 + 4x^2) f^{(n+2)}(x) + \binom{n+2}{1} (4x) f^{(n+1)}(x) + \binom{n+2}{2} (4) f^{(n)}(x) = \sin\left[\frac{(n+2)\pi}{2} + x\right]$$

(By (a))

$$(1 + 4x^2) f^{(n+2)}(x) + 4(n+2)x f^{(n+1)}(x) + 4(n+2)(n+1) f^{(n)}(x) = \sin\left[\frac{(n+2)\pi}{2} + x\right]$$

Substituting  $x = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(n+2)}(x) + 4(n+2)(n+1) f^{(n)}(x) &= \sin \frac{(n+2)\pi}{2} \\ f^{(n+2)}(x) &= -4(n+2)(n+1) f^{(n)}(x) - \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $f^{(5)}(0) = -4(5)(4) f^{(3)}(0) - \sin \frac{3\pi}{2}$  (By (b) (i))

$$= -80 \left[ -4(3)(2) f^{(1)}(0) - \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right] - (-1)$$

(By (b) (i))

$$= -80 \left\{ -24 \left[ \frac{\cos x}{1 + 4x^2} - \frac{(\sin x)(8x)}{(1 + 4x^2)^2} \right]_{x=0} - 1 \right\} + 1$$

$$= 2001$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3. \quad (a) \quad 3I + 4J &= 3 \int \frac{\sin x}{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x} dx + 4 \int \frac{\cos x}{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x} dx \\
&= \int \frac{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x}{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x} dx \\
&= \int dx \\
&= x + C_1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(b) \quad 4I - 3J &= 4 \int \frac{\sin x}{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x} dx - 3 \int \frac{\cos x}{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x} dx \\
&= \int \frac{4 \sin x - 3 \cos x}{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x} dx \\
&= \int \frac{d(-4 \cos x - 3 \sin x)}{3 \sin x + 4 \cos x} \\
&= -\ln(3 \sin x + 4 \cos x) + C_2
\end{aligned}$$

(c) From (a) and (b), we have

$$\begin{cases} 3I + 4J = x + C_1 & \dots (1) \\ 4I - 3J = -\ln(3 \sin x + 4 \cos x) + C_2 & \dots (2) \end{cases}$$

$3 \times (1) + 4 \times (2)$ , we have

$$25I = 3x - 4 \ln(3 \sin x + 4 \cos x) + 3C_1 + 4C_2$$

$$I = \frac{3x - 4 \ln(3 \sin x + 4 \cos x)}{25} + C$$

where  $C$  is a constant.

4. (a) Let  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tan \theta - \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $dx = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$ .

$$\sin \theta = \frac{x + \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}}} = \frac{2x + 1}{\sqrt{(2x + 1)^2 + 3}}, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{(2x + 1)^2 + 3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + x + 1 &= \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} (\tan^2 \theta + 1) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \sec^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x + 1}{(x^2 + x + 1)\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}} dx &= \int \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tan \theta + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sec^2 \theta\right)}{\frac{3}{4} \sec^2 \theta \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} \sec^2 \theta}} d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \int \sqrt{3} \sin \theta + \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \left(-\sqrt{3} \cos \theta + \sin \theta\right) + C \\ &= \frac{4(x - 1)}{3\sqrt{(2x + 1)^2 + 3}} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{3n} \frac{n(k + n)}{(k^2 + kn + n^2)\sqrt{k^2 + kn + n^2}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{3n} \frac{\frac{k}{n} + 1}{\left[\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2 + \frac{k}{n} + 1\right] \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2 + \frac{k}{n} + 1}} \\ &= \int_0^3 \frac{x + 1}{(x^2 + x + 1)\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}} dx \\ &= \left[\frac{4(x - 1)}{3\sqrt{(2x + 1)^2 + 3}}\right]_0^3 \quad \text{(By (a))} \\ &= \frac{8}{3\sqrt{52}} + \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{13} + 26}{39} \end{aligned}$$

5. (a)  $\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} e^{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^{2\sqrt{x}} + \sqrt{x} \left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right) e^{2\sqrt{x}}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^{2\sqrt{x}} + e^{2\sqrt{x}}$

- (b) The volume of the solid is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \int_4^9 e^{2\sqrt{x}} dx &= \pi \left( \sqrt{x} e^{2\sqrt{x}} \Big|_4^9 - \int_4^9 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^{2\sqrt{x}} dx \right) \\ &= \pi \left( 3e^6 - 2e^4 - \int_4^9 e^{2\sqrt{x}} d(2\sqrt{x}) \right) \\ &= \pi \left( 3e^6 - 2e^4 - e^{2\sqrt{x}} \Big|_4^9 \right) \\ &= \pi (2e^6 - e^4) \end{aligned}$$

6. (a) Let  $P$  be  $(x', y')$ . Then the equation of the tangent is

$$\frac{x'x}{400} + \frac{y'y}{144} = 1$$

Since the tangent passes through  $A$  and  $B$ , we have

$$\frac{x'(h)}{400} + \frac{y'(40)}{144} = 1 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{x'(-h)}{400} + \frac{y'(0)}{144} = 1 \tag{2}$$

(1)+(2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{40y'}{144} &= 2 \\ y' &= 7.2 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Substituting (3) into (E), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x'^2}{400} + \frac{7.2^2}{144} &= 1 \\ x' &= 16 \text{ (rejected) or } -16 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Hence, the coordinates of  $P$  are  $(-16, 7.2)$ .

Substituting (4) into (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-16)(-h)}{400} &= 1 \\ h &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (i) Let the equation of  $L_2$  be

$$y - 7.2 = m(x + 16)$$

$$mx - y + 7.2 + 16m = 0$$

Since  $AB$  is the angle bisector of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , the equation of  $AB$  can be written as

$$\frac{mx - y + 7.2 - 16m}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} = -16 - x$$

$$\left(m + \sqrt{m^2 + 1}\right)x - y + 7.2 + 16\left(m + \sqrt{m^2 + 1}\right) = 0$$

By considering the points  $A$  and  $B$ , the equation of  $AB$  can also be written as

$$y = \frac{4}{5}(x + 25)$$

$$4x - 5y + 100 = 0$$

Comparing the two equations, we have

$$m + \sqrt{m^2 + 1} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$m = -\frac{9}{40}$$

Hence, the equation of  $L_2$  is

$$y - 7.2 = -\frac{9}{40}(x + 16)$$

$$9x + 40y - 432 = 0$$

- (ii) Substituting  $y = 0$  into the equation of  $L_2$ , we have the coordinates of  $Q$  to be  $(48, 0)$ .

$$\text{The slope of } AQ \text{ is } \frac{40}{25 - 48} = -\frac{40}{23}.$$

$$\text{The slope of } PQ \text{ is } \frac{7.2}{-16 - 48} = \frac{9}{80}.$$

$$\text{The slope of } AP \text{ is } \frac{40}{25 + 25} = \frac{4}{5}.$$

Since none of the products of the slopes of any 2 sides is  $-1$ ,  $\triangle APQ$  is not a right-angled triangle.

7. (a)  $f'(x) = (12x + 5)e^{-x} - (6x^2 + 5x + 6)e^{-x}$   
 $= (-6x^2 + 7x - 1)e^{-x}$   
 $= -(6x - 1)(x - 1)e^{-x}$   
 $f''(x) = (-12x + 7)e^{-x} - (-6x^2 + 7x - 1)e^{-x}$   
 $= (6x^2 - 19x + 8)e^{-x}$   
 $= (3x - 8)(2x - 1)e^{-x}$

(b) Note that  $f(x) \neq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{6}$  or  $1$ ,  $f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{8}{3}$ .

$x$	$(-\infty, \frac{1}{6})$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2})$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$	$1$	$(1, \frac{8}{3})$	$\frac{8}{3}$	$(\frac{8}{3}, +\infty)$
$f'(x)$	-	0	+	+	+	0	-	-	-
$f''(x)$	+	+	+	0	-	-	-	0	+

(i)  $f(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \mathbf{R}$

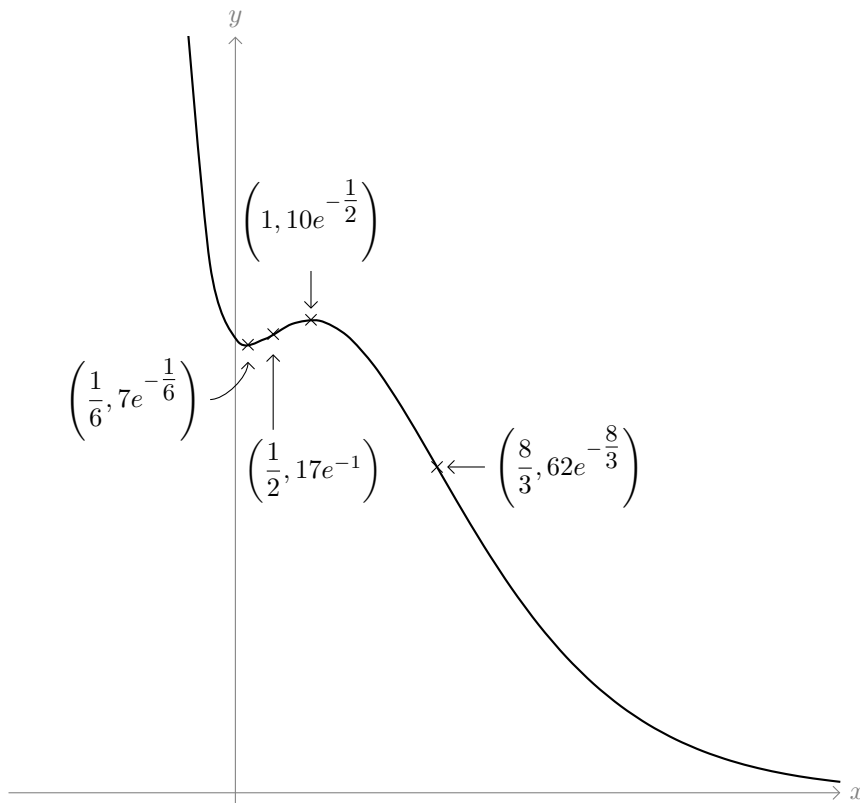
(ii)  $f'(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} < x < 1$

(iii)  $f''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x < \frac{1}{2}$  or  $x > \frac{8}{3}$

(c) From the table in (b), the minimum point is  $(\frac{1}{6}, 7e^{-\frac{1}{6}})$ , the maximum point is  $(1, 17e^{-1})$ ,  
the points of inflexion are  $(\frac{1}{2}, 10e^{-\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $(\frac{8}{3}, 62e^{-\frac{8}{3}})$ .

(d)  $\because \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (6x^2 + 5x + 6)e^{-x} = 0$   
 $\therefore$  the horizontal asymptote is  $y = 0$ .

(e)



(f) With the help of the graph of  $f(x)$ , we have

$$n(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } k \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{when } 0 < k < 7e^{-\frac{1}{6}} \text{ or } k > 10e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ 2 & \text{when } k = 7e^{-\frac{1}{6}} \text{ or } k = 10e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ 3 & \text{when } 7e^{-\frac{1}{6}} < k < 10e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
8. \quad (a) \quad f(r+0) &= f(r)f(0) - f(r) - f(0) + 2 \\
&= 2f(0) - 2 - f(0) + 2 \\
f(0) &= 2
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Suppose  $f(x)$  is not injective.  
There exists  $x \neq y$  such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x-y) &= f(x)f(y) - f(x) - f(y) + 2 \\
&= f(x)f(x) - f(x) - f(x) + 2 \\
&= f(x-x) \\
&= f(0) \\
&= 2
\end{aligned}$$

But from property (2), we know that there exists a unique real number  $r$  such that  $f(r) = 2$ .

From (a), we know that  $r = 0$ .

Since  $x \neq y$ ,  $x - y \neq 0$ .

Contradiction arises.

$f(x)$  is injective.

(c) For any  $x \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 2 \\
&= \left[f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right]^2 - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 2 \\
&= \left[f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 1\right]^2 \\
&> 0
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, there does not exist  $x'$  such that  $f(x') = k$  for any  $k < 0$ .

$f(x)$  is not surjective.

$$\begin{aligned}
(d) \quad (i) \quad f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{x+h-x} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)f(h) - f(x) - f(h) + 2 - f(x)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[f(x) - 1][f(h) - 2]}{h} \\
&= \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x) - 1 \right] \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 2}{h} \right] \quad (\because \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x) - 1 \text{ and } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 2}{h} \text{ exist}) \\
&= 12f(x) - 12
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is differentiable everywhere.

$$\begin{aligned}
(ii) \quad \frac{d}{dx} [e^{-12x} f(x)] &= -12e^{-12x} f(x) + e^{-12x} f'(x) \\
&= [-12f(x) + 12f(x) - 12] e^{-12x} && \text{(By (d) (i))} \\
&= -12e^{-12x} \\
e^{-12x} f(x) &= \int -12e^{-12x} dx \\
&= e^{-12x} + C
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(0) &= 1 + C \\
2 &= 1 + C && \text{(By (a))} \\
C &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f(x) = 1 + e^{12x}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
9. \quad (a) \quad (i) \quad I_1 &= \int_0^\pi e^{-x}(\pi - x) dx \\
&= - \int_0^\pi \pi - x de^{-x} \\
&= -e^{-x}(\pi - x) \Big|_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi e^{-x} d(\pi - x) \\
&= \pi + e^{-x} \Big|_0^\pi \\
&= \pi + e^{-\pi} - 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(ii) \quad I_{n+1} &= \int_0^\pi e^{-x}(\pi - x)^{n+1} dx \\
&= - \int_0^\pi (\pi - x)^{n+1} de^{-x} \\
&= -e^{-x}(\pi - x)^{n+1} \Big|_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi e^{-x} d(\pi - x)^{n+1} \\
&= \pi^{n+1} - (n+1) \int_0^\pi e^{-x}(\pi - x)^n dx \\
&= \pi^{n+1} - (n+1)I_n
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) By repeatedly applying the equation in (a) (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_n &= \pi^n - nI_{n-1} \\
&= \pi^n - n\pi^{n-1} + n(n-1)I_{n-2} \\
&\vdots \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^n (-1)^{n-k} \frac{n! \pi^k}{k!} + (-1)^{n-1} n! I_1 \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^n (-1)^{n-k} \frac{n! \pi^k}{k!} + (-1)^{n-1} n! (\pi + e^{-\pi} - 1) \quad (\text{By (a) (i)}) \\
&= \sum_{k=2}^n (-1)^{n-k} \frac{n! \pi^k}{k!} + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n! \pi}{1!} + (-1)^{n-1} n! e^{-\pi} + (-1)^n \frac{n! \pi^0}{0!} \\
I_n + (-1)^n n! e^{-\pi} &= \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \frac{n! \pi^k}{k!} \\
(-1)^n \frac{I_n}{n!} + e^{-\pi} &= \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{\pi^k}{k!}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) (i) For  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{\pi^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{\pi^n} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{n+1} \\
&< 1 \\
a_{n+1} &< a_n
\end{aligned}$$



(ii) From (b) (i),  $a_n$  is strictly decreasing.

$a_n$  is bounded below because

$$a_n = \frac{\pi^n}{n!} > 0.$$

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  exists.

$$0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi^n}{n!} < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)^n$$

$$0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n < 0$$

By Sandwich Theorem,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .

$$(c) \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^\pi e^\pi (\pi - x)^n dx \leq \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^\pi e^\pi (\pi - 0)^n dx$$

$$\frac{I_n}{n!} \leq \int_0^\pi e^\pi \frac{\pi^n}{n!} dx$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_n}{n!} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi e^\pi \frac{\pi^n}{n!} dx$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_n}{n!} \leq 0$$

(By (b) (ii))

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_n}{n!} &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^\pi e^\pi (\pi - \pi)^n dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

By Sandwich Theorem,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_n}{n!} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{\pi^k}{k!} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \frac{\pi^k}{k!} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{I_n}{n!} + e^{-\pi} \\ &= e^{-\pi} \end{aligned}$$

(By (a) (iii))

10. (a) (i) (1)  $h(x) = \int_1^2 q(t) dt \int_1^x p(t)q(t) dt - \int_1^2 p(t)q(t) dt \int_1^x q(t) dt$   
 $h'(x) = p(x)q(x) \int_1^2 q(t) dt - q(x) \int_1^2 p(t)q(t) dt \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{J}$

(2) By Mean Value Theorem, there exists  $\beta \in \mathbf{J}$  such that

$$h'(\beta) = \frac{h(2) - h(1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$p(\beta)q(\beta) \int_1^2 q(t) dt - q(\beta) \int_1^2 p(t)q(t) dt = 0 \quad (\text{By (a) (i) (1)})$$

$$\int_1^2 p(t)q(t) dt = p(\beta) \int_1^2 q(t) dt \quad (\because q(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{J})$$

(ii)  $\int_1^2 f(x)g'(x) dx = \int_1^2 f(x) dg(x)$   
 $= [f(x)g(x)]_1^2 - \int_1^2 g(x) df(x)$   
 $= f(2)g(2) - f(1)g(1) - \int_1^2 f'(x)g(x) dx$

Since  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{J}$ , by using (a) (i) (2), put  $p = g$  and  $q = f'$ , there exists  $c \in \mathbf{J}$  such that

$$\int_1^2 f'(x)g(x) dx = g(c) \int_1^2 f'(x) dx$$

$$= g(c) [f(2) - f(1)]$$

Hence,

$$\int_1^2 f(x)g'(x) dx = f(2)g(2) - f(1)g(1) - g(c) [f(2) - f(1)]$$

(b) (i)  $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x^{100} = -(\sin x^{100}) (100x^{99})$

(ii) Let  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{100x^{99}}$  and  $g(x) = \cos x^{100}$ .  
 $f'(x) = -\frac{-99}{100x^{100}}$

$$> 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{J}$$

By (a) (ii), there exists  $c \in \mathbf{J}$  such that

$$\int_1^2 -\frac{1}{100x^{99}} \frac{d \cos}{dx} x^{100} dx = -\frac{\cos 2^{100}}{(100)(2^{99})} + \frac{\cos 1^{100}}{(100)(1^{99})} - (\cos c^{100}) \left[ -\frac{1}{(100)(2^{99})} + \frac{1}{(100)(1^{99})} \right]$$

$$\left| \int_1^2 \sin x^{100} dx \right| = \left| \int_1^2 -\frac{1}{100x^{99}} \frac{d \cos}{dx} x^{100} dx \right|$$

$$= \left| -\frac{\cos 2^{100}}{(100)(2^{99})} + \frac{\cos 1^{100}}{(100)(1^{99})} - (\cos c^{100}) \left[ -\frac{1}{(100)(2^{99})} + \frac{1}{(100)(1^{99})} \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{1}{100} \right| + \left| -\cos c^{100} \right| \left| -\frac{1}{(100)(2^{99})} + \frac{1}{100} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{100} + (1) \left| \frac{1}{100} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{50}$$

11. (a)  $xy = 2$

$$y + x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

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

Slope of the normal to  $H$  at  $T$  is

$$\frac{x}{y} \bigg|_{\left(t, \frac{2}{t}\right)} = \frac{t^2}{2}$$

Equation of  $L$  is

$$y - 2 = \left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)(x - 2)$$

$$t^2x - 2y + 4 - 2t^2 = 0$$

(b) The parametric equation of the tangent to  $H$  at  $T$  is

$$\left(t + kt, \frac{2}{t} - k \cdot \frac{2}{t}\right) \tag{5}$$

Substituting (5) into the equation of  $L$ ,

$$(t^2)(1+k)(t) - 2(1-k)\left(\frac{2}{t}\right) + 4 - 2t^2 = 0$$

$$t^3 + kt^3 - \frac{2}{t} + k \cdot \frac{4}{t} + 4 - 2t^2 = 0$$

$$k = -\frac{t^4 - 2t^3 + 4t - 4}{t^4 + 4}$$

Hence, the point of intersection is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(t \left(1 - \frac{t^4 - 2t^3 + 4t - 4}{t^4 + 4}\right), \frac{2}{t} \left(1 + \frac{t^4 - 2t^2 + 4t - 4}{t^4 + 4}\right)\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{t(2t^3 - 4t + 8)}{t^4 + 4}, \frac{2}{t} \cdot \frac{2t^4 - 2t^3 + 4t}{t^4 + 4}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2t(t^3 - 2t + 4)}{t^4 + 4}, \frac{4(t^3 - t^2 + 2)}{t^4 + 4}\right) \end{aligned}$$

(c) (i) The coordinates of  $M$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( 2 + 2 \left[ \frac{2t(t^3 - 2t + 4)}{t^4 + 4} - 2 \right], 2 + 2 \left[ \frac{4(t^3 - t^2 + 2)}{t^4 + 4} - 2 \right] \right) \\
 &= \left( \frac{4t(t^3 - 2t + 4)}{t^4 + 4} - 2, \frac{8(t^3 - t^2 + 2)}{t^4 + 4} - 2 \right) \\
 |BM| &= \sqrt{\left[ \frac{4t(t^3 - 2t + 4)}{t^4 + 4} - 2 - (-2) \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{8(t^3 - t^2 + 2)}{t^4 + 4} - 2 - (-2) \right]^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{16t^2(t^3 - 2t + 4)^2}{(t^4 + 4)^2} + \frac{64(t^3 - t^2 + 2)^2}{(t^4 + 4)^2}} \\
 &= 4\sqrt{\frac{(t^4 - 2t^2 + 4t)^2 + 4(t^3 - t^2 + 2)^2}{(t^4 + 4)^2}} \\
 &= 4\sqrt{\frac{t^8 - 4t^6 + 8t^5 + 4t^4 - 16t^3 + 16t^2 + 4t^6 - 8t^5 + 16t^3 + 4t^4 - 16t^2 + 16}{(t^4 + 4)^2}} \\
 &= 4\sqrt{\frac{t^8 + 8t^4 + 16}{(t^4 + 4)^2}} \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $|BM|$  is independent of  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) Slope of } BM &= \frac{\frac{8(t^3 - t^2 + 2)}{t^4 + 4} - 2 - (-2)}{\frac{4t(t^3 - 2t + 4)}{t^4 + 4} - 2 - (-2)} \\
 &= \frac{8(t^3 - t^2 + 2)}{4t(t^3 - 2t + 4)} \\
 &= \frac{2(t + 1)(t^2 - 2t + 2)}{t(t + 2)(t^2 - 2t + 2)} \\
 &= \frac{2(t + 1)}{t(t + 2)} \\
 \text{Slope of } TB &= \frac{\frac{2}{t} - (-2)}{t - (-2)} \\
 &= \frac{2(1 + t)}{t(t + 2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since slope of  $BM$  = slope of  $TB$ ,  $B$ ,  $M$  and  $T$  are collinear.