

2008 VCAA Specialist Math Exam 2 Solutions

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Q1 $y = \frac{x^4 + a}{x^2} = x^2 + \frac{a}{x^2}, a > 0.$ D

Q2 $x^2 + ax + y^2 + 1 = 0, x^2 + ax + \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 1,$

$\left(x + \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 1.$ To represent a circle, $\frac{a^2}{4} - 1 > 0,$
 $a^2 > 4. \therefore a < -2$ or $a > 2.$ E

Q3 $f(x) = 3\sin^{-1}(4x - 1) + \frac{\pi}{2}$ is an increasing function.

Domain: $-1 \leq 4x - 1 \leq 1, 0 \leq 4x \leq 2, 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}.$

Range: $f(0) = 3\sin^{-1}(-1) + \frac{\pi}{2} = -\pi,$

$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 3\sin^{-1}(1) + \frac{\pi}{2} = 2\pi. \therefore -\pi \leq y \leq 2\pi$ B

Q4 $m \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty),$ i.e. $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [-2, 2].$ E

Q5 $\arg(z^7) = 7 \operatorname{Arg}(z) = \frac{7\pi}{5}, \therefore \operatorname{Arg}(z^7) = -\frac{3\pi}{5}.$ B

Q6 $z = \frac{3 + 4i}{1 + 2i} = \frac{(3 + 4i)(1 - 2i)}{(1 + 2i)(1 - 2i)} = \frac{11}{5} + \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)i, \operatorname{Im}(z) = -\frac{2}{5}.$ C

Q7 $(z + 2)(\bar{z} + 2) = 4, z\bar{z} + 2(z + \bar{z}) = 0.$ Let $z = x + iy,$
 $x^2 + y^2 + 4x = 0, (x + 2)^2 + y^2 = 2^2.$

Radius is 2, centre is $(-2, 0).$ D

Q8 $z = -1 + i, z$ is in the second quadrant.

$r = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}, \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{-1}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$

$\therefore z = \sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right).$ D

Q9 Choose the particular solution through O, $y = 0.5\sin(2x).$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(2x).$ B

Q10 $V = 4h, \frac{dV}{dh} = 4.$

$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt}, 0.2 - 0.01\sqrt{h} = 4 \frac{dh}{dt}.$

$\therefore \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{0.2 - 0.01\sqrt{h}}{4} = \frac{20 - \sqrt{h}}{400}.$ C

Q11 $y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \tan^{-1}(x + 1)$

$x_0 = 0 \quad y_0 = 1 \quad y'(0) = 2 \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$x_1 = 0.2 \quad y_1 = 1 + 0.2 \times \frac{\pi}{2} = 1 + 0.1\pi \quad y'(1) = 2 \tan^{-1}(1.2)$

$x_2 = 0.4 \quad y_2 = 1 + 0.1\pi + 0.2 \times 2 \tan^{-1}(1.2)$
 $= 1 + 0.1\pi + 0.4 \tan^{-1}(1.2)$ D

Q12 The parabola is $y = f(x) = (x + 3)(x - 1) = x^2 + 2x - 3.$

$\int_{-3}^0 f(x) dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + x^2 - 3x \right]_{-3}^0 = -(-9 + 9 + 9) = -9$ A

Q13 $\tilde{r}(t) = 15t\tilde{i} + (20t - 5t^2)\tilde{j}, t \geq 0.$

$\tilde{v}(t) = \frac{d\tilde{r}}{dt} = 15\tilde{i} + (20 - 10t)\tilde{j}.$ At maximum height, $v_y = 0.$

$\therefore 20 - 10t = 0, t = 2,$ and $\tilde{r}(2) = 30\tilde{i} + 20\tilde{j}.$ E

Q14 \tilde{a} and \tilde{b} are perpendicular, $\therefore \tilde{a} \cdot \tilde{b} = 0,$
 $m^2 + 4m - 12 = 0, (m + 6)(m - 2) = 0, m = -6$ or $2.$ B

Q15 $\tilde{P} = \tilde{i}, \tilde{Q} = a(\tilde{i} + \sqrt{3}\tilde{j}), |\tilde{Q}| = 4, \therefore a\sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = 4,$

$\therefore a = 2$ and $\tilde{Q} = 2(\tilde{i} + \sqrt{3}\tilde{j}).$

$\tilde{P} + \tilde{Q} = \tilde{i} + 2(\tilde{i} + \sqrt{3}\tilde{j}) = 3\tilde{i} + 2\sqrt{3}\tilde{j},$

$\therefore |\tilde{P} + \tilde{Q}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (2\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{21}.$ D

Q16 Let $u = \tan^{-1}(x), \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}.$

When $x = 0, u = 0;$ when $x = \sqrt{3}, u = \frac{\pi}{3}.$

$\int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\log_e(\tan^{-1}(x))}{1 + x^2} dx = \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \log_e(u) \frac{du}{dx} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \log_e(u) du.$ C

Q17 $|\vec{QR}| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{PQ}|, \therefore Q$ divides PR into a ratio of 2 : 1.

$\therefore \tilde{q} = \frac{\tilde{p} + 2\tilde{r}}{3}, \therefore \tilde{r} = \frac{3}{2}\tilde{q} - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{p}.$ A

Q18 Magnitude of $\tilde{F} = \tilde{F} \cdot \frac{\tilde{d}}{|\tilde{d}|}$. E

Comment: Wording problem? According to the information, \tilde{F} causes the object to accelerate in the direction of \tilde{d} . $\therefore \tilde{F}$ and \tilde{d} are in the same direction. If \tilde{F} is known, then $|\tilde{F}|$ is the magnitude of \tilde{F} . Why would one want to find the magnitude of \tilde{F} the long way?

Q19 $u = \frac{30}{5} = 6$, $t = 6$ and $v = \frac{40}{5} = 8$, use $s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$ to find the displacement $s = \frac{1}{2}(6+8)6 = 42$ m.

Distance = 42 m.

Q20 $v = \sin^{-1}(x)$, $a = v \frac{dv}{dx} = \sin^{-1}(x) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{\sin^{-1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ E

Q21 $F_{friction} = 0.1 \times 10g = g$ newtons.

Resultant force driving the system $R = 4g - g = 3g$ newtons.

Acceleration $a = \frac{R}{m} = \frac{3g}{10+4} = \frac{3g}{14}$.

Q22 $a = f(v)$, $\frac{dv}{dt} = f(v)$, $\frac{dt}{dv} = \frac{1}{f(v)}$, $t = \int \frac{1}{f(v)} dv$,

$t_1 = \int_{v_0}^{v_1} \frac{1}{f(v)} dv + t_0$.

Section 2

Q1a $f(x) = \frac{6x\sqrt{x}}{3x^2+1}$, $x \in [0, \infty)$. Let $f'(x) = 0$ to locate the

turning point(s). $\therefore 9\sqrt{x}(1-x^2) = 9\sqrt{x}(1-x)(1+x) = 0$,
 $x = 0$ or 1 .

$f''(1) = -1.125$ is a negative value.

\therefore the maximum turning point is at $x = 1$ and $y = f(1) = \frac{3}{2}$,

i.e. $(1, \frac{3}{2})$.

Q1bi Let $f''(x) = 0$ to locate the inflection points.

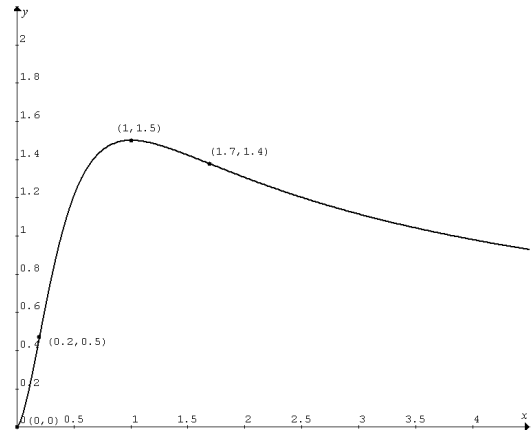
$\therefore 9x^4 - 26x^2 + 1 = 0$.

Q1bii Use graphics calculator to solve for x , and to find y .

$x = 0.19745$, $y = 0.4713$ (0.2, 0.5)

$x = 1.688165$, $y = 1.3781$ (1.7, 1.4).

Q1c



C

Q1di $y = \frac{6x\sqrt{x}}{3x^2+1}$, $y^2 = \frac{36x^3}{(3x^2+1)^2}$.

$V = \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \pi y^2 dx = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \frac{18x^3}{(3x^2+1)^2} dx$.

A

Q1dii $u = 3x^2 + 1$, $3x^2 = u - 1$ and $\frac{du}{dx} = 6x$.

$V = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \frac{18x^3}{(3x^2+1)^2} dx = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \frac{3x^2}{(3x^2+1)} \times 6x dx$

B

$= 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \frac{u-1}{u^2} \times \frac{du}{dx} dx = 2\pi \int_1^2 \left(\frac{u-1}{u^2} \right) du = 2\pi \int_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{u^2} \right) du$

Q1diii $V = 2\pi \left[\log_e u + \frac{1}{u} \right]_1^2 = 2\pi \left(\log_e 2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \pi(\log_e 4 - 1)$

cubic units.

Q2a $a = \frac{R}{m} = \frac{390-30}{80} = 4.5$ ms⁻².

Q2b $u = 0$, $s = 16$, $a = 4.5$. Use $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ to find v .
 $\therefore v = 12$. The speed is 12 ms⁻¹.

Q2c $a = \frac{R}{m} = \frac{390-30-6v}{80} = \frac{3}{40}(60-v)$, where $v \geq 12$.

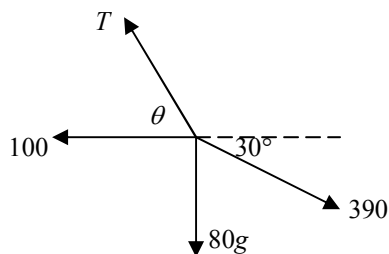
Q2d $\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{3}{40}(60-v)$, $\frac{dt}{dv} = \frac{40}{3} \times \frac{1}{60-v}$, $t = \frac{40}{3} \int \frac{1}{60-v} dv$.

$\therefore \frac{3}{40}t = -\log_e(60-v) + c$.

When $t = 0$, $v = 12$. $\therefore c = \log_e 48$, and $t = \frac{40}{3} \log_e \left(\frac{48}{60-v} \right)$.

When $v = 18$, $t \approx 1.8$ s.

Q2ei



Q2eii Constant velocity, \therefore zero resultant force.
 Horizontal component: $390 \cos 30^\circ - T \cos \theta - 100 = 0$
 Vertical component: $T \sin \theta - 390 \sin 30^\circ - 80g = 0$

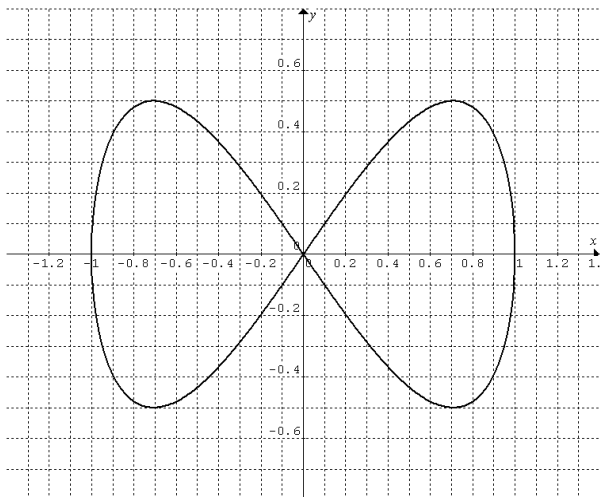
Q2eiii $\cos \theta = \frac{390 \cos 30^\circ - 100}{T}$, $\sin \theta = \frac{390 \sin 30^\circ + 80g}{T}$.
 $\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{390 \sin 30^\circ + 80g}{390 \cos 30^\circ - 100} = 4.118$.

Q2eiv $\theta = \tan^{-1}(4.118) = 76.35^\circ$,
 $T = \frac{390 \sin 30^\circ + 80g}{\sin 76.35^\circ} \approx 1007 \text{ N}$.

Q3ai $\tilde{r}(t) = \sin\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)\tilde{i} + \frac{1}{2}\sin\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)\tilde{j}$, $t \geq 0$.
 $y = \frac{1}{2}\sin\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)\cos\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)$, $\therefore y^2 = \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)\cos^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)$.

Q3aii $\therefore y^2 = \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)\left[1 - \sin^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)\right] = x^2(1 - x^2)$, where
 $x = \sin\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)$.

Q3b



Q3c $x = \sin\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)$, period = $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{1}{3}} = 6\pi$.

Q3d $\tilde{v}(t) = \frac{d\tilde{r}}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\cos\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)\tilde{i} + \frac{1}{3}\cos\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)\tilde{j}$.

Speed = $|\tilde{v}(t)| = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\cos^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)}$

The train passes through the origin at $t = 0, 3\pi, 6\pi, \dots$

\therefore speed = $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

Q3ei Distance = $4 \int_0^{1.5\pi} |\tilde{v}(t)| dt = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{1.5\pi} \sqrt{\cos^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) + \cos^2\left(\frac{2t}{3}\right)} dt$.

Q3eii By graphics calculator: Distance $\approx 6.1 \text{ m}$.

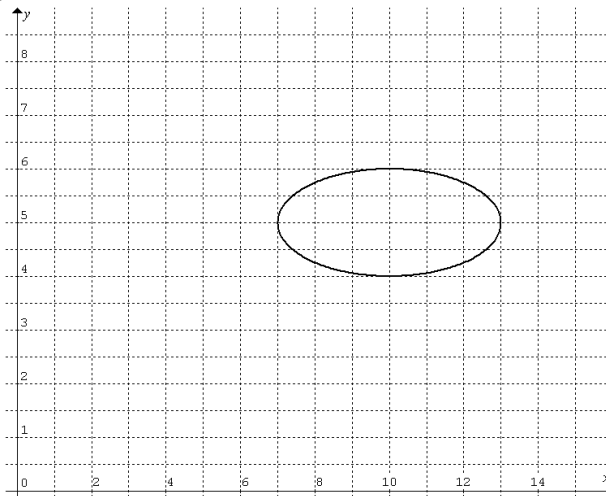
Q4a Rabbits: $x = 10 + 3\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right)$, $t \geq 0$.

Foxes: $y = 5 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right)$, $t \geq 0$.

$\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right) = \frac{x-10}{3}$, $\sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right) = y-5$.

$\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right) = 1$, $\therefore \frac{(x-10)^2}{9} + (y-5)^2 = 1$.

Q4b



Q4ci $x_{\min} = 7$ when $\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right) = -1$. $\frac{\pi t}{6} = \pi$, $t = 6$ months.

Q4cii When $t = 6$, $y = 5$, i.e. 500 foxes.

Q4di $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{-0.2y + 0.02xy}{0.5x - 0.1xy} = \frac{xy - 10y}{25x - 5xy}$.

Q4dii $25 \log_e(y) - 5y - x + 10 \log_e(x) = c$

Implicit differentiation: $\frac{25}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 + \frac{10}{x} = 0,$

$\left(\frac{25}{y} - 5\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{10}{x},$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - \frac{10}{x}}{\frac{25}{y} - 5} = \frac{1 - \frac{10}{x}}{\frac{25}{y} - 5} \times \frac{xy}{xy} = \frac{xy - 10y}{25x - 5xy}.$

Q4e As $x \rightarrow x_{\min}$ or $x_{\max}, \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow \infty, \frac{dx}{dy} \rightarrow 0.$

$\therefore \frac{25x - 5xy}{xy - 10y} \rightarrow 0,$ where $x, y > 0.$

$\therefore 25x - 5xy \rightarrow 0, y \rightarrow 5.$

Let $y = 5, 25 \log_e(5) - 5(5) - x + 10 \log_e(x) = 27.5,$

$25 \log_e(5) - x + 10 \log_e(x) = 52.5.$

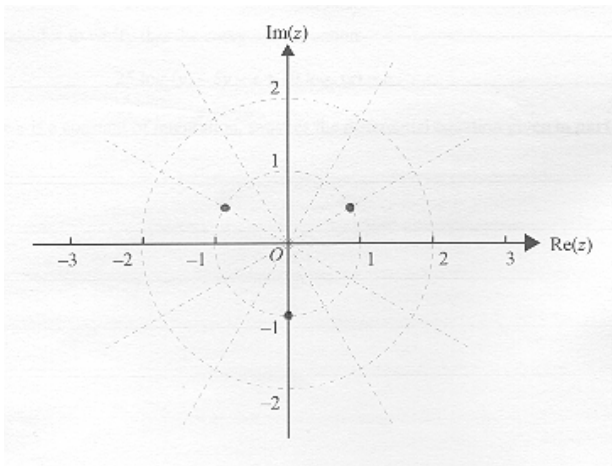
By graphics calculator: $x_{\min} = 6.5871, x_{\max} = 14.4269.$

Minimum number of rabbits $\approx 6590.$

Maximum number of rabbits $\approx 14430.$

Q5a $z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i = \text{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right), z^3 = \text{cis}\left(3 \times \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \text{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = i.$

Q5b



Q5c $|z - i| = 1$ is a circle: $x^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 1.$

$\text{Re}(z) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{Im}(z)$ is a straight line: $y = -\sqrt{3}x.$

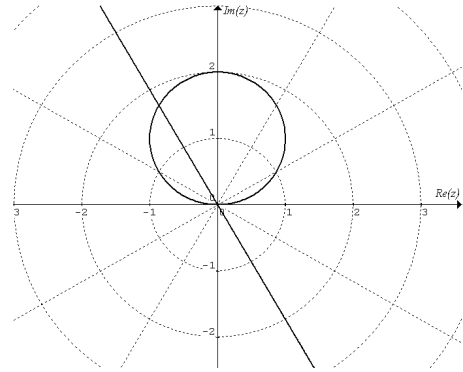
Solve the two equations simultaneously to find the coordinates of the points of intersection.

$x^2 + (-\sqrt{3}x - 1)^2 = 1,$ expand and simplify to $4x^2 + 2\sqrt{3}x = 0.$

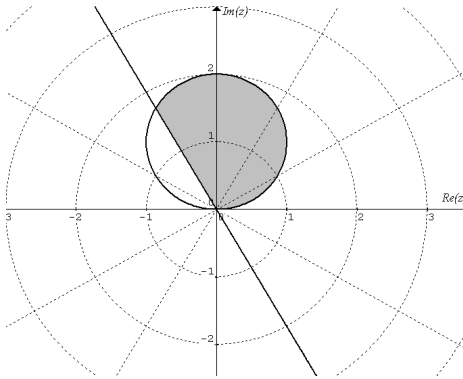
$\therefore x = 0$ and $y = 0,$ or $x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $y = \frac{3}{2}.$

The two points are $z = 0, z = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{3}{2}i.$

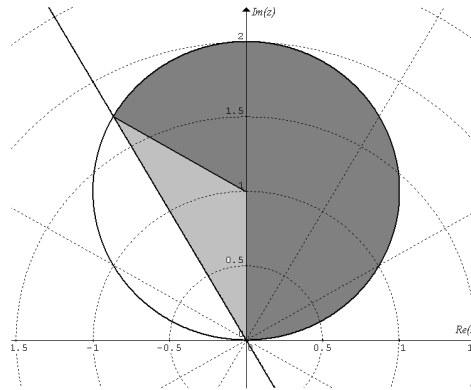
Q5d



Q5e



Q5f



Area of the dark shaded region = $\frac{2}{3}$ of the area of the circle
 $= \frac{2}{3} \pi.$

Area of the light shaded region = $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 1 \times \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}.$

Total area = $\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \approx 2.53$ square units.

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