



2012 VCAA Math. Methods (CAS) Exam 1 Solutions
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Q1a $y = (x^2 - 5x)^4, \frac{dy}{dx} = 4(x^2 - 5x)^3(2x - 5)$

Q1b $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin x}, f'(x) = \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{\sin^2 x},$
 $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2}} = 1$

Q2 $\int \frac{1}{(2x-1)^3} dx = \int (2x-1)^{-3} dx = \frac{(2x-1)^{-2}}{-2 \times 2} = -\frac{1}{4(2x-1)^2}$

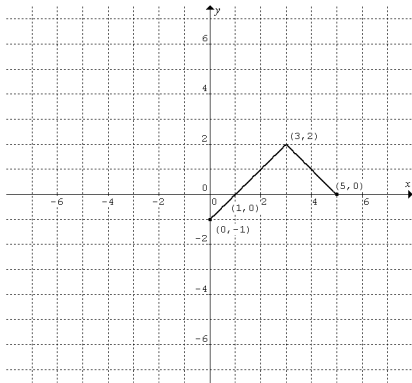
Q3 $h(x) = 2x^3 + 1$, equation of the inverse is $x = 2y^3 + 1,$
 $\therefore y = \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \therefore h^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Q4a $\bar{X} = E(X) = 0 \times 0.2 + 1 \times 0.2 + 2 \times 0.5 + 3 \times 0.1 = 1.5$

Q4b $\Pr(111) = 0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 = 0.008$

Q4c
 $\Pr(\text{total of four calls both days}) = \frac{\Pr(13) + \Pr(22) + \Pr(31)}{\Pr(0'0')}$
 $= \frac{0.2 \times 0.1 + 0.5 \times 0.5 + 0.1 \times 0.2}{0.8 \times 0.8} = \frac{29}{64}$

Q5a



Q5bi $(3, 2) \rightarrow (3, -2) \rightarrow (8, -2)$

Q5bii $y = -|x - 3| + 2$
 $\rightarrow -y = -|x - 3| + 2 \rightarrow -y = -|(x - 5) - 3| + 2$ which can be simplified to $y = |x - 8| - 2.$

Q6a At $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \cos x = a \sin x, \therefore \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = a \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$

$\therefore \frac{1}{2} = a \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Q6b $\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin x, \therefore \tan x = \sqrt{3}, x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ or $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

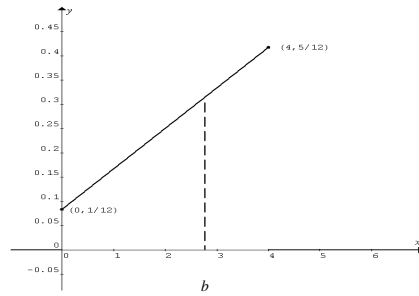
The other point of intersection is at $x = \frac{4\pi}{3}.$

Q7 $2 \log_e(x+2) - \log_e x = \log_e(2x+1), x > 0$

$\therefore \frac{(x+2)^2}{x} = 2x+1, x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0, (x+1)(x-4) = 0, \therefore x = 4$

Q8a Given $\bar{X} = 100$ and $\Pr(X < 106) = q$, then
 $\Pr(94 < X < 100) = \Pr(100 < X < 106) = q - 0.5$

Q8b



$f(b) = \frac{b+1}{12}, b > 0$

Area of trapezium $= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{b+1}{12} \right) b = \frac{5}{8},$

$b^2 + 2b - 15 = 0, (b-3)(b+5) = 0, \therefore b = 3$

Q9a $f(x) = x \sin x, f'(x) = \sin x + x \cos x$

Q9b $\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f'(x) dx = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin x dx + \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \cos x dx$

$\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \cos x dx = [x \sin x]_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - [-\cos x]_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{5}{12} \pi - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Q10ai $f(x) = e^{-mx} + 3x$ for rational $m > 0$

Let $f'(x) = -me^{-mx} + 3 = 0$ to find the stationary point.

$\therefore e^{-mx} = \frac{3}{m}, e^{mx} = \frac{m}{3}, mx = \log_e \left(\frac{m}{3} \right), \therefore x = \frac{1}{m} \log_e \left(\frac{m}{3} \right)$

Q10aai $x = \frac{1}{m} \log_e \left(\frac{m}{3} \right), x$ is positive when $\frac{m}{3} > 1$, i.e. $m > 3$

Q10b At $x = -6, y = e^{6m} - 18, \frac{dy}{dx} = f'(-6) = -me^{6m} + 3$

Tangent: $y - (e^{6m} - 18) = (-me^{6m} + 3)(x + 6)$

The tangent passes through $(0, 0), \therefore -(e^{6m} - 18) = 6(-me^{6m} + 3)$

$\therefore e^{6m} = 6me^{6m}, 6m = 1, m = \frac{1}{6}$

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