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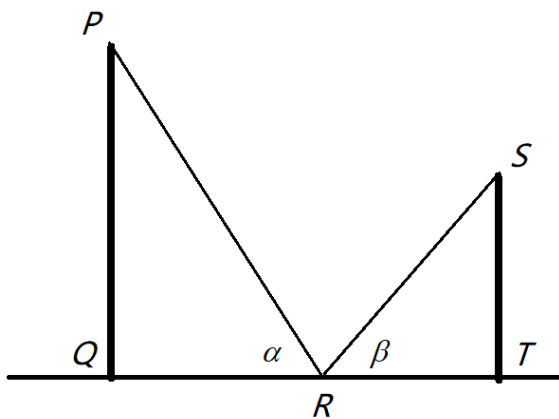
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**All questions carry the same marks. Answer ALL questions.**

1. Two vertical poles  $PQ$  and  $ST$  are secured by a rope  $PRS$  going from the top of the first pole to a point  $R$  on the ground between the two poles and then to the top of the second pole as shown in the figure. Show that the shortest length of such a rope occurs when  $\alpha = \beta$ , where  $\alpha = \angle PRQ$  and  $\beta = \angle SRT$ .



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

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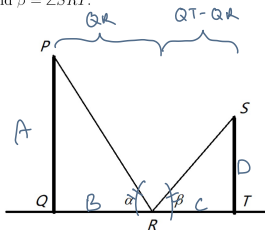
4. Show that

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Q1

$$PR = \sqrt{QR^2 + PQ^2} \quad SR = \sqrt{RT^2 + ST^2}$$

$$\text{Length} = \sqrt{QR^2 + PQ^2} + \sqrt{RT^2 + ST^2}$$

$$L = \sqrt{QR^2 + PQ^2} + \sqrt{(QT - QR)^2 + ST^2}$$

$$QT = QR + RT$$

$$\therefore RT = QT - QR$$

let  $x = QR$ , as  $QR$  can change

$$L(x) = (x^2 + PQ^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + ((QT - x)^2 + ST^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$L'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + PQ^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2x) + \frac{1}{2}((QT - x)^2 + ST^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2(QT - x)(-1))$$

$$= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + PQ^2}} + \frac{-2(QT - x)}{2\sqrt{(QT - x)^2 + ST^2}}$$

$$= \cos(\alpha) - \cos(\beta)$$

When  $L'(x) = 0$ ,  $\cos(\alpha) - \cos(\beta) = 0$   $\cos(\alpha) \neq \cos(\beta) > 0$

(minimum)  $\cos(\alpha) = \cos(\beta)$

$\therefore \alpha = \beta //$

Q2

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$$f'(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{y}} - \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}}}{y - x} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{y}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{y}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{y} - 1 - \frac{1}{x}}{(y - x)(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{y}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}})}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{(-1)(\frac{y-x}{xy})}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{y}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}}}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{-1}{(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{y}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}})xy}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^3 + n^3} \quad \text{Q3}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^3 + n^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + \frac{i^3}{n^3}} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

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$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + x^3} dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{x^3 + 1} dx$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{3} \ln|x^3 + 1| \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \ln|2| - \frac{1}{3} \ln|1|$$

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

$$= \frac{\ln 2}{3}$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

$$\approx x_n^* = 0 + K \frac{1}{n} = \frac{K}{n}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\ln(x^3 + 1) = \frac{1}{x^3 + 1} (3x^2)$$

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Q4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \int_0^1 \frac{x+3}{x^2+5x+7} dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{\frac{1}{2}(2x+6)}{x^2+5x+7} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{2x+5+1}{x^2+5x+7} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{2x+5}{x^2+5x+7} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2+5x+7} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ \ln |x^2+5x+7| \right]_0^1 + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\left(x+\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} dx \right] \\ &\quad \text{Let } U = x + \frac{5}{2} \text{ for } \frac{dU}{dx} = 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ \ln |13| - \ln |7| \right] + \int_{0+\frac{5}{2}}^{1+\frac{5}{2}} \frac{1}{U^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} dU \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{13}{7}\right) + \left[ \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{U}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}\right) \right]_{\frac{5}{2}}^{\frac{7}{2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{13}{7}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2 \times \frac{7}{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2 \times \frac{5}{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{13}{7}\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \right) \\ &\quad a = \frac{13}{7}, \quad b = \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}, \quad c = \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2+5x+7 &= \left(x+\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + 7 \\ &= \left(x+\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &= \left(x+\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$2^0 + 1 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+2^x} dx &= \int_2^3 \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{(u-1)\ln(2)} du \\ &= \int_2^3 \frac{1}{u(u-1)\ln(2)} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \int_2^3 \frac{1}{u(u-1)} du \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \left[ \int_2^3 \frac{1}{u-1} du - \int_2^3 \frac{1}{u} du \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \left[ \left[ \ln(u-1) \right]_2^3 - \left[ \ln u \right]_2^3 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{u-1}{u}\right) \right]_2^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln(2)} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)}{\ln(2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \frac{4}{3}, \quad b = 2$$

$$\text{Sub } u = 2^x + 1 \quad 2^1 + 1 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dx} &= 2^x \ln(2) \\ dx &= \left( \frac{1}{2^x \ln(2)} \right) du \\ dx &= \frac{1}{(u-1)\ln(2)} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sub } u &= e^x \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= e^x \\ dx &= \frac{e^{-x}}{u} du \\ 2^x &= u^{\ln(2)} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{let } u=0, \quad A = -1$$

$$u=1, \quad B = 1$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{x}{1+3x^2+x^3}$$

To rotate around  $y$  axis, Shift Right

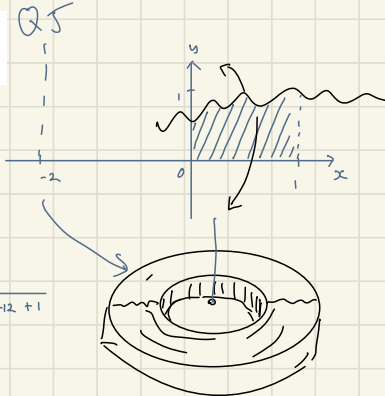
$$\text{Sub } x = x - 2$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x-2}{(x-2)^3 + 3(x-2)^2 + 1} = \frac{x-2}{x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 8 + 3x^2 - 12x + 12 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{x-2}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 5}$$

$$\text{New bound, } x=3$$

$$x=2$$



$$\text{Volume} = 2\pi \int_2^3 \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 5} dx$$

$$= 2\pi \int_1^5 \frac{\cancel{x^2} - 2x}{\frac{3(\cancel{x^2} - 2x)}{u}} du$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}\pi \int_1^5 \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}\pi \left[ \ln |u| \right]_1^5$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}\pi (\ln 5)$$

$$= \frac{2 \ln 5}{3} \pi$$

$$\text{Let } u = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 3x^2 - 6x$$

$$dx = \frac{1}{3x^2 - 6x} du$$

$$\text{When } x=3, u=5$$

$$x=2, u=1$$

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