

1. The perpendicular bisector of $[AB]$ where A is $(1, 0)$ and B is $(5, 2)$ meets the y -axis at $(0, c)$. Find the value of c .

$$l_{AB}: y = kx + b \ (k \neq 0)$$

$$Mid AB = \left(\frac{1+5}{2}, \frac{0+2}{2} \right)$$

$$= (3, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} x + b = 0 \\ 5x + b = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$4x = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{2} \\ b = -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore l_{AB}: y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore l: y = -2x + c$$

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

$$\therefore c = 7.$$

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2. The parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ passes through the origin and has its vertex at $(1, 2)$. Find the values of a , b and c .

$$(0, 0).$$

$$\therefore c = 0$$

$$\therefore y = ax^2 + bx$$

$$= x(ax + b)$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\therefore \frac{0 + (-\frac{b}{a})}{2} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{b}{a} = -2$$

$$\therefore b = -2a$$

$$\therefore y = ax^2 - 2ax$$

$$= a(x^2 - 2x + 1) - a$$

$$= a(x-1)^2 - a$$

$$\therefore -a = 2$$

$$\therefore a = -2.$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} a = -2 \\ b = 4 \\ c = 0 \end{cases}$$

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3. The cubic polynomial $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has roots 2 and $\pm i$. Find the values of b , c and d .

$$x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$= (x-2)(x+i)(x-i)$$

$$= (x-2)(x^2+1)$$

$$= x^3 + x - 2x^2 - 2$$

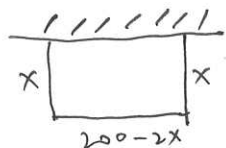
$$= x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} b = -2 \\ c = 1 \\ d = -2 \end{cases}$$

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4. A rectangular chicken coop is built against an existing wall so that only three sides need be fenced. If 200 m of fencing is used, what are the dimensions of the coop that will maximize its area?



$$\therefore \text{length} = 100 \text{ m},$$

$$\text{width} = 50 \text{ m}.$$

$$S = x(200 - 2x)$$

$$= -2x^2 + 200x$$

$$= -2(x^2 - 100x + 2500) + 5000$$

$$= -2(x - 50)^2 + 5000$$

$$S_{\max} = 5000 \text{ m}^2$$

5. Solve $\frac{1}{\log_4 x} + \frac{1}{\log_5 x} = 1$.

$$\log_x 4 + \log_x 5 = 1$$

$$\log_x 20 = 1$$

$$\therefore x^1 = 20$$

$$\therefore x = 20$$

6. The constant term in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{15}$ is an integer. Find its value.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x: \text{ to the 10} \\ \frac{2}{x^2}: \text{ to the five} \end{array} \right\} \text{cancel out the } x.$$

$$\therefore \binom{15}{5} \cdot x^{10} \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^5$$

$$= \frac{15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot x^{10} \cdot \left(-\frac{32}{x^{10}}\right)$$

$$= 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 \cdot (-32)$$

$$= -96096$$

7. Use the rational roots theorem to prove that $\sqrt{10}$ is irrational.

$\sqrt{10}$ is the root of $x^2 = 10$

\therefore in the quadratic equation $x^2 - 10 = 0$,
the rational root candidates are:

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10}{\pm 1} = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10.$$

\therefore clearly, $\sqrt{10}$ is not among them. (since $\sqrt{10}$ is between $\sqrt{9}$ and $\sqrt{16}$)

$\therefore \sqrt{10}$ must be irrational to become the root of the equation.



8. A polynomial has remainder 3 when divided by $x - 1$ and remainder -7 when divided by $x + 1$. Find the remainder when the polynomial is divided by $x^2 - 1$.

according to the remainder theorem,

$$p(x) = d(x) \cdot q(x) + r(x)$$

$$p(1) = 3$$

$$p(-1) = -7$$

$$\text{let } r(x) = ax + b$$

$$\therefore p(x) = (x^2 - 1) \cdot q(x) + ax + b$$

$$p(1) = 3 = a + b$$

$$p(-1) = -7 = -a + b$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} a + b = 3 \\ -a + b = -7 \end{cases}$$

$$2a = 10$$

$$\begin{cases} a = 5 \\ b = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore r(x) = 5x - 2$$

\therefore the remainder is $5x - 2$

$$ax^2 + bx + cx + d = \boxed{}$$

$$a + b + c + d = 3$$

$$-a + b - c + d = -7$$

$$b + d = -2$$

$$a + c = 5$$

$$ax + b$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 0x + 1 \overline{) ax^2 + bx^2 + cx + d} \\ \underline{ax^2 + 0x^2 - ax} \\ bx^2 + cx + d \\ \underline{bx^2 + 0x + b} \\ (c+a)x + d + b \\ \hline 5x - 2 \end{array}$$



9. Given that $(1+x)^5(1+ax)^6 = 1+bx+10x^2+\dots+a^6x^{11}$ and $a \neq 0$, find the values of a and b .

$$(x+1)^5 = x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

$$(ax+1)^6 = a^6x^6 + 6a^5x^5 + 15a^4x^4 + 20a^3x^3 + 15a^2x^2 + 6ax + 1$$

$$\therefore x^2: 15a^2x^2 + 6ax \cdot 5x + 10x^2$$

$$= (15a^2 + 30a + 10)x^2$$

$$\therefore 15a^2 + 30a + 10 = 10$$

$$\therefore a^2 + 2a = 0$$

$$a(a+2) = 0$$

$$\therefore a_1 = 0, (\text{inadmissible})$$

$$a_2 = -2.$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} a = -2 \\ b = -7 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore x: 6ax + 5x$$

$$= (6a+5)x$$

$$\therefore b = 6a+5$$

$$= -12+5$$

$$= -7$$

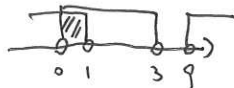
10. The roots of $kx^2 + (k-3)x + 1 = 0$ are distinct, real and positive. Find the possible values of k .

$$\textcircled{1} k = 0.$$

$$-3x+1=0$$

$$3x=1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} (\text{inadmissible}).$$



$$\therefore 0 < k < 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} k \neq 0.$$

$$(1) \Delta = (k-3)^2 - 4k$$

$$= k^2 - 6k + 9 - 4k$$

$$= k^2 - 10k + 9 > 0$$

$$(k-9)(k-1) > 0$$



$$\therefore k < 1 \text{ or } k > 9.$$

In conclusion, $0 < k < 1$

(2) positive

$$x_1 + x_2 = \frac{3-k}{k} > 0$$

$$x_1 x_2 = \frac{1}{k} > 0$$

$$\therefore k > 0.$$

$$3-k > 0$$

$$\therefore 0 < k < 3$$

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Solutions to HL1 Test #3

1. Here $m = 1/2$, so $m_{\perp} = -2$. Also $M = (3, 1)$. So the equation of the perpendicular bisector is $y - 1 = -2(x - 3)$ or $y = -2x + 7$. Hence $c = 7$.
2. Here $y = a(x - 1)^2 + 2$. Substituting $(0, 0)$ gives $a = -2$. So $y = -2x^2 + 4x$, whence $a = -2$, $b = 4$ and $c = 0$.
3. By the factor theorem the polynomial is $(x - 2)(x - i)(x + i)$, which expands to $x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2$, whence $b = -2$, $c = 1$ and $d = -2$.
4. Here $A = x(200 - 2x)$. So the maximum area occurs when $x = 50$. Hence the dimensions of the coop for maximum area are 50 m by 100 m.
5. The equation is equivalent to $\log_x 4 + \log_x 5 = 1$, whence $\log_x 20 = 1$. Hence $x = 20$.
6. The required term is $\binom{15}{10} x^{10} \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^5$, which evaluates to -96096 .
7. Consider the equation $x^2 - 10 = 0$. We have $\text{RRC} = \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10\}$. Since $\sqrt{10}$ is a root of the given equation but not in $\{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10\}$ we must conclude $\sqrt{10}$ is irrational.
8. See exercise #10 in Polynomials #1.
9. Equating coefficients we have $1 \cdot \binom{6}{1}a + \binom{5}{1} \cdot 1 = b$ and $1 \cdot \binom{6}{2}a^2 + \binom{5}{1}\binom{6}{1}a + \binom{5}{2} \cdot 1 = 10$, which is equivalent to $6a + 5 = b$ and $15a^2 + 30a = 0$. Solving simultaneously and remembering $a \neq 0$ gives $a = -2$ and $b = -7$.
10. Since the roots are distinct and real $k \neq 0$ and $\Delta = (k - 3)^2 - 4k > 0$. Since the roots are positive the sum of the roots $\frac{3-k}{k} > 0$ and the product of the roots $\frac{1}{k} > 0$. Solving the three inequalities simultaneously gives $0 < k < 1$.