

1. Find the angle of inclination for a line perpendicular to $2x + 3y = 5$.

$$3y = -2x + 5$$

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

$$y = \frac{3}{2}x + b$$

$$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$= 56.31^\circ$$

↑ 3 s.f. in IB

2. Find the coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of $(2 - 3x)^8$.

$$(-3x)^5 \cdot 2^3 \cdot \binom{8}{3}$$

$$= -3^5 \cdot x^5 \cdot 8 \cdot \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= -108864 x^5$$

∴ the coefficient is -108864 .

3. Solve $(2 + i)z - (2 - 4i) = 3 - i$ without the use of a calculator.

$$(2 + i)z = 3 - i + 2 - 4i$$

$$z = \frac{5 - 5i}{2 + i}$$

$$= \frac{(5 - 5i)(2 - i)}{5}$$

$$= (1 - i)(2 - i)$$

$$= 1 - 3i$$

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4. At a party 300 handshakes were exchanged. Each person at the party shook hands exactly once with each of the others. Find the number of people at the party.

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} = 300$$

$$n(n-1) = 600$$

$$n^2 - n - 600 = 0$$

$$(n-25)(n+24) = 0$$

$$n_1 = 25$$

$$n_2 = -24 \text{ (inadmissible)}$$

$\therefore 25$ people.

5. A vertical line divides the triangle with vertices $O(0,0)$, $A(9,0)$ and $B(8,4)$ into two regions of equal area. Find the equation of the line.

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9 \cdot 4$$

$$= 18$$

$$a = \pm 6$$

$$(a = -6 \text{ inadmissible})$$

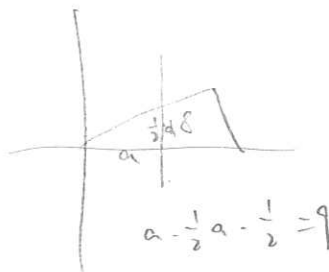
$$\therefore l: x = 6$$

$$l_{OB}: y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\begin{cases} l: x = a \\ l_{OB}: y = \frac{1}{2}x \end{cases} \Rightarrow (a, \frac{1}{2}a)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \cdot (\frac{1}{2}a) = 18 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 72 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$



6. Solve $\log_2(x+1) - \log_4(3x-1) = 0.5$.

$$\log_2(x+1) - \frac{1}{2} \log_2(3x-1) = 0.5$$

$$\log_2 \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{3x-1}} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{x+1}{\sqrt{3x-1}} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$x+1 = \sqrt{6x-2}$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 6x - 2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-1) = 0$$

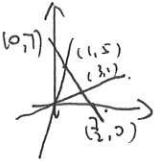
$$x_1 = 3$$

$$x_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} x+1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -1 \\ 3x-1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore x > \frac{1}{3}$$

7. Find the area of the triangle formed by the lines $5x - y = 0$, $x - 3y = 0$ and $2x + y - 7 = 0$.

$$\begin{cases} y = 5x \\ y = \frac{1}{3}x \\ y = -2x + 7 \end{cases}$$


$$\begin{cases} l: y = 5x \\ l: y = -2x + 7 \end{cases} \quad (1, 5)$$

$$\begin{cases} l: y = \frac{1}{3}x \\ l: y = -2x + 7 \end{cases} \quad (3, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} l: x = 0 \\ l: y = -2x + 7 \end{cases} \quad (0, 7)$$

$$\begin{cases} l: y = 0 \\ l: y = -2x + 7 \end{cases} \quad (\frac{7}{2}, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{7}{2} \cdot 7 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 7 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{7}{2} \\ &= \frac{49}{4} - \frac{7}{2} - \frac{7}{4} \\ &= \frac{49 - 14 - 7}{4} \\ &= \frac{28}{4} \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

8. Find all values of c such that the line $y = x + c$ is tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 8$.

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= 8 - x^2 \\ y_1 &= \sqrt{8 - x^2} \\ y_2 &= -\sqrt{8 - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} y = x + c \\ y = \sqrt{8 - x^2} \end{cases}$$

$$x^2 + 2cx + c^2 = 8 - x^2$$

$$2x^2 + 2cx + c^2 - 8 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 4c^2 - 8(c^2 - 8)$$

$$= 4c^2 - 8c^2 + 64$$

$$= -4c^2 + 64 = 0$$

$$c^2 = 16$$

$$c = \pm 4$$

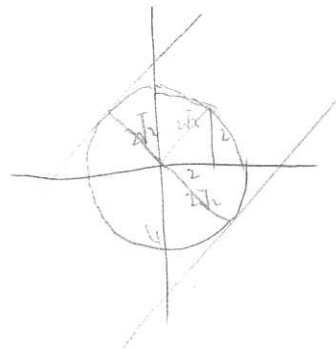
$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} y = x + c \\ y = -\sqrt{8 - x^2} \end{cases}$$

$$x^2 + 2cx + c^2 = 8 - x^2$$

$$c = \pm 4$$

$$c_1 = 4$$

$$c_2 = -4$$



9. The unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the parabola $y = kx^2 - 1$ intersect in 3 points. What are the possible values of k ?

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= (kx^2 - 1)^2 \\ &= k^2 x^4 - 2kx^2 + 1 \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 1 \\ x^2 + k^2 x^4 - 2kx^2 + 1 &= 1 \\ x^4 k^2 + x^2(1 - 2k) &= 0 \\ x^2(k^2 x^2 + 1 - 2k) &= 0 \\ \downarrow \\ x_1 = x_2 = 0 &\text{ same point } (0, 1) \\ \text{So } k^2 x^2 + 1 - 2k &= 0 \\ \text{have two distinct roots} \\ x^2 &= \frac{2k-1}{k^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{2k-1}{k^2} &> 0 \\ \therefore k^2 &> 0 \\ \therefore 2k-1 &> 0 \\ \therefore k &> \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

10. The point A is on the line $4x + 3y - 48 = 0$ and the point B is on the line $x + 3y + 10 = 0$. If the midpoint of $[AB]$ is $(4, 2)$, find the coordinates of A and B .

$$\begin{aligned} 3y &= -4x + 48 & 3y &= -x - 10 \\ y &= -\frac{4}{3}x + 16 & y &= -\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{10}{3} \\ A(a, -\frac{4}{3}a + 16) & & B(b, -\frac{1}{3}b - \frac{10}{3}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{a+b}{2} = 4 \\ \frac{-\frac{4}{3}a + 16 - \frac{1}{3}b - \frac{10}{3}}{2} = 2 \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} a = 6 \\ b = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore A(6, 8)$$

$$B(2, -4)$$

Solutions to HL1 Assignment #8

1. For the given line, we have $m = -2/3$. So $m_{\perp} = 3/2$ with an angle of inclination of 56.3° (3 s.f.).
2. The required coefficient is $\binom{8}{5}2^3(-3)^5 = -108\,864$.
3. We have $z = (5 - 5i)/(2 + i) = (5 - 5i)(2 - i)/5 = 1 - 3i$.
4. Let the number of people be n . We must solve $\binom{n}{2} = 300 \Leftrightarrow n(n-1) = 600$. By inspection $n = 25$.
5. Let the equation of the vertical line be $x = k$. The area of $\triangle OAB = \frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 4 = 18$. So we must solve $\frac{1}{2} \times k \times (\frac{1}{2}k) = 9 \Leftrightarrow k = 6$.
6. We have $\log_2(x+1) - \frac{1}{2}\log_2(3x-1) = 0.5 \Leftrightarrow \log_2[(x+1)^2/(3x-1)] = 1$. Whence the quadratic equation $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$, which has solutions $x = 1$ and $x = 3$.
7. The vertices of this triangle are $(0, 0)$, $(3, 1)$ and $(1, 5)$. The area of this triangle is 7.
8. Substitution gives the quadratic equation $x^2 + (x+c)^2 = 8$. For tangency, we want only one solution for x in this equation. Hence the discriminant, which in this case is $64 - 4c^2$, must be 0. Solving gives $c = \pm 4$.
9. Substitution gives $x^2 + (kx^2 - 1)^2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow x^2(k^2x^2 + 1 - 2k) = 0$. So one solution, a double root in fact is $x = 0$, the other two roots must come from the quadratic equation $k^2x^2 + 1 - 2k = 0$. The discriminant here is $\Delta = 4(2k-1)k^2$. Solving $\Delta > 0$ gives $k > 0.5$. (Question: What does the double root at $x = 0$ imply geometrically?)
10. Let $A = (x_1, y_1)$ and $B = (x_2, y_2)$. We have $x_1 + x_2 = 8$ and $y_1 + y_2 = 4$. Substituting for y_1 and y_2 gives the equation $4x_1 + x_2^2 = 26$. Solving simultaneously for x_1 and x_2 gives $x_1 = 6$ and $x_2 = 2$. Hence $A = (6, 8)$ and $B = (2, -4)$.