

MATH 1013 Mock: Answers and Reminders

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Summary of Testing Areas

Testing Areas

- ① **Function and Limits: (12 Points)**
Q1-4
- ② **Differentiation: (22 Points)**
Q5-9, 16
- ③ **Appli. of Differentiation: (42 Points)**
Q10-11, 17, 19, 20(a)-(d)(ii)
- ④ **Integration: (24 Points)**
Q12-15, 18, 20(d)(iii)

Section 1

MC Questions (45 Points)

MC Answers

Item	1@	2*	3*	4*	5@
Ans	C	A	C	E	A
Item	6*	7	8*	9	10
Ans	D	B	B	D	B
Item	11	12	13	14*	15
Ans	A	C	B	A	E

Note:

- 1 Questions with @ tag has easier variants appeared in other streams.
- 2 Questions with * tag appeared in other streams.

Question 1

- Note that $e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} > -\frac{1}{2}$ for all x . Also, $\cos x \leq 1$ for all x .
- So, the range of $f(x)$ is $(\cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{2}), \cos^{-1}(1)]$.
- Domain of the inverse of f : $[\cos^{-1}(1), \cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{2})) = [0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$

Remarks: Closed/ Open Intervals

Pay attention to closed/ open intervals.

It is a usual area of trap in the final exam.

Reference: MATH 1013 2021-22 Fall Midterm #2

Question 2

Apply rationalization to transform the expression to

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{1+h}-2}{|h+3|} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{1+h}-2}{|h+3|} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+h}+2}{\sqrt{1+h}+2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 3} \frac{h-3}{|h-3|(\sqrt{1+h}+2)}$$

- Left limit

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{h-3}{-(h-3)(\sqrt{1+h}+2)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{1}{-(\sqrt{1+h}+2)} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

- Right limit

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{h-3}{(h-3)(\sqrt{1+h}+2)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+h}+2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

- As $\lim_{h \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{\sqrt{1+h}-2}{|h+3|} \neq \lim_{h \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{\sqrt{1+h}-2}{|h+3|}$, the limit does not exist.

Limit Trap for Absolute Values

- Be careful! $|h - 3| = -(h - 3)$ for $h < 3$.
- Recall that limits only exist when left hand limit $(-)$ equals to the right hand limit $(+)$.
- Absolute values are often culprits of wrong answers in limit questions.

Reference: MATH 1012 Fall 2024-25 Fall Midterm #7

Question 3

- Vertical asymptotes may occur when denominator equals zero.
When
 $(x^2 - x)(x^2 - 5x - 6)(x^2 + 4) = (x)(x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 6)(x^2 + 4) = 0$,
 $x = -1$ or 0 or 1 or 6 .
- However, the numerator is $(x - 1)^2$. The factor $x - 1$ cancels out, meaning there is no vertical asymptote at $x = 1$, as the limit at that point is finite.
- Thus, there are only three asymptotes ($x = -1$, $x = 0$, $x = 6$).

Factoring Trap of Vertical Asymptotes

Candidates may forget the definition of vertical asymptotes:

- The limit should tends to $\pm\infty$ when $x \rightarrow c$!
- However, when the factor gets cancelled out, the limit when $x \rightarrow c$ would be finite.
- Then $x = c$ is NOT a vertical asymptote!

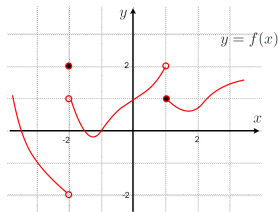
Reference: MATH 1013 2020-21 Fall Final #3/ MATH 1003 Sample Final #2

MCQ 4E*/ Function and Limits/ Limit [Graph]

Question 4

"Limit graph" involves these steps:

- Putting the limit inside:
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(3f(x) - 5) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 3f(x) - 5\right)$$
- Substitution:
$$f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 3f(x) - 5\right) = f\left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 1^-} 3y - 5\right)$$
- The limit evaluates to
$$f\left(\lim_{u \rightarrow -2^-} u\right) = \lim_{u \rightarrow -2^-} f(u) = -2$$



Reference: MATH 1012 Fall 2023 Midterm Q7

Question 5

- ① Group the terms to reduce the limit to manageable parts:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{hf(2+h)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(f(2+h) - f(2+h+h^2))}{h}$$

- ② The first term simplifies to

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{hf(2+h)}{h} = f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2+h) = f(2) = 4.$$

- ③ The second term is a "0/0" limit. Applying L'Hôpital's Rule yields

$$2 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(2+h) - (1+2h)f'(2+h+h^2)}{1}$$

$$= 2 \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f'(2+h) - f'(2+h+h^2) + 2hf'(2+h+h^2) \right)$$

The second term evaluates to $2(f'(2) - f'(2) - 0f'(2)) = 0$.

Final answer : 4.

Question 6

- L.H. derivative: $4e^x + m$ (the function is clearly continuous).
- R.H. derivative: $\frac{d(\ln(\ln(x+e)))}{dx} = \frac{d(\ln(\ln(x+e)))}{d(\ln(x+e))} \cdot \frac{d(\ln(x+e))}{d(x+e)} \cdot \frac{d(x+e)}{dx}$
- At $x = 0$, differentiability requires
$$4e^0 + m = \frac{1}{\ln(0+e)} \cdot \frac{1}{0+e} \implies m = \frac{1}{e} - 4$$

Reference: MATH 1013 2019-20 Fall Final #6

Question 7

- Chain rule: $\frac{d}{dx} (f \circ g^{-1}(x)) \Big|_{x=1} = f'(g^{-1}(x)) \Big|_{x=1} \cdot (g^{-1})'(x) \Big|_{x=1}$
- The first term evaluates to $f'(1) = 4$.
- By inverse function theorem, the second term evaluates to $\frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(x))} = \frac{1}{g(2)} = \frac{1}{3}$.
- Combining, the answer is $\frac{4}{3}$.

Reference: MATH1012 Fall 2023-24 Midterm #15

Potential Trap on Derivative

In fact, this question could contain a hidden trap!

- If I didn't amend the question, the answer is actually 0 (the expression to differentiate was a constant!)
- Be careful if this happens in the finals...

Question 8

$h(x)$ is an obvious candidate for logarithmic differentiation.

- Employing the method, $\ln h(x) = 2e^{3x} \ln x$.
- Differentiating,

$$\frac{1}{h(x)} h'(x) = \frac{h'(x)}{h(x)} = \frac{2e^{3x}}{x} + 3(2e^{3x})(\ln x) = e^{3x} \left(\frac{2}{x} + 6 \ln x \right)$$

Reference: MATH1013 Fall 2018 Midterm #12

Question 9

Recall the Newton's Method has iteration formula $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$.

- The objective is $f(x_n) = x_n^3 - 1 + 3 \cos x_n$
- Its derivative $f'(x_n) = 3x_n^2 - 3 \sin x_n$
- So, the iteration formula is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 - 1 + 3 \cos x_n}{3x_n^2 - 3 \sin x_n}$$

References: MATH 1013 2018-19 Fall Final #15

Question 10

The box has width and length both being $(6 - 2x)$, and height x .

- Objective function is $V(x) = x(6 - 2x)(6 - 2x) = 4x^3 - 24x^2 + 36x$.
- $\frac{dV}{dx} = 12x^2 - 48x + 36 = 12(x - 3)(x - 1)$,
which attains zero at $x^* = 1$ or $x^* = 3$.
- Note that $\frac{d^2V}{dx^2} = 24x - 48$ which is < 0 for $x^* = 1$, and > 0 for $x^* = 3$. Therefore $V(1) = 16$ is the maximum volume attainable.

Reference: Libretexts// MATH 1012 2020-21 Fall Final #15

Question 11

Note that $g(x) = \frac{(x-3)^{2024}}{2024} + C$:

- For A, g' changes sign ($-$ to $+$) through $x = 3$.
So g attains a minimum.
- For B, $g''(x) = 2023(x-3)^{2022}$, which does not change sign through $x = 3$.
So g does not have an inflection point at $x = 3$.
- For C and D, $\frac{d}{dx}(xg(x)) = g(x) + xg'(x)$, which may not be zero as $g(3) = C$ is arbitrary. So they are both not necessarily true.

Beware of the arbitrary constant!

Question 12

Differentiate all answers:

$$A. \frac{d}{dx} \left(-\frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} + C \right) = -\frac{\cos x}{1 + \cos x} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{(1 + \cos x)^2}$$

$$\text{which simplifies to } -\frac{1 + \cos x}{(1 + \cos x)^2} = -\frac{1}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$\text{So, C is the answer as } \frac{d}{dx} \left(-\frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} + C \right) = \frac{1}{1 + \cos x}.$$

$$B. \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\cos x}{1 + \cos x} + C \right) = -\frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} - \frac{\sin x \cos x}{(1 + \cos x)^2}$$

$$\text{which simplifies to } \frac{-\sin x(1 + \cos x)}{(1 + \cos x)^2} = -\frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}.$$

$$E. \text{ Similarly, } \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\sin(x) \cos(x)}{1 + \cos(x)} \right) = \frac{-\sin^2(x) + \cos^3(x) + \cos^2(x)}{(1 + \cos(x))^2}$$

Reminder: Q12

Reminder: Antiderivatives

Sometimes you don't know when to start for "elegant integration by substitution".

- If a list of candidates are given, just do it (brute force) by testing with differentiation.
- In this question, spotting the negative sign can help reduce unnecessary calculations across choices.

Reference: MATH 1013 2017-18 Fall Final #12

Question 13

Applying Fundamental Theorem of Calculus with Chain rule,

- Differentiating w.r.t. x yields $f(x) + x^3 f(x^3) \cdot 3x^2 = 4x^3$
- Substituting $x = 1$ yields $f(1) + (1)f(1) \cdot 3(1) = 4(1)$
- $f(1) = 1$

Reference: MATH 1013 2017-18 Fall Final #17

Question 14

Note that $\int_0^1 \frac{1 + 2e^{3x}}{1 + e^{3x}} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1 + e^{3x}}{1 + e^{3x}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{e^{3x}}{1 + e^{3x}} dx.$

- The first integral is simply $\int_0^1 dx = [x]_0^1 = 1$
- For the second integral, apply substitution $u = 1 + e^{3x}$:
 $du = 3e^{3x} dx$, when $x = 1$, $u = 1 + e^3$; when $x = 0$, $u = 2$.

- Then, the second integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{e^{3x}}{1 + e^{3x}} dx = \int_2^{1+e^3} \frac{1}{3} \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{3} [\ln u]_2^{1+e^3} = \frac{1}{3} \ln\left(\frac{1 + e^3}{2}\right)$$

- Summing up, the integral evaluates to $1 + \frac{1}{3} \ln\left(\frac{1 + e^3}{2}\right).$

Reminder: Q14

Reminder: When to substitute? When to break?

- If you see similar terms in numerator/ denominator, factor/ divide them out. You will likely benefit from it!
- Recall differentiating a constant returns 0. For substitution:
 - ① It is common to write $d(e^{ax} + k) = ae^{ax}dx$.
 - ② Another common substitution is using $d(x^a + b) = ax^{a-1}dx$.
- Obtain the constant a for substitution by dividing it elsewhere.

It is also a common (careless) error that $e^0 = 1$, NOT zero.

Reference: MATH 1012 2015-16 Fall Final #9

Question 15

With the absolute sign in the integrand, we must split f into increasing and decreasing parts:

- f is increasing in $(0, 3)$, and $(\frac{13}{2}, 8)$; it is decreasing in $(3, \frac{13}{2})$.
- Thus, $\int_0^8 |f'(x)| dx = \int_0^3 f'(x) dx - \int_3^{\frac{13}{2}} f'(x) dx + \int_{\frac{13}{2}}^8 f'(x) dx$
- The answer yields $(4 - (-5)) - (-3 - 4) + (0 - (-3)) = 19$.

In recent years, more complex variants like $\int_0^8 f(x) \cdot |f'(x)| dx$ have appeared, but the method remains similar.

References: MATH 1013 2017-18 Fall Final #15/ 2019-20 Final #21

LQ 16 (a)/ Differentiation/ L'Hôpital's Rule

Question 16(a) - Constant A [4 pts]

The given limit is of $0/0$ form.

- [1 pt: First application]

Applying L'Hôpital once, the limit becomes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin x \cos x + 2Ax}{4x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x + 2Ax}{4x^3}$$

- [1 pt: Second Application]

Applying the second time, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos 2x + 2A}{12x^2}$

- [2 pts: Deduce condition for limit to exist + Answer]

The limit may exist only if it is of $0/0$ form (the denominator $\rightarrow 0$).

$$\text{So, } 2 \cos(2(0)) + 2A = 0 \implies A = -1$$

LQ 16 (b)/ Differentiation/ L'Hôpital's Rule

Question 16(b) - Limit L [3 pts]

- [1 pt: Third Application]

The limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos 2x - 2}{12x^2}$ is of "0/0" form

Applying L'Hôpital again reduces to $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4 \sin 2x}{24x}$

- [2 pt: Final Application + Answer]

Applying L'Hôpital for a final time, the limit evaluates to

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-8 \cos 2x}{24} = \frac{-8(1)}{24} = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

Deduct 1 pt in (a) or (b) if does not state "0/0" condition.

Sometimes, you need to deduce the form of limit from its existence: common technique in HKALE (that has appeared in Calc I finals).

Question 17(a) - Similar Solids [4 pts]

- [1 pt: Similar 2D for original cone]

Suppose the height of the cone being "cut" to form the frustum is h' cm. Applying similar ratios, $\frac{h'}{h'+24} = \frac{40}{50} \implies h' = 96$.

- [1 pt: Original Quantities of Volume/ Surface Area]

Then, the volume of the cut cone is $\frac{\pi}{3}(96)(40^2) = 51200\pi \text{ cm}^3$, and its curved surface area $\pi(\sqrt{96^2 + 40^2})(40) = 4160\pi \text{ cm}^2$.

- [2 pts: Similar 2D/ 3D for desired quantity + Followthrough]

Applying similar solids, $\frac{V+51200\pi}{51200\pi} = \left(\frac{h+96}{96}\right)^3$ and

$$\frac{A+4160\pi}{4160\pi} = \left(\frac{h+96}{96}\right)^2$$

$$\text{So, } V = \frac{25\pi}{432} [(96 + h)^3 - 96^3] \text{ and } A = \frac{65\pi}{144} [(96 + h)^2 - 96^2].$$

Question 17(b) - Rate of Change [4 pts]

- [1 pt: Differentiating w.r.t. t]

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{25\pi}{144}(96 + h)^2 \frac{dh}{dt} \text{ and } \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{65\pi}{72}(96 + h) \frac{dh}{dt}$$

- [2 pts: Obtain trend/ proportion on dA/dt]

① With $\frac{dV}{dt} = 60\pi \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ fixed, $\frac{dh}{dt} \propto \frac{1}{(96 + h)^2}$

② Consequently, $\frac{dA}{dt} \propto \frac{1}{(96 + h)}$, which is decreasing as h increases

from 0 to 24. [Exact answer: $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{26}{5(96 + h)} \frac{dV}{dt}$]

- [1 pt: Answers with end points]

So, $\frac{dA}{dt}$ decreases from $\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right|_{h=0} = \frac{13}{4}\pi$ to $\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right|_{h=24} = \frac{13}{5}\pi$ throughout.

Reminder: Q17

Use of Similarity

- **Similar triangles/ solids** are necessary for such mensuration rate of change questions.
- The key is to visualize the cut/ original solids to clarify what solids/ triangles to apply similarity.
- Beware of the power (2 or 3?) of similarity.
- There were many examples in HKDSE M2.

References:

HKDSE 2012 M2 #6; MATH 1013 2019-2020 Fall Final #12

LQ 18 (a)/ Integration/ Substitution

Question 18(a) - Substitution [5 pts]

Note that $x^3 = x(x^2) = x[(9 + x^2) - 9]$.

- [1 pt: State substitution]

Consider the substitution $u = 9 + x^2$. Then $du = 2xdx$.

- [2 pts: Split $x^2 = (x^2 + 9) - 9$ and complete transformation]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Rewrite } \frac{x^3}{9 + x^2} dx &= \frac{x[(9 + x^2) - 9]}{9 + x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2xdx) \left[1 - \frac{9}{9 + x^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{9}{u} \right) du\end{aligned}$$

- [2 pts: Evaluate u and back-substitute x]

$$\text{So, the integral becomes } \frac{1}{2} \int \left(1 - \frac{9}{u} \right) du = \frac{u}{2} - \frac{9}{2} \ln|u| + C.$$

$$\text{Finally, the answer is } \frac{9 + x^2}{2} - \frac{9}{2} \ln(9 + x^2) + C.$$

Alternative to LQ 18(a)

- [1 pt: State substitution]

Consider the substitution $x = 3 \tan \theta$. Then $dx = 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta$.

- [1 pt: Complete transformation]

$$\text{Then } \int \frac{x^3}{9+x^2} dx = \int \frac{27 \tan^3 \theta (3 \sec^2 \theta)}{9+9 \tan^2 \theta} d\theta = \int 9 \tan^3 \theta d\theta$$

- [2 pts: Evaluate u and back-substitute x]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } \int 9 \tan^3 \theta d\theta &= \int 9 \tan \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta - \int 9 \tan \theta d\theta \\ &= 9 \int \tan \theta d(\tan \theta) + 9 \int \frac{d(\cos \theta)}{\cos \theta} = \frac{9}{2} \tan^2 \theta + 9 \ln |\cos \theta| + C \end{aligned}$$

- [1 pt: Back-substitute x]

$$\text{Finally, the answer is } \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{9}{2} \ln(9+x^2) + C.$$

LQ 18 (b)/ Integration/ Riemann Integral

Question 18(b) - Identifying Riemann Integral [4 pts]

- [2 pts: Summation with interval + Division]

Rewrite S in summation:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i^3}{9n^3 + ni^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^3}{9 + \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right)$$

- [1 pt: End points and total interval]

So, the Riemann sum uses (right) end-points $x_i = \frac{i}{n}$, meaning the sample points cover $[0, 1]$, not $[0, 4]$. So, $\Delta x = \frac{1}{n}$.

- [1 pt: Correct Integral]

The factor 4 in $\frac{4}{n}$ should be factored out, resulting in the integral

$4 \int_0^1 f(x) dx$. Thus, the student is NOT correct.

Reminder: Q18

In identifying the Riemann integral, always follow the steps:

- 1 Rewrite the sum as a summation.
- 2 Divide the fraction to spot any term relevant to $\frac{k \cdot i}{n}$ (k constant).
- 3 Determine the width $b - a$ with the **sample points** x_i , not the multiple of $\frac{1}{n}$. Correspondingly, regenerate the term $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$
- 4 Finally, convert the sum into the integral with bounds a and b .

Reference: 2018 HKDSE M2 #5(a)

Question 19(a) - Implicit Differentiation [4 pts]

- [2 pts: Implicitly differentiate each sides w.r.t. x]

$$y + x \frac{dy}{dx} = -y \sin(xy) - x \sin(xy) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

So, $y(1 + \sin(xy)) + x \frac{dy}{dx}(1 + \sin(xy)) = 0$. The result follows.

- [2 pts: Considering counterargument]

For $1 + \sin(xy) = 0$, $\sin(xy) = -1$, $xy \neq 0$

But, $\cos(xy) = \sqrt{1 - (-1)^2} = 0 = xy$, contradicting with the requirement $xy \neq 0$.

- So, $y + x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \implies \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$

Question 19(b)(i) - Intermediate Value Theorem [3 pts]

- [1 pt: mention $\cos u$ is decreasing]

Note that $\frac{d}{du}(\cos u - u) = -\sin u - 1 < 0$ for all $0 < u < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

So, $\cos u$ is decreasing throughout $0 < u < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

- [2 pts: Applying IVT]

Noting that $0 - \cos(0) = -1 < 0$ and $\frac{\pi}{2} - \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{2} > 0$,

The equation (*) has exactly one root in $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

Question 19(b)(ii) - Tangent Slope [4 pts]

- [1 pt: Matching Slope]

The line L has slope -1 . So, $\frac{dy}{dx} = -1 = -\frac{y}{x} \implies x = y$.

- [3 pts: Applying IVT]

Substituting $x = y$ into the curve C , we have $x^2 = \cos(x^2)$.

- 1 By (i), we know for $0 < x^2 < \frac{\pi}{2}$, there is exactly one value of x satisfying $x^2 = \cos(x^2)$.

Denoting this value by $x = u$. Then, $u^2 = \cos(u^2)$.

- 2 Also note that $x = -u$ is the only value $\in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ satisfying $x^2 = \cos(x^2)$.

Thus, there exists two tangents to C parallel to the straight line $L : x + y = 0$.

Question 19(c) - Mean Value Theorem [2 pts]

- [1 pt: point out discontinuity]

Note that $f(x)$ is NOT defined at $x = 0$. Thus, $f(x)$ is NOT continuous over $[a, b]$.

Alternative answer:

Note that $f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$ is NOT defined at $x = 0$. Thus, $f(x)$ is NOT differentiable over $[a, b]$.

- [1 pt: followthrough]

As the prerequisites of MVT are not satisfied, the student's application of MVT is incorrect.

LQ 20 (a)(b)/ Appli of Differentiation/ Asymptotes

Question 22(a) - Asymptotes [2 pts]

Question 22(b) - Derivative [2 pts]

- [2 pts: Asymptotes (Answers only)]

Horizontal asymptote: $y = 3$; Vertical asymptote: $x = 1$

- [2 pts: Derivatives (Answers only)]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{4}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{2(k-1)}{(x-1)^3}; \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{8}{(x-1)^3} - \frac{6(k-1)}{(x-1)^4}$$

You may find this unexpectedly short!

- This question highlights the use case of partial fractions/ long div.
- HKDSE features asymptotes in the first part after long div. Uses:
(1) Easy spotting of **asymptotes** and (2) Easy **differentiation**

Question 20(c) - Minimum for all k ? [5 pts]

- [1 pt: Set first derivative zero]

$$\text{Setting } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \implies -4(x-1) + 2(k+1) = 0 \implies x^* = \frac{k+1}{2}$$

- [1 pt: Case Undefined]

For $k = 1$, $x^* = 1$ where Γ is undefined. This cannot be minimum.

- [2 pts: Case Minimum]

$$\text{For } k \neq 1, \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=\frac{k+1}{2}} = \left[\frac{8}{(x-1)^3} - \frac{6(k-1)}{(x-1)^4} \right]_{x=\frac{k+1}{2}} = -\frac{32}{(k-1)^3}.$$

$$\text{For } k < 1, k-1 < 0 \implies -\frac{32}{(k-1)^3} = \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=\frac{k+1}{2}} > 0,$$

i.e. Γ has a minimum point.

- [1 pt: Answer]

Thus, the claim is incorrect: Γ only has minimum for $k \in (-\infty, 1)$.

LQ 20(d)(i), (ii)/ Appli. of Differentiation/ Sketch

Question 22(d)(i) - Inflection Points to Solve k [2 pts]

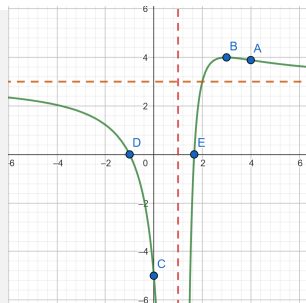
Question 22(d)(ii) - Sketch Graph [4 pts]

[1 pt: Set second d. zero + 1 pt: Followthrough]

$$\text{As } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \Big|_{x=4} = 0, \frac{8}{(4-1)^3} - \frac{6(k-1)}{(4-1)^4} = 0 \implies k = 5$$

Each characteristic is worth 1 pt:

- ① Two asymptotes
- ② x -, y - intercepts
(points C , D , E)
- ③ Maximum and Inflection points
(points B , A)
- ④ Overall shape



Question 22(d)(iii) - Area Bounded [3 pts]

- [1 pt: Identify Area Integral]

The area $A = \int_{\frac{5}{3}}^4 \frac{3x^2 - 2x - 5}{(x-1)^2} dx = \int_{\frac{5}{3}}^4 3 + \frac{4}{x-1} - \frac{4}{(x-1)^2} dx$

- [1 pt: Evaluate the integral]

$$A = \left[3x + 4 \ln |x-1| + \frac{4}{x-1} \right]_{\frac{5}{3}}^4$$

- [1 pt: Answer]

The area is $\frac{7}{3} + 4 \ln \frac{9}{2} \approx 8.3496$.