

$$f(n) = 1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \dots + n \cdot n!$$

Find the general form of  $f(n)$

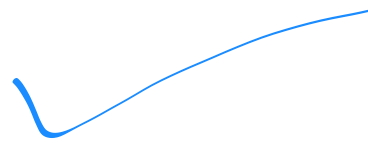
$$f(1) = 1$$

$$f(2) = 5$$

$$f(3) = 23$$

$$f(4) = 119.$$

$$f(n) = (n+1)! - 1.$$



Note that  $f(n+1) = f(n) + (n+1) \cdot (n+1)!$

Claim

$$\underline{f(n) + (n+1) \cdot (n+1)! = (n+1)! - 1}$$

$$f(n) = (n+1)! \left( (n+2) - (n+1) \right) - 1$$

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$S$  is a geometric sequence

The sum of first 6 terms of  $S$  is equal to 9 times the sum of first 3 terms.

The 7<sup>th</sup> term of  $S$  is 360.

Find the 1<sup>st</sup> term.

$$S = a, ar, ar^2, \dots, ar^n$$

$$S_6 = \frac{a(1-r^6)}{1-r} ; r \neq 1.$$

$$\underline{\frac{a(1-r^3)}{1-r}} S_3$$

$$\frac{\cancel{a}(1-r^6)}{\cancel{1-r}} = \frac{9\cancel{a}(1-r^3)}{\underline{1-r}}$$

$$1-r^6 = 9(1-r^3)$$

$$\underline{1+r^3 = 9}$$

$$r^3 = 8$$

$$v = 2$$

$$6a2 = 360$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 90 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 360 \\ \hline 16 \\ 8 \end{array}$$

$$a = 64$$

Consider graph of  $y = e^x$   
 Determine which of the following is the greatest.

$$1. \sum_{n=1}^{100} e^n$$

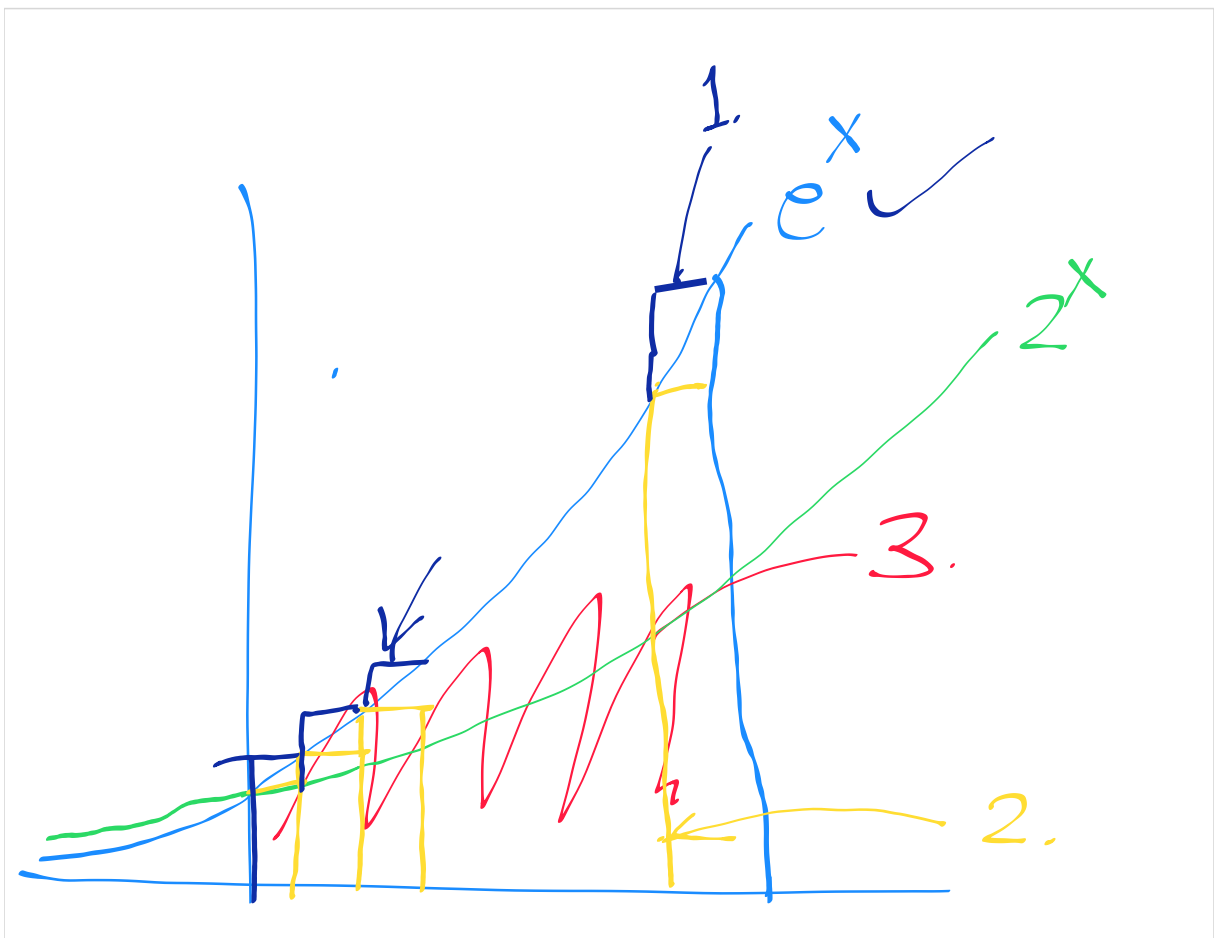


$$2. \sum_{n=1}^{100} e^{n-1}$$

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$$3. \int_0^x e^x dx$$

$$4. \int_0^{160} \frac{x}{2} dx$$



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The monic polynomial

$p(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , where

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 85$$

$$p'(\alpha) + p'(\beta) + p'(\gamma) = 87.$$

Find  $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha$ .

Note that,

$$p(x) = (x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma).$$

$$\begin{aligned} p'(x) &= (x-\beta)(x-\gamma) \\ &\quad + (x-\alpha)((x-\gamma) + (x-\beta)) \\ &= (x-\beta)(x-\gamma) + (x-\alpha)(x-\gamma) \\ &\quad + (x-\alpha)(x-\beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$p'(\alpha) = p'(\beta) + p'(\gamma)$$

$$= (\alpha-\beta)(\alpha-\gamma) + (\beta-\alpha)(\beta-\gamma) + (\gamma-\alpha)(\gamma-\beta)$$

$$= \alpha^2 - \alpha\gamma - \beta\alpha + \beta\gamma + \beta^2 - \beta\gamma - \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma$$

$$+ \gamma^2 - \gamma\beta - \alpha\gamma + \alpha\beta.$$

$$\Rightarrow 87 = 85 - \alpha\beta - \gamma\beta - \alpha\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma = -2$$

Find the coefficient of  $x$  in

$$(1+x)^0 + (1+x)^1 + \overset{80}{(1+x)^2} + \dots + (1+x)^{80}$$

$$\underbrace{(1+x)^n}_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r$$

$$\binom{n}{1} = n$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 80$$

$$= \frac{\overset{40}{80} \cdot 81}{2}$$



$$= 3240$$

Find  $A \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$  such that exactly

two of the following state-  
ments are true.

1.  $A+82$  is square

2. The last digit of  $A$  is 5

3.  $A-7$  is square.

$$A+82 = a^2 \quad \& \quad A-7 = b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow A = a^2 - 82 = b^2 + 7$$

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$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow (a-b)(a+b) = 89.$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = 89$$

$$a-b = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 90$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 45 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$b = 44.$$

$$A = 2025 - 82$$

$$= 1943$$

Prove a)  $A+82$  is square then

$A \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$   $A$  does not end with 5.

b)  $A-7$  is square number

then  $A$  doesn't end with 5.

$$A + 82 = a^2$$

Suppose  $A = 10k + 5$ .

$$a^2 = A + 82 = 10k + 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$$

$$0, 1, 4, 9,$$

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Determine  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$   
where  $p, p+2$  are primes

$$\& \quad 2^a p^b = (p+2)^c - 1.$$

Note  $p=3, (a, b, c) = (3, 1, 2)$

is a solution.

$p \equiv 2(3)$  can't be a  
solution

$p \equiv 1(3)$  sol  $\Rightarrow a$  is odd.

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There is a straight line that is normal to the curve  $y = x^3 - kx$  at two different points if and only if

- (a)  $k \geq \sqrt{3}$ ,
- (b)  $k^2 \geq 3$ ,
- (c)  $k^2 \geq 1$ ,
- (d)  $k \geq 1$ ,
- (e)  $k \geq \sqrt{3}$  or  $k \leq -1$ .

A normal line has a

$$\text{slope} = \frac{-1}{3x^2 - k} \text{ at } (x, y(x)).$$

So at  $x=a$  a normal line has slope  $\frac{-1}{3a^2 - k}$ .

If  $a, b$  are two points with same normal line then

$$3a^2 - k = 3b^2 - k.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = b^2$$

$$a \neq b \Rightarrow a = -b.$$

Now, normal line pass

through  $a$  &  $b$ . Hence

~~if~~ Normal line = line through

Hence  $\nearrow$  both  $a, b$ .  
slopes are same.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{3a^2 - k} = \frac{(a^3 - ka) - (-a^3 + ka)}{a - (-a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{3a^2 - k} = \frac{2a^3 - 2ka}{2a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{3a^2 - k} = a^2 - k$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a^4 - 3a^2k - ka^2 + k^2$$
$$= 0$$

We take  $a^2 = u$

$$\Rightarrow 3u^2 - 4ku + (k^2 + 1)$$

$\searrow \rightarrow \textcircled{A}$

We know  $a$  exist & hence  
 $\textcircled{A}$  has soln.

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 16k^2 - 12(k^2 + 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4k^2 - 3k^2 - 3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^2 \geq 3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k \geq \sqrt{3}$$



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The point  $A$  has coordinates  $(3, 4)$ . The origin  $(0, 0)$  and the point  $A$  both lie on the circumference of a circle  $C$ . The diameter of  $C$  through  $A$  also meets  $C$  at another point  $B$ . The distance between  $B$  and the origin is 10. It follows that the coordinates of  $B$  could be either

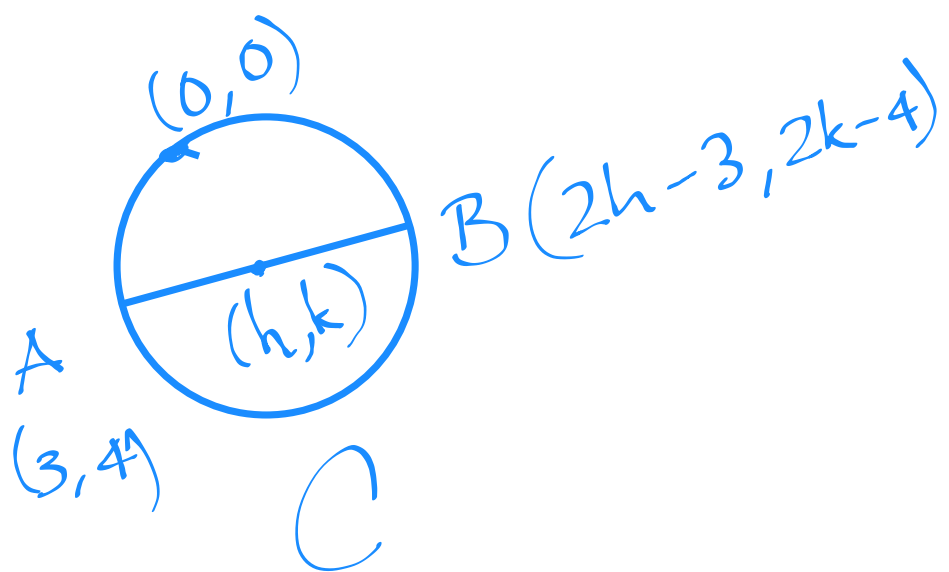
(a)  $(-5\sqrt{2}, 5\sqrt{2})$  or  $(5\sqrt{2}, -5\sqrt{2})$ ,

(b)  $(-4, 3)$  or  $(4, -3)$ ,

(c)  $(-5, 5\sqrt{3})$  or  $(5, -5\sqrt{3})$ ,

(d)  $(-8, 6)$  or  $(8, -6)$ ,

(e)  $(-5\sqrt{3}, 5)$  or  $(5\sqrt{3}, -5)$ .



Note  $h^2 + k^2 = r^2 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$$\frac{(3-h)^2}{r^2} + \frac{(4-k)^2}{r^2} = 1$$

$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 9 - 6h + 16 - 2k =$

$\hookrightarrow \textcircled{3}$

Note,  $B = (2h-3, 2k-4)$

$$\Rightarrow (2h-3)^2 + (2k-4)^2 = 10^2$$

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$\hookrightarrow \textcircled{4}$

$$[\text{Dist}(\text{Origin}, B) = 10]$$

$$\textcircled{3} \textcircled{4} \Rightarrow (h, k) =$$

$(+5\frac{1}{2}, 5)$

or

$$(11\frac{1}{2}, -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = (-5-3, 6)$$
$$= (-8, 6)$$

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or

$$\begin{aligned} B &= (11 - 3, -2 - 4) \\ &= (8, -6) \end{aligned}$$



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Show that:

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^n e^{-kx} dx = \frac{n!}{k^{n+1}} \quad \text{for } k > 0$$

Put  $u=kx$ ,

$$x = u/k$$

$$\Rightarrow dx = du/k.$$

$$I_n(k) = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{u}{k}\right)^n e^{-u} \frac{du}{k}$$
$$= \frac{1}{k^{n+1}} \int_0^{\infty} u^n e^{-u} du. \quad I_n$$

$$\stackrel{\text{IBP}}{=} \frac{1}{k^{n+1}} \left( u^n (-e^{-u}) \Big|_0^{\infty} - n \int_0^{\infty} (-e^{-u}) u^{n-1} du \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{k^{n+1}} \left( u^n e^{-u} \Big|_0^{\infty} + n \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} u^{n-1} du \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_n = n I_{n-1}.$$

$$u^n e^{-u} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$\Rightarrow J_n = n! J_1 = n! \int_0^\infty e^{-u} du \\ = n!$$