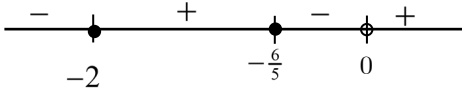


## 2. Equations and Inequalities (solutions)

### (I) Equations

1	$d + f + g = 140 \quad \dots(1)$ $g = d + f + 20 \Rightarrow d + f - g = -20 \quad \dots(2)$ $21d + 42f + 10g = 2900 \quad \dots(3)$ Solving the 3 equations, $d = 20, f = 40, g = 80$
2	Let $x, y,$ and $z$ be the number of trays of blueberry, strawberry and chocolate cupcakes respectively. Time: $8x + 7y + 6z = 17 \times 60 = 1020$ Amt: $0.6x + 0.6y + 0.8z = 96$ Price: $12x(1) + 12y(0.9) + 12z(0.8) = 1572$ Using GC, $x = 50, y = 50, z = 45$
3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>2) Let the price (per kg) for crab, lobster and bamboo clam for his first visit be <math>c, l, b</math>.</p> <math display="block">3 \cdot 20c + 1 \cdot 50l + 7b = 277.50</math> <math display="block">5 \cdot 60c + 1 \cdot 20(1.1l) + 6 \cdot 50b = 347</math> <math display="block">4 \cdot 50c + 2(1.1^2l) + 6 \cdot 50b = 395.18</math> <p>From GC, <math>c = 36.20, l = 79.9983, b = 5.95</math></p> <p>Required price: <math>\\$36.20, \\$79.9983 \times 1.1^2 = \\$96.80</math>              and <math>\\$5.95</math> respectively.</p> </div>
4	Let $x$ be no. of chickens. Let $y$ be no. of horses. Let $z$ be no. of sheep. $z = 2x \quad \Rightarrow 2x + 0y - z = 0 \quad \dots(1)$ $2x + 4y + 4z = 1250 \quad \Rightarrow 2x + 4y + 4z = 1250 \quad \dots(2)$  <b>Case 1:</b> If $x + y + z = 250 \quad \dots(3)$ By GC, $x = -125, y = 625, z = -250$ (rejected)  (Alternative): Reject $x + y + z = 250$ , because any combination of 250 animals will never have 1250 legs. (Maximum no of legs = $250 \times 4 = 1000$ )

	<p><b>Case 2:</b> If <math>x + y + z = 350</math> -----(3) By GC, <math>x = 75, y = 125, z = 150</math> <math>\therefore</math> Correct number of chickens =75, horses =125, sheep = 150</p>																
5	<p>Finding table values in SGD,</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Cheese/kg</td><td>Chocolate/kg</td><td>Candy/kg</td></tr><tr><td>Price/SGD</td><td>4</td><td>6</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Price/SGD</td><td>8</td><td>10</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Price/SGD</td><td>8</td><td>5</td><td>7</td></tr></table> <p>Let <math>x, y, z</math> be the number of three kg packs bought from Denmark, England and Russia respectively. <math>4x + 8y + 8z = 84</math> <math>6x + 10y + 5z = 85</math> <math>6x + 4y + 7z = 77</math> <math>x = 5, y = 3, z = 5</math> She should buy 13 packs in total.</p>		Cheese/kg	Chocolate/kg	Candy/kg	Price/SGD	4	6	6	Price/SGD	8	10	4	Price/SGD	8	5	7
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6	<p>Sub (1,1) and (2,2) into <math>y = h(x)</math> . <math>a + b + c + d = 1</math> ----- (1) <math>8a + 4b + 2c + d = 2</math> -----(2) Since (2,2) is also the stationary point, <math>h'(2) = 0</math> . i.e. <math>12a + 4b + c = 0</math> ----- (3) Using the GC, <math>a = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}d</math> <math>b = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{4}d</math> <math>c = -2d</math></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><math>\frac{ab}{c} \leq 0</math></p> <p><math>\frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}d\right)\left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{4}d\right)}{-2d} \leq 0</math></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><math>\{d \in \mathbb{R} : d \leq -2 \text{ or } -\frac{6}{5} \leq d &lt; 0\}</math></p>																

7	<p><math>M: x^2 + y^2 + Ax + By + C = 0</math></p> $\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{A}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y + \frac{B}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{A^2}{4} - \frac{B^2}{4} + C = 0$ <p>Centre of <math>M: \left(-\frac{A}{2}, -\frac{B}{2}\right)</math></p> <p><math>y = -2(x+1)</math> passes through the centre:</p> $-\frac{B}{2} = -2\left(-\frac{A}{2} + 1\right)$ $2A + B = 4 \quad \text{----- (1)}$ <p>At intersection between <math>y =  x </math> and <math>M</math>, we have</p> $x^2 +  x ^2 + Ax + B x  + C = 0$ <p>At <math>x = -2</math>,</p> $(-2)^2 + ( -2 )^2 + A(-2) + B( -2 ) + C = 0$ $-2A + 2B + C = -8 \quad \text{----- (2)}$ <p>At <math>x = -8</math>,</p> $(-8)^2 + ( -8 )^2 + A(-8) + B( -8 ) + C = 0$ $-8A + 8B + C = -128 \quad \text{----- (3)}$ <p>Solving (2), (3) and (4) using GC:  <math>A = 8, B = -12, C = 32</math></p> <p><math>M: x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 12y + 32 = 0</math></p>
8	<p>Let <math>x : y : z</math> be the ratio for the servings of fish fillet, salad and fries.</p> $150x + 15y + 5z = 4k$ $60x + 30y + 250z = 8k$ $25x + 5y + 110z = 3k \text{ where } k \text{ is a constant.}$ $150x + 15y + 5z = 4$ $60x + 30y + 250z = 8$ $25x + 5y + 110z = 3$ <p>Solving matrix or simultaneous equations  <math>x = 0.02, y = 0.06, z = 0.02</math></p> <p>Ratio is 1:3:1 (ans)</p>
9	<p>(i) Let <math>u_n = an^3 + bn^2 + cn + d</math></p> $u_1 = a + b + c + d = 32.1$

$$u_2 = 8a + 4b + 2c + d = 17$$

$$u_3 = 27a + 9b + 3c + d = 0.7$$

$$u_4 = 64a + 16b + 4c + d = -7.8$$

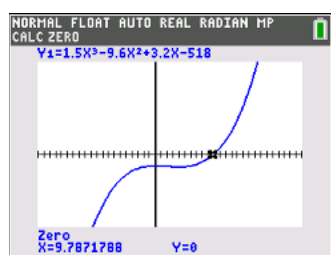
Using GC,  $a = 1.5$ ,  $b = -9.6$ ,  $c = 3.2$ ,  $d = 37$

$$\therefore u_n = 1.5n^3 - 9.6n^2 + 3.2n + 37$$

(ii)

$$u_n > 555 \Rightarrow 1.5n^3 - 9.6n^2 + 3.2n - 518 > 0$$

### Method 1



From GC graphing,  $n > 9.7871$

$\therefore$  least value of  $n = 10$

### Method 2

From GC Table,

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP		PRESS + FOR $\Delta$ Tb1			
X	Y1				
1	-522.9				
2	-538				
3	-554.3				
4	-562.8				
5	-554.5				
6	-520.4				
7	-451.5				
8	-338.8				
9	-173.3				
10	54				
11	352.1				

X=10

$\therefore$  least value of  $n = 10$

## (II) Inequalities

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$$\frac{x+3}{x-1} < x < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{x+3}{x-1} < x \quad \text{and} \quad x < \frac{1}{2}$$

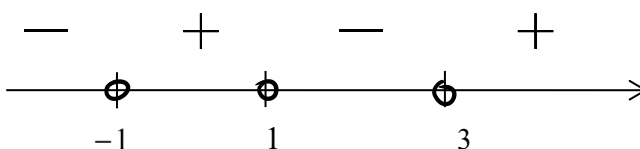
$$\frac{x+3-x(x-1)}{x-1} < 0$$

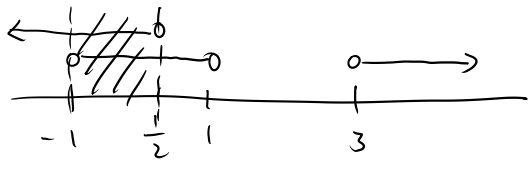
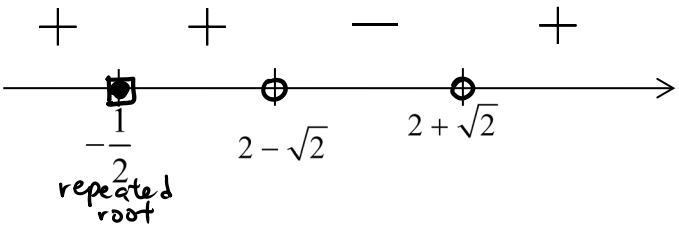
$$\frac{3+2x-x^2}{x-1} < 0$$

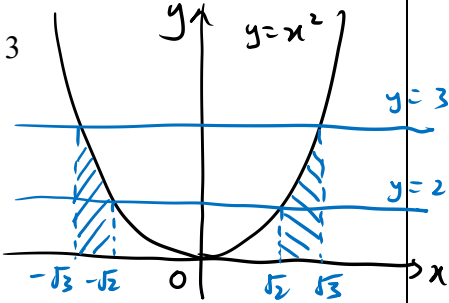
$$\frac{x^2-2x-3}{x-1} > 0$$

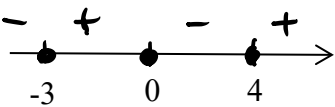
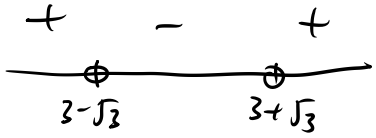
$$\frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{x-1} > 0$$

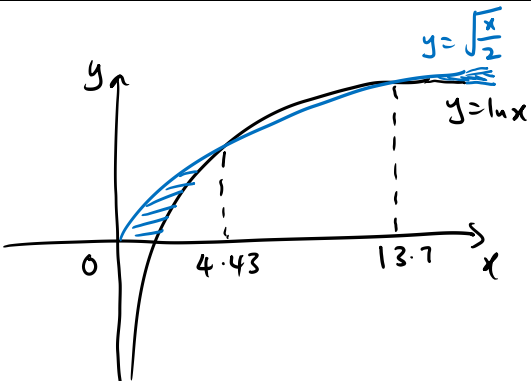
$$\therefore -1 < x < 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x > 3$$



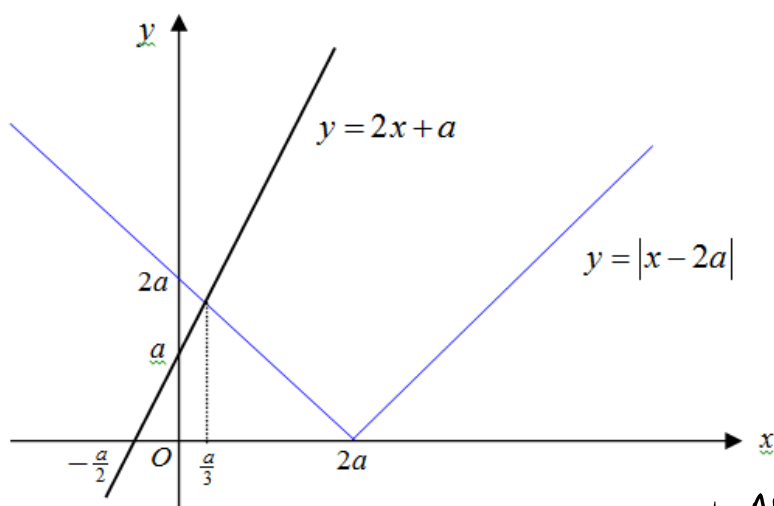
	<p>Since <math>x &lt; \frac{1}{2}</math>, <math>-1 &lt; x &lt; \frac{1}{2}</math></p> 
11	<p>(i) <math>\frac{(2x+1)^2}{4x-x^2-2} \geq 0</math></p> <p><math>\frac{(2x+1)^2}{x^2-4x+2} \leq 0</math></p> <p><math>\frac{(2x+1)^2}{(x-2)^2-2} \leq 0</math></p> <p><math>\frac{(2x+1)^2}{(x-2+\sqrt{2})(x-2-\sqrt{2})} \leq 0</math></p>  <p><math>2 - \sqrt{2} &lt; x &lt; 2 + \sqrt{2}</math> or <math>x = -\frac{1}{2}</math></p> <p>(ii) Replace <math>x</math> with <math>\sqrt{x}</math></p> <p><math>2 - \sqrt{2} &lt; \sqrt{x} &lt; 2 + \sqrt{2}</math> or <math>\sqrt{x} = -\frac{1}{2}</math> (rej)</p> <p><math>0.343 &lt; x &lt; 11.7</math></p>

12	$\frac{6}{x^2} \leq \frac{x+1}{x} \quad \text{--- (*)}$ $\frac{6 - x(x+1)}{x^2} \leq 0$ $\frac{-x^2 - x + 6}{x^2} \leq 0$ $\frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2} \geq 0$ $\frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{x^2} \geq 0$ $x \leq -3 \quad \text{or} \quad x \geq 2$ <p>Replace <math>x</math> with <math>x-2</math> in (*), obtain</p> $\frac{6}{(x-2)^2} \leq \frac{(x-2)+1}{x-2}$ $\frac{6}{(2-x)^2} \leq \frac{x-1}{x-2}$ $x-2 \leq -3 \quad \text{or} \quad x-2 \geq 2$ $x \leq -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x \geq 4$
13	$\frac{5}{x-2} \leq x+2$ $\frac{5}{x-2} - (x+2) \leq 0$ $\frac{5 - (x-2)(x+2)}{x-2} \leq 0$ $\frac{(3-x)(3+x)}{x-2} \leq 0$ <p>Solution set = <math>\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 3 \text{ or } -3 \leq x &lt; 2\}</math></p> <p><b>“Hence method”</b>          Replace <math>x</math> by <math>x^2</math></p> <p>The solutions for <math>\frac{5}{x^2-2} \geq x^2+2</math> are <math>x^2 \leq -3</math> or <math>2 &lt; x^2 \leq 3</math></p> <p><math>\therefore \sqrt{2} &lt; x \leq \sqrt{3}</math> or <math>-\sqrt{3} \leq x &lt; -\sqrt{2}</math></p> <p><b>“Otherwise method”</b>          Solve algebraically but method is longer.</p> 

14	$x(x+4)(x-1) \geq 4x(x+2)$ $x(x^2 + 3x - 4 - 4x - 8) \geq 0$ $x(x^2 - x - 12) \geq 0$ $x(x+3)(x-4) \geq 0$ $-3 \leq x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq 4$  <p>(ii) Replace <math>x</math> by <math> x </math>,</p> $\therefore -3 \leq  x  \leq 0 \text{ or }  x  \geq 4$ <p>Since <math> x  \geq 0</math>,</p> $\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x \geq 4 \text{ or } x \leq -4.$ <p>(ii) Replace <math>x</math> by <math>\frac{x}{2}</math>,</p> $\therefore -3 \leq \frac{x}{2} \leq 0 \text{ or } \frac{x}{2} \geq 4$ $\Rightarrow \therefore -6 \leq x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq 8$
15	$\frac{x^2 - 2x + 15}{x^2 - 6x + 6} \geq 0$ <p>Since the discriminant of <math>x^2 - 2x + 15 = 4 - 4(1)(15) = -56 &lt; 0</math> and the coefficient of <math>x^2</math> is positive, we know <math>x^2 - 2x + 15 &gt; 0</math> for all real values of <math>x</math>.</p> <p>Since <math>x^2 - 2x + 15 &gt; 0</math> for all real values of <math>x</math>,</p> $\frac{x^2 - 2x + 15}{x^2 - 6x + 6} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + 6 > 0$ $\Rightarrow (x - 3 - \sqrt{3})(x - 3 + \sqrt{3}) > 0$ $x < 3 - \sqrt{3} \text{ or } x > 3 + \sqrt{3}$  <p>Replace <math>x</math> by <math> x </math>,</p> $ x  < 3 - \sqrt{3} \text{ or }  x  > 3 + \sqrt{3}$ $-3 + \sqrt{3} < x < 3 - \sqrt{3} \text{ or } x < -3 - \sqrt{3} \text{ or } x > 3 + \sqrt{3}$

16	<p>From GC, <math>0 &lt; x &lt; 4.42806</math> or <math>x &gt; 13.706</math>  <math>0 &lt; x &lt; 4.43</math> or <math>x &gt; 13.7</math></p> <p>Replacing <math>x</math> by <math>x^2</math>: <math>\sqrt{\frac{x^2}{2}} &gt; \ln x^2</math>  <math>x &gt; 2\sqrt{2} \ln x</math></p> <p>From above, <math>0 &lt; x^2 &lt; 4.42806</math> or <math>x^2 &gt; 13.706</math>  <math>0 &lt; x &lt; 2.1043</math> or <math>x &gt; 3.702</math>  <math>0 &lt; x &lt; 2.10</math> or <math>x &gt; 3.70</math></p> 
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To find intersection point,  $2x + a = -(x - 2a)$

$$x = \frac{a}{3}$$

From the graph, for  $|x - 2a| < 2x + a$ ,

$$x > \frac{a}{3}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $-x$  and let  $a = 2$  in the above inequality,

$$|(-x) - 2(2)| < 2(-x) + 2 \text{ becomes } |x + 4| < 2 - 2x$$

$$\text{Thus } -x > \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow x < -\frac{2}{3}$$

Alternative

$$|x - 2a| < 2x + a$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x - a < x - 2a < 2x + a$$

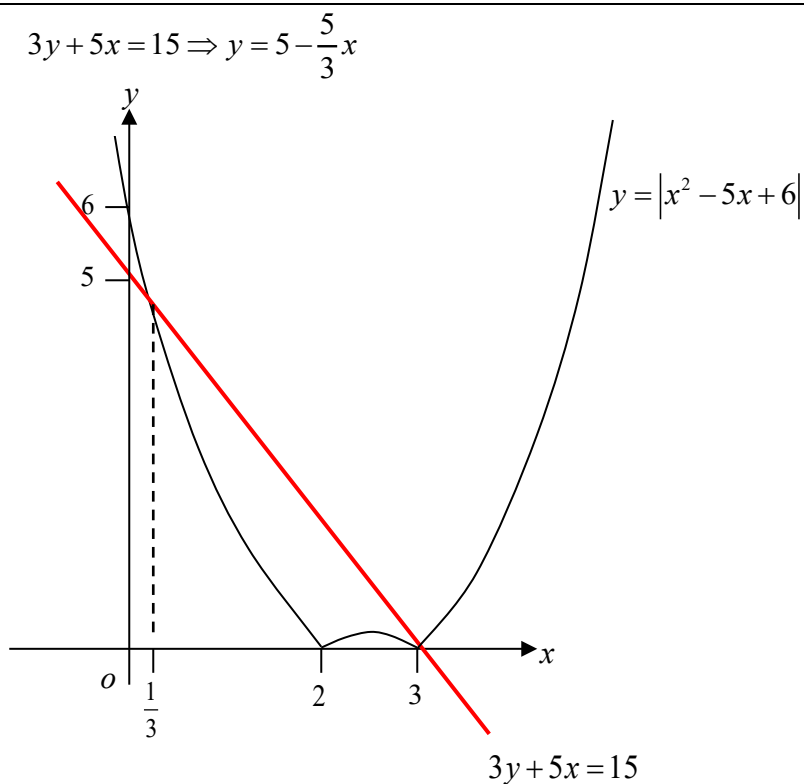
$$\Rightarrow -2x - a < x - 2a \text{ and } x - 2a < 2x + a$$

$$\Rightarrow x > \frac{a}{3} \text{ and } x > -3a$$

$$\Rightarrow x > \frac{a}{3} //$$



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$$3|x-3| \leq \frac{15-5x}{|x-2|}, \quad (x \neq 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow |x-3||x-2| \leq \frac{15-5x}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow |(x-3)(x-2)| \leq 5 - \frac{5}{3}x$$

$$\Rightarrow |x^2 - 5x + 6| \leq 5 - \frac{5}{3}x$$

From GC, the x-coordinates of the points of the intersections of the 2 graphs are  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  or  $x = 3$ .

From the graph,  $|x^2 - 5x + 6| \leq 5 - \frac{5}{3}x$  for  $\frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq 3$

Since  $x \neq 2$ , therefore the solution for  $3|x-3| \leq \frac{15-5x}{|x-2|}$

is  $\frac{1}{3} \leq x < 2$  or  $2 < x \leq 3$  (OR  $\frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq 3, x \neq 2$ )

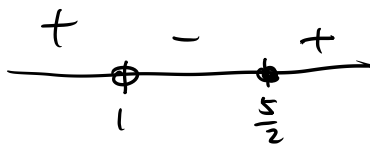
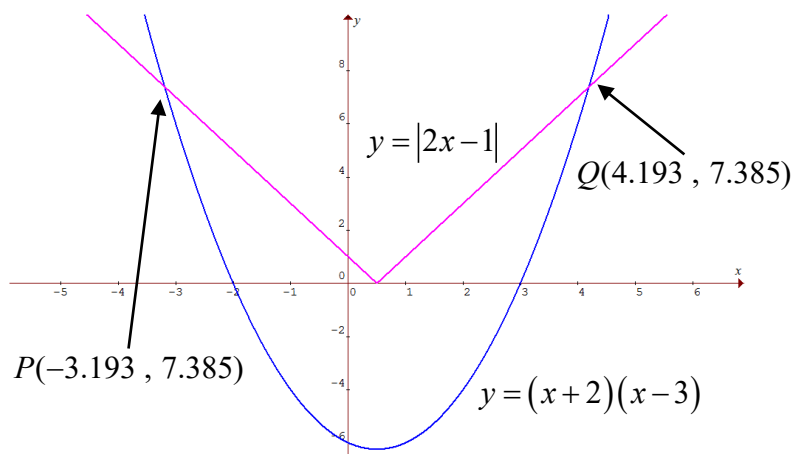
**19**(i)  $x^2 + 4x + 5 = (x+2)^2 + 5 - 2^2 = (x+2)^2 + 1 > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ . (shown)

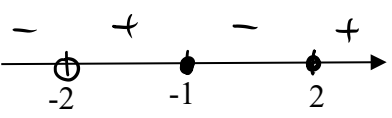
(ii)

$$\frac{(2x-5)}{(x^2+4x+5)(x-1)} \leq 0, \quad x \neq 1$$

$$\because x^2 + 4x + 5 > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{(2x-5)}{(x-1)} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < x \leq \frac{5}{2}.$$

(b) Sketch the graphs of  $y = (x+2)(x-3)$  and  $y = |2x-1|$ .From the graph, solution to the inequality  $(x+2)(x-3) > |2x-1|$  is  $x < -3.19$  or  $x > 4.19$ .

20	$\frac{(x+1)(4-x)}{(3x+1)^2} \geq 0, \quad x \neq -\frac{1}{3}$ <p>Since <math>(3x+1)^2 &gt; 0</math> for all <math>x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-\frac{1}{3}\}</math>,</p> $\Rightarrow (x+1)(4-x) \geq 0$ $\therefore -1 \leq x \leq 4, \quad x \neq -\frac{1}{3}$ <p>Replace <math>x</math> with <math>\sqrt{x}</math> :</p> $\therefore -1 \leq \sqrt{x} \leq 4, \quad \sqrt{x} \neq -\frac{1}{3}$ <p>Since <math>\sqrt{x} \geq 0</math>,</p> $\Rightarrow 0 \leq \sqrt{x} \leq 4$ $\therefore 0 \leq x \leq 16$
21	$\frac{x^2}{x+2} \leq 1, \quad x \neq -2$ $\frac{x^2}{x+2} - 1 \leq 0$ $\frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x+2} \leq 0$ $\frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{x+2} \leq 0$  $\therefore x < -2 \quad \text{or} \quad -1 \leq x \leq 2$ <p>(i) <math>\frac{x^2}{ x +2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{ x ^2}{ x +2} \leq 1</math></p> <p>Replace <math>x</math> with <math> x </math> :</p> <p>From above result, <math> x  &lt; -2</math> (no solutions since <math> x  \geq 0</math> for all <math>x \in \mathbb{R}</math>)</p> <p>or <math>-1 \leq  x  \leq 2 \Rightarrow  x  \geq -1</math> and <math> x  \leq 2</math></p> $\Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad -2 \leq x \leq 2$ <p>Hence, the solution set = <math>\{x \in \mathbb{R} : -2 \leq x \leq 2\}</math>.</p>

(ii)

$$\frac{(-e^x)^2}{-e^x + 2} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{e^{2x}}{2 - e^x} \leq 1$$

Replace  $x$  with  $-e^x$  :

From above result,  $-e^x < -2 \Rightarrow e^x > 2 \Rightarrow x > \ln 2$

$$\text{or } -1 \leq -e^x \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -e^x \geq -1 \quad \text{and} \quad -e^x \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow e^x \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad e^x \geq -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq 0$$

Hence, the solution set =  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq 0 \text{ or } x > \ln 2\}$

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$$\frac{2}{x} < 6 - x.$$

$$\frac{2 - x(6 - x)}{x} < 0$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 6x + 2}{x} < 0$$

$$\frac{(x - (3 - \sqrt{7}))(x - (3 + \sqrt{7}))}{x} < 0$$

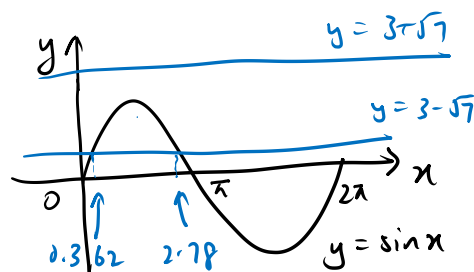
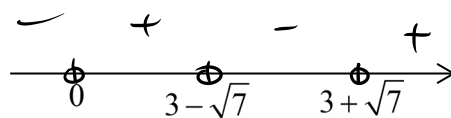
$$\therefore x < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 3 - \sqrt{7} < x < 3 + \sqrt{7}$$

$$\frac{2}{\sin x} < 6 - \sin x$$

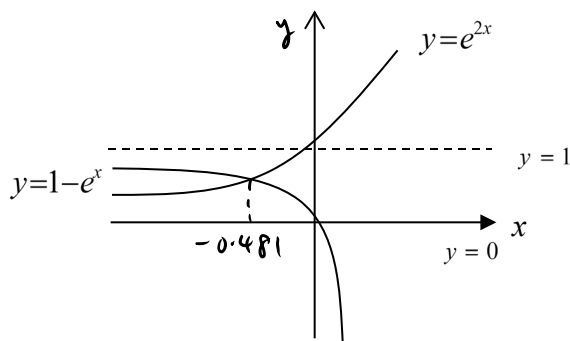
Replace  $x$  by  $\sin x$

From above result,  $\sin x < 0, \quad 3 - \sqrt{7} < \sin x < 3 + \sqrt{7}$

For  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ ,  $0.362 < x < 2.78, \quad \pi < x < 2\pi$ .



23 (a) Using G.C.,



$x$ -coordinate of intersection:  $x = -0.481$

For  $e^{2x} < 1 - e^x$ ,

$\therefore x < -0.481$

**Alternative Mtd:**

Let  $e^x = y$

$$y^2 + y - 1 < 0$$

$$(y - 0.61803)(y + 1.61803) < 0$$

$$-1.6180 < y < 0.61803$$

$$-1.6180 < e^x < 0.61803$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < e^x < 0.61803$$

$$\therefore x < -0.481$$

(b)  $2x^2 - 4x + 3 = 2(x-1)^2 + 1$ ,  $a = -1$ ,  $b = 1$

$$\frac{x^2}{x-3} < 1-x$$

$$\frac{x^2}{x-3} + x - 1 < 0$$

$$\frac{x^2 + (x-1)(x-3)}{x-3} < 0$$

$$\frac{2x^2 - 4x + 3}{x-3} < 0$$

Since  $2x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0$

$$\Rightarrow x - 3 < 0$$

$$\therefore x < 3$$

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(a)

For all real  $x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 4x^2 - 4x + 3 &= 4\left(x^2 - x\right) + 3 \\
 &= 4\left[\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right] + 3 \\
 &= 4\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2 > 0 \quad \text{since} \quad \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}
 4x^2 - 4x + 3 &= (2x - 1)^2 + 2 > 0 \\
 &\text{since } (2x - 1)^2 \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{32x - 243}{x^2 + 7x - 60} > 4$$

$$\frac{4x^2 + 28x - 240 - 32x + 243}{x^2 + 7x - 60} < 0$$

$$\frac{4x^2 - 4x + 3}{x^2 + 7x - 60} < 0$$

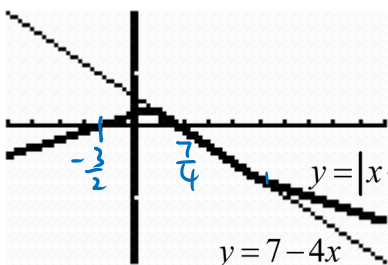
Since  $4x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0$  for all real  $x$ , then

$$x^2 + 7x - 60 < 0$$

$$(x + 12)(x - 5) < 0$$

$$-12 < x < 5$$

(b)



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

To find  $x$ -intercepts  $\Rightarrow y = 0$ 

$$|x-5| = |2-3x|$$

$$x-5 = 2-3x \quad \text{or} \quad x-5 = -(2-3x)$$

$$4x = 7 \quad \text{or} \quad -2x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{7}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\ln(|x-5| - |2-3x|) \leq \ln(7-4x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < |x-5| - |2-3x| \leq 7-4x$$

Using the sketch and the calculator,  $-\frac{3}{2} < x < \frac{7}{4}$