

Q1(1):

Sum of roots= $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{-1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$ and product of roots= $\alpha\beta = \frac{-3}{3} = -1$.

Then, $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (\frac{1}{3})^2 - 2(-1) = \boxed{\frac{19}{9}}$.

Alternative As $3x^2 - x - 3 = 0$, we have $x^2 = \frac{x+3}{3}$.

Then, $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \frac{\alpha+3}{3} + \frac{\beta+3}{3} = \frac{(\alpha+\beta)+6}{3} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}+6}{3} = \boxed{\frac{19}{9}}$.

Q1(2):

$$-x < x^2 < 2x + 1$$

$$-x < x^2 \text{ and } x^2 < 2x + 1$$

$$x(x+1) > 0 \text{ and } (x - \frac{2+\sqrt{2^2-4(1)(-1)}}{2})(x - \frac{2-\sqrt{2^2-4(1)(-1)}}{2}) < 0$$

$$(x < -1 \text{ or } x > 0) \text{ and } 1 - \sqrt{2} < x < 1 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{0 < x < 1 + \sqrt{2}}$$

Q1(3):

For $0 < \alpha, \beta < 90^\circ$, we have $\cos \alpha > 0$ and $\sin \beta > 0$.

Then, by the identity $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, we have:

$$\cos \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} = \sqrt{1 - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\sin \beta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \beta} = \sqrt{1 - (\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}})^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$$

Then, $\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \alpha$

$$= (\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}})(\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}) + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}})(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}})$$

$$= \frac{3}{5\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2}{5\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

(Note: Rationalisation is not necessary. After rationalisation, the answer will become $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$)

Q1(4):

$$3^n < 2^{100} < 3^{n+1} \iff n < \log_3 2^{100} < n+1 \iff n < 100(0.631) < n+1 \iff 62.1 < n < 63.1$$

As n is a natural number, we have only $n = \boxed{63}$ satisfies the above inequality.

Q1(5):

$$x^2 - 4xy + 5y^2 + 2y - 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 2y)^2 + y^2 + 2y - 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 2y)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 5$$

When x, y are integers, $x - 2y$ and $y + 1$ are also integers, and the solutions are:

$$(x - 2y, y + 1) = (\pm 1, 2), (\pm 1, -2), (\pm 2, 1) \text{ and } (\pm 2, -1).$$

Note that for each solution, y obtains an integer value and so do x . Moreover, there are no duplicated solutions. Therefore, there are totally $\boxed{8}$ pairs of (x, y) .

Q2:

(1): As $0 \leq a \leq 2$, $f(a)$ can be rewritten as

$$f(a) = \int_0^a |x(x-a)|dx + \int_a^2 |x(x-a)|dx.$$

As for the interval $(0, a)$, $x - a < 0$, we have

$$\int_0^a |x(x-a)|dx = \int_0^a x(a-x)dx = \int_0^a (ax-x^2)dx = \frac{a}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \Big|_0^a = \frac{a^3}{2} - \frac{a^3}{3} = \frac{a^3}{6}$$

On the other hand, as for the interval $(a, 2)$, $x - a > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^2 |x(x-a)|dx &= \int_a^2 x(x-a)dx = \int_a^2 (x^2 - ax)dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{a}{2}x^2 \Big|_a^2 \\ &= \frac{8}{3} - 2a - \frac{a^3}{3} + \frac{a^3}{2} = \frac{a^3}{6} - 2a + \frac{8}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Combine the above, we have $f(a) = \int_0^a |x(x-a)|dx + \int_a^2 |x(x-a)|dx$

$$= \frac{a^3}{6} + \frac{a^3}{6} - 2a + \frac{8}{3} = \boxed{\frac{a^3}{3} - 2a + \frac{8}{3}}.$$

(2): $f'(a) = a^2 - 2$, where $0 \leq a \leq 2$.

To find the extremum of $f(a)$, we set $f'(a) = 0$, then $a = \sqrt{2}$.

On the other hand, $f''(a) = 2a$.

Conduct the second derivative test: $f''(\sqrt{2}) = 2\sqrt{2} > 0$. Hence, $f(a)$ attains

to its minimum when $a = \sqrt{2}$ and by that time, the minimum value of $f(a)$ is

$$f(\sqrt{2}) = \frac{(\sqrt{2})^3}{3} - 2\sqrt{2} + \frac{8}{3} = \boxed{\frac{8 - 4\sqrt{2}}{3}}.$$

Alternative to (2) See MEXT's official solution, which used the first derivative test instead.

Q3:

(1): By the recurrence, we have:

$$a_2 = |a_1| - 1 = |a| - 1 = a - 1$$

$$a_3 = |a_2| - 1 = |a - 1| - 1 = a - 2$$

$$a_4 = |a_3| - 1 = |a - 2| - 1 = 2 - a - 1 = \boxed{1 - a} \text{ (as } a - 2 < 0 \text{)}$$

$$a_5 = |a_4| - 1 = |1 - a| - 1 = a - 1 - 1 = \boxed{a - 2} \text{ (as } 1 - a < 0 \text{)}$$

$$a_6 = |a_5| - 1 = |a - 2| - 1 = 2 - a - 1 = \boxed{1 - a}$$

$$a_7 = |a_6| - 1 = |1 - a| - 1 = a - 1 - 1 = \boxed{a - 2}$$

(2): Calculate directly, we have:

$$S_2 = a_1 + a_2 = a + a - 1 = \boxed{2a - 1}$$

$$S_4 = S_2 + a_3 + a_4 = 2a - 1 + a - 2 + 1 - a = \boxed{2a - 2}$$

$$S_6 = S_4 + a_5 + a_6 = 2a - 2 + a - 2 + 1 - a = \boxed{2a - 3}$$

(3): Note that for an integer $k > 2$, we have $a_{2k-1} = a - 2$ and $a_{2k} = 1 - a$.

Therefore, $a_{2k-1} + a_{2k} = a - 2 + 1 - a = -1$ for all integers $k > 2$.

$$S_n = S_{2m}$$

$$= S_2 + (a_3 + a_4) + (a_5 + a_6) + \dots + (a_{2m-1} + a_{2m})$$

$$= (2a - 1) + \underbrace{(-1) + (-1) + \dots + (-1)}_{m-1 \text{ terms}}$$

$$= 2a - 1 - (m - 1)$$

$$= \boxed{2a - m}.$$

$$(4): S_n = S_{2m+1}$$

$$= S_{2m} + a_{2m+1}$$

$$= (2a - m) + (a - 2)$$

$$= \boxed{3a - m - 2}.$$