

Q1(1):

$$|2x - 1| < x + 2$$

$$\iff -(x + 2) < 2x - 1 < x + 2$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} -x - 2 < 2x - 1 \\ 2x - 1 < x + 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} 3x > -1 \\ x < 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} x > -\frac{1}{3} \\ x < 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\iff \boxed{-\frac{1}{3} < x < 3}$$

Q1(2):

The necessary and sufficient condition for the graph of $y = x^2 + ax + 1$ touches the x-axis is that the equation $x^2 + ax + 1 = 0$ has only one solution, i.e.

$$\Delta = a^2 - 4(1)(1) = 0$$

$$a = \boxed{\pm 2}$$

Q1(3):

$$f(x) = (\log_2 x)^2 + \log_4 x + 1 = (\log_2 x)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 x + 1.$$

By completing the square, we have $f(x) = (\log_2 x + \frac{1}{4})^2 - (\frac{1}{4})^2 + 1 = (\log_2 x + \frac{1}{4})^2 + \frac{15}{16}$. As $(\log_2 x + \frac{1}{4})^2 \geq 0$, we have $f(x) \geq \frac{15}{16}$. Hence the minimum value of $f(x)$ is $\boxed{\frac{15}{16}}$.

Q1(4):

Denote the three points as $A(1, 2, 4)$, $B(2, 5, 6)$ and $C(n, m, 10)$ respectively.

The three points are colinear if and only if $\vec{AB} // \vec{BC}$. As $\vec{AB} = \langle 1, 3, 2 \rangle$ and $\vec{BC} = \langle n-2, m-5, 4 \rangle$. In that case, we have $\frac{n-2}{1} = \frac{m-5}{3} = \frac{4}{2}$. Therefore, $n = 2 + 2 = \boxed{4}$ and $m = 2 \cdot 3 + 5 = \boxed{11}$.

Alternative: When the three points are colinear in the xyz-space, their projections on the xz-plane and the yz-plane should also be colinear (and hence the slopes between any two points are the same). Therefore, we have the slope of AB in the xz-plane = the slope of BC in the xz-plane, i.e. $\frac{6-4}{2-1} = \frac{10-6}{n-2}$, i.e. $n = \boxed{4}$. Also, the slope of AB in the yz-plane = the slope of BC in the yz-plane, i.e. $\frac{6-4}{5-2} = \frac{10-6}{m-5}$, i.e. $m = \boxed{11}$.

Q1(5):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \sin x dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x d(\cos x) \\ &= x \cos x \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\pi}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \cos 0 + \sin x \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
&= \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 \\
&= \boxed{1}
\end{aligned}$$

Q2:

$$(1): \triangle OAB : \triangle OBC = 1 : 2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(OA)(OB) \sin \alpha : \frac{1}{2}(OB)(OC) \sin \beta = 1 : 2$$

$$\sin \alpha : \sin \beta = \boxed{1 : 2}$$

(2): As AOD is a straight line, we have $\angle COD = \pi - \alpha - \beta$. Moreover, as $\triangle OBC : \triangle OCD = 2 : 2 = 1 : 1$, similar to that in part (1), we have

$$\sin \beta : \sin(\pi - \alpha - \beta) = 1 : 1$$

$$\sin \beta = \sin(\pi - \alpha - \beta)$$

$$\sin \beta = \sin(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$\sin \beta = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \alpha$$

Let $x = \sin \alpha$, by part (1), we have $\sin \beta = 2 \sin \alpha = 2x$. Moreover, by the identity $\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$, we have $\cos \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ and $\cos \beta = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \beta} = \sqrt{1 - 4x^2}$ (as α and β are less than $\frac{\pi}{2}$, $\cos \alpha$ and $\cos \beta$ are taking positive sign). Substitue the above into the equation, we have

$$2x = x\sqrt{1 - 4x^2} + 2x\sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$4 = (1 - 4x^2) + 4\sqrt{(1 - x^2)(1 - 4x^2)} + 4(1 - x^2) \text{ (as } x \neq 0 \text{)}$$

$$64x^4 - 16x + 1 = 16(1 - 5x^2 + 4x^4)$$

$$64x^2 = 15$$

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{8} \text{ (as } \sin \alpha > 0 \text{)}$$

Therefore, $\sin \alpha = x = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{8}$. We have $\triangle OAB = \frac{1}{2}(1)(1) \sin \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{16}$. The area of $ABCD = \triangle OAB + \triangle OBC + \triangle OCD = \triangle OAB + 2\triangle OBC + 2\triangle OCD = 5\triangle OAB = \boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{15}}{16}}$.

Q3:

(1): Let the point of tangent of l_2 to C be $Q(q, 2q^3)$ ($q < 0$). Consider the derivative of C , $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2$, we have the slope of the tangent to C at Q (i.e. l_2) $= \frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=q} = 6q^2 \dots (1)$.

On the other hand, as l_2 passes through P , we have the slope of $l_2 = \frac{2p^3 - 2q^3}{p - q} = \frac{2(p - q)(p^2 + pq + q^2)}{p - q} = 2(p^2 + pq + q^2) \dots (2)$.

Combine (1) and (2), we have

$$6q^2 = 2(p^2 + pq + q^2)$$

$$2q^2 - pq - p^2 = 0$$

$$(2q + p)(q - p) = 0$$

$$q = -\frac{p}{2} \text{ or } q = p \text{ (rejected)}$$

Therefore, the slope of $l_2 = 6q^2 = 6(-\frac{p}{2})^2 = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}p^2}$.

(2): Note that for ϕ , the angle between a straight line and the positive x-axis,

we have $\tan \phi$ =the slope of the line.

Let θ_1 and θ_2 be the angle between line l_1 (l_2) and the positive x-axis respectively, we have $\tan \theta_1$ =slope of $l_1 = 6p^2$ and $\tan \theta_2$ =slope of $l_2 = \frac{3}{2}p^2$. Then, we have:

$$\tan \theta$$

$$= \tan(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$= \frac{\tan \theta_1 - \tan \theta_2}{1 + \tan \theta_1 \tan \theta_2}$$

$$= \frac{6p^2 - \frac{3}{2}p^2}{1 + (6p^2)(\frac{3}{2}p^2)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{9p^2}{2 + 18p^4}}$$

(3): We have $\frac{d(\tan \theta)}{dp} = \frac{18p(2+18p^4) - 72p^3(9p^2)}{(2+18p^4)^2}$. Then, we have $\frac{d(\tan \theta)}{dp}$ if and only

if

$$\frac{18p(2 + 18p^4) - 72p^3(9p^2)}{(2 + 18p^4)^2} = 0$$

$$2 + 18p^4 - 36p^4 = 0 \text{ (as } p \neq 0)$$

$$p^4 = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ (as } p > 0)$$

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The table of first derivative test:

p	$(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$	$(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, +\infty)$
$\frac{d(\tan \theta)}{dp}$	+	-
$\tan \theta$	\nearrow	\searrow

Therefore, $\tan \theta$ attains to its maximum when $p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and the corresponding

$$\text{value of } \tan \theta = \frac{9(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})^2}{2+18(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})^4} = \frac{3}{2+2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}}.$$