

Q1(1):

Slope of the line  $3x - 4y - 12 = 0$  is  $-\frac{3}{-4} = \frac{3}{4}$ .

For the line orthogonal to it, the slope  $= \frac{-1}{\frac{3}{4}} = -\frac{4}{3}$ .

By using the point-slope form of straight line, we have the equation of it is

$$y - 2 = -\frac{4}{3}(x - (-3))$$

$$\frac{4}{3}x + y + 2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{3}} + \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}y + 1 = 0$$

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Q1(2):

$$x^3 + x + 1 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}\right)^3 + \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{5\sqrt{5}-3\cdot 5+3\sqrt{5}-1}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{5}-4}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3(\sqrt{5}-1)}{2}}$$

**Alternative** If  $x = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ , then  $x^2 + x - 1 = 0^*$ .

Therefore,  $x^3 = -x^2 + x = -(-x + 1) + x = 2x - 1$ .

$$\text{Then, } x^3 + x + 1 = (2x - 1) + x + 1 = 3x = \boxed{\frac{3(\sqrt{5}-1)}{2}}.$$

(\*: If  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  is a root of a quadratic equation, then  $\frac{-\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  will be another root.

Then, we have the sum of roots is  $-1$  and the product of roots is  $-1$ . Hence the quadratic equation can be constructed.)

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Q1(3):

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

$$3 \cdot 2^x - 3 \cdot 2^{-x} = 2^x + 2^{-x}$$

$$2^x = 2 \cdot 2^{-x}$$

$$(2^x)^2 = 2$$

$$2^x = 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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Q1(4):

$$\text{If } \sin x + \cos x = \frac{4}{3},$$

$$(\sin x + \cos x)^2 = \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x = 1 + 2 \sin x \cos x = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{16}{9}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 2 \sin x \cos x = \frac{16}{9} - 1 = \frac{7}{9}.$$

$$\text{For } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}, \sin x \leq \cos x.$$

$$\text{Then, } \sin x - \cos x = -\sqrt{(\cos x - \sin x)^2}$$

$$= -\sqrt{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x - 2 \sin x \cos x}$$

$$= -\sqrt{1 - \frac{7}{9}}$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}}.$$

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Q1(5):

$$f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$$

$$-p(5x + 1) + 2 = 5(-px + 2) + 1$$

$$-p = 9$$

$$p = \boxed{-9}$$

**Alternative** Put  $x = 0$ ,

$$f(g(0)) = g(f(0))$$

$$-p(1) + 2 = 5(2) + 1$$

$$p = \boxed{-9}$$

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Q2:

By the angle bisector theorem,  $BD : DC = BA : CA = 4 : 3$ . Therefore,

$$BD = \frac{4}{4+3}BC = \frac{20}{7}.$$

On the other hand, note the  $\triangle ABC$  is a right angle triangle with  $\angle A = 90^\circ$ .

By considering the cosine ratio of  $\triangle ABC$ , we have  $\cos \angle B = \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{4}{5}$ . By the cosine formula,

$$AD^2 = AB^2 + BD^2 - 2(AB)(BD)\cos \angle B$$

$$AD = \sqrt{4^2 + \left(\frac{20}{7}\right)^2 - 2(4)\left(\frac{20}{7}\right)\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{288}{49}} = \boxed{\frac{12\sqrt{2}}{7}}.$$

**Alternative** By using the sine formula instead, note that  $\angle DAB = 45^\circ$  and  $\sin \angle B = \frac{3}{5}$ .

$$\frac{AD}{\sin \angle B} = \frac{BD}{\sin \angle DAB}$$

$$AD = \frac{\frac{20}{7}}{\sin 45^\circ} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = \boxed{\frac{12\sqrt{2}}{5}}.$$

**Alternative** If one does not know the angle bisector theorem, the sine formula can still be used without  $BD$  found explicitly:

By using the sine formula, we have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{AD}{\sin \angle B} = \frac{BD}{\sin \angle DAB} \\ \frac{AD}{\sin \angle C} = \frac{5-BD}{\sin \angle DAC} \end{cases} \iff AD = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{5}BD = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{5}(5-BD)$$

Then, we have  $BD = \frac{20}{7}$  and  $AD = \boxed{\frac{12\sqrt{2}}{7}}.$

**Alternative** See MEXT's official solution, which considered the area of each triangle.

**Alternative (coordinates)** Set  $A(0,0)$  be the origin and set  $B = (-4,0)$  and  $C = (0,3)$ . As by the angle bisector theorem,  $BD : DC = BA : CA = 4 : 3$ , we have the coordinates of  $D = (\frac{-4 \cdot 3}{4+3}, \frac{3 \cdot 4}{4+3}) = (-\frac{12}{7}, \frac{12}{7})$ . Then,

$$AD = \sqrt{(-\frac{12}{7})^2 + (\frac{12}{7})^2} = \boxed{\frac{12\sqrt{2}}{7}}.$$

**Alternative (coordinates)** With the setting given above, as  $\angle DAB = 45^\circ$ ,

we have the slope of  $DA = -1$ . i.e. the equation of  $DA$  is  $y = -x$ .

On the other hand, using the intercept form of straight line, the equation of  $BC$

is  $-\frac{x}{4} + \frac{y}{3} = 1$ .

Solving the simultaneous equation of them, we have  $D = (x, y) = (-\frac{12}{7}, \frac{12}{7})$ .

Then,  $AD = \sqrt{(-\frac{12}{7})^2 + (\frac{12}{7})^2} = \boxed{\frac{12\sqrt{2}}{7}}$ .

Q3:

(1): The equation can be rewritten as  $x = n - 2y$ . Then, for every positive integer  $y$ , a corresponding integer  $x$  can be found.

As  $x \geq 1$ , we have  $n - 2y \geq 1$ , i.e.  $y \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$  ( $\frac{n-1}{2}$  is an integer as  $n$  is an odd number, hence the equality can hold). Therefore, there are totally  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  pairs:

$x$	$y$
$n - 2$	1
$n - 4$	2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
1	$\frac{n-1}{2}$

(2): Note that  $x + y \leq 2$ . Then, by the result above, we have the pairs  $(x + y, z)$  as the following:

$x + y$	$z$
$n - 2$	1
$n - 4$	2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
3	$\frac{n-3}{2}$

As for the equation  $x + y = k$ , we can find  $k - 1$  pairs of  $(x, y)$ :

$$(x, y) = (1, k - 1), (2, k - 2), \dots, (k - 1, 1),$$

the number of pairs of  $(x, y, z)$

=the sum of number of pairs of  $(x, y)$  for each value of  $z$

$$= ((n - 2) - 1) + ((n - 4) - 1) + \dots + ((n - (n - 3)) - 1)$$

$$= \underbrace{(n - 1) + (n - 1) + \dots + (n - 1)}_{\left(\frac{n-3}{2}\right) \text{ terms}} - (2 + 4 + \dots + 2\left(\frac{n-3}{2}\right))$$

$$= (n - 1)\left(\frac{n-3}{2}\right) - \frac{n-3}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{n-3}{2} + 1\right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{(n - 1)(n - 3)}{4}}.$$