

Higher Top-Up Prelim Revision by Topic

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FORMULAE LIST

Circle

$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ represents a circle centre $(-g, -f)$, radius $\sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$.

$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$ represents a circle centre (a, b) and radius r .

Scalar product

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta, \text{ where } \theta \text{ is the angle between } \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \mathbf{b}$$

or

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 \text{ where } \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Trigonometric formulae

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

$$= 2 \cos^2 A - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

Table of standard derivatives

| $f(x)$ | $f'(x)$ |
|-----------|--------------|
| $\sin ax$ | $a \cos ax$ |
| $\cos ax$ | $-a \sin ax$ |

Table of standard integrals

| $f(x)$ | $\int f(x) \, dx$ |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| $\sin ax$ | $-\frac{1}{a} \cos ax + C$ |
| $\cos ax$ | $\frac{1}{a} \sin ax + C$ |

Top-Up Prelim Topic List


13. The Circle (Continued)

14. Wave Function

15. Logs and Exponentials

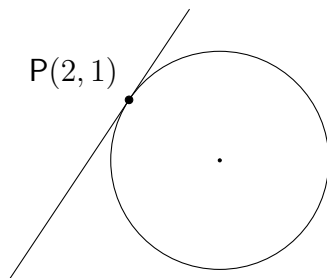
16. Further Calculus

★ Answers

Note: Questions which require a **calculator** are marked with .

13 The Circle (Continued)

75. Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the circle with equation $x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 4y - 5 = 0$ and the line with equation $x + y = 3$.
76. Show that the line with equation $y = x - 3$ is a tangent to the circle with equation $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 4y + 11 = 0$ and find the coordinates of the point of contact.
77. Point P(2, 1) lies on circle C with equation $x^2 + y^2 - 16x + 6y + 21 = 0$.



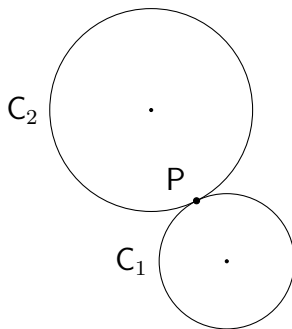
Find the equation of the tangent to the circle at P.

78. Circle C has equation $(x - 5)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 17$.

(a) State the radius and the centre of circle C.

(b) Show that the point $Q(9, -8)$ lies outside of circle C.

79. Circles C_1 and C_2 are shown in the diagram below.



Their equations are:

▪ $C_1 : (x - 3)^2 + (y + 7)^2 = 20$

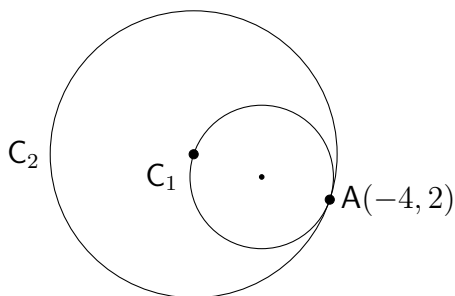
▪ $C_2 : x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y - 32 = 0$

(a) Determine the distance between the centres of C_1 and C_2 .

(b) Show that circles C_1 and C_2 touch externally.

(c) The point of contact, P, is shown on the diagram.
Determine the coordinates of P.

80. Circle C_1 touches circle C_2 internally at point $A(-4, 2)$ and passes through the centre of circle C_2 , as shown in the diagram below.



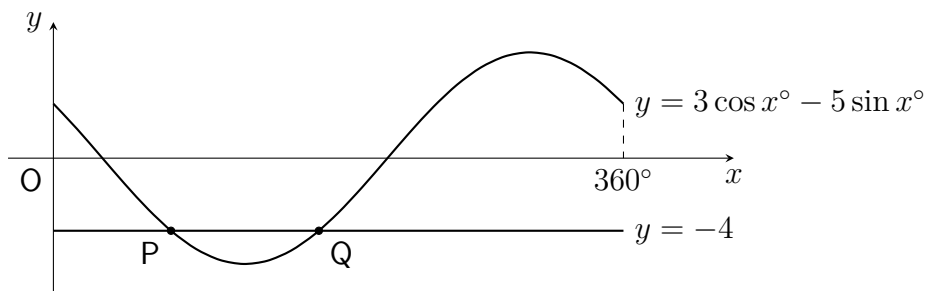
Circle C_1 has equation $x^2 + y^2 + 14x - 6y + 48 = 0$.

Determine the equation of circle C_2 .

14 Wave Function

For all questions, $k > 0$ and \square .

81. Express $8 \sin x^\circ + 7 \cos x^\circ$ in the form $k \sin (x + a)^\circ$, $0 < a < 360$.
82. Express $\sqrt{5} \sin x + \cos x$ in the form $k \cos (x - a)$, $0 < a < 2\pi$.
83. (a) Express $2 \sin x^\circ - 4 \cos x^\circ$ in the form $k \sin (x - a)^\circ$, $0 < x < 360$.
(b) Hence state:
i. The maximum value of $2 \sin x^\circ - 4 \cos x^\circ$.
ii. The value of x for which it occurs, where $0 < x < 360$.
84. (a) Express $2 \cos x^\circ - \sin x^\circ$ in the form $k \cos (x + a)^\circ$, $0 < a < 360$.
(b) Hence solve $2 \cos x^\circ - \sin x^\circ = -1$ where $0 < x < 360$.
85. Part of the graphs of $y = 3 \cos x^\circ - 5 \sin x^\circ$ and $y = -4$ are shown in the diagram below:



Points P and Q are points of intersection.

- (a) Express $3 \cos x^\circ - 5 \sin x^\circ$ in the form $k \cos (x + a)^\circ$, $0 < a < 360$.
(b) Hence determine the coordinates of P and Q.

15 Logs and Exponentials

86. Express $2 \log_p 10 + \log_p 2 - \log_p 50$ in the form $\log_p q$.

87. Evaluate the following:

(a) $\log_3 \frac{1}{4} + 2 \log_3 6$

(b) $\frac{1}{2} \log_5 64 - \log_5 40$

88. Solve each equation:

(a) $\log_6 x + \log_6 4 = 2$

(b) $\log_2 x + \log_2 (x + 7) = 3$

89. Given that $\log_p 4 + 3 = \log_p 32$, find the value of p .

90. A population of mice is discovered living in some woodland. The number of mice can be modelled by:

$$M = 80e^{kt}$$

where M is the estimated number of mice in the population, t is the number of weeks since the population was discovered and k is a constant.

(a) State the estimated number of mice in the population when it was first discovered.

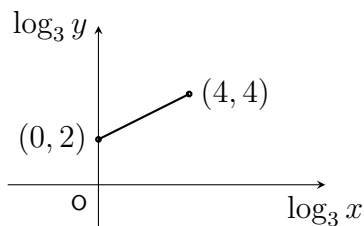
(b) It is estimated there will be 120 mice in the population after 3 weeks. Find the value of k .

(c) Calculate the time taken for the population to double in size.

91. Variables x and y are linked by the equations given below. Find the values of a and b for each:

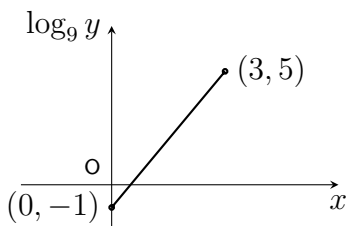
(a)

$$y = ax^b$$



(b)

$$y = ab^x$$



16 Further Calculus

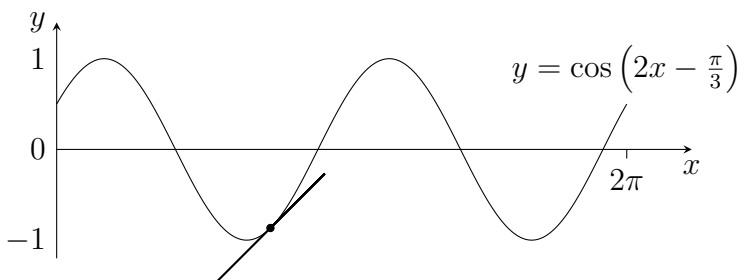
92. Given that $y = (6x - 5)^3$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

93. A function, f , is defined on a suitable domain by $f(x) = \frac{1}{(3x - 5)^2}$.
Determine the rate of change of f when $x = 2$.


94. Given $g(x) = 4 \cos 3x + 2 \sin 2x$, find the value of $g' \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)$.

95. Differentiate $\sqrt[3]{6x^2 - 1}$ with respect to x .

96. Find the gradient of the tangent to $y = \cos \left(2x - \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$ when $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$.



97. Find $\int (2x - 3)^5 dx$.

98. Evaluate $\int_0^1 2 \cos 3x dx$. 

99. Find $\int \frac{3}{(x + 4)^{\frac{1}{2}}} dx$.

100. Find the value of $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sin \left(x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) dx$.

Answers

Answers 13 The Circle

75. $(1, 2)$ and $(8, -5)$
76. $(2, -1)$ and statement ("*Show that...*")
77. $y = \frac{3}{2}x - 2$ or $2y = 3x - 4$
78. (a) Centre $(5, -3)$ and radius $\sqrt{17}$
(b) $\sqrt{41} > \sqrt{17}$ and conclusion, or other valid approach
79. (a) $\sqrt{125}$ or $5\sqrt{5}$
(b) $3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{5} = 5\sqrt{5}$ and conclusion, or other valid approach
(c) $(1, -3)$
80. $(x + 10)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 40$

Answers 14 Wave Function

81. $\sqrt{113} \sin(x + 41.2)^\circ$
82. $\sqrt{6} \cos(x - 1.15)$
83. (a) $2\sqrt{5} \sin(x - 63.4)^\circ$
(b) i. max value is $2\sqrt{5}$
ii. occurs when $x = 153.4$
84. (a) $\sqrt{5} \cos(x + 26.6)^\circ$
(b) $x = 90, 216.9$
85. (a) $\sqrt{34} \cos(x + 59.0)^\circ$
(b) $P(74.3^\circ, -4)$ and $Q(167.7^\circ, -4)$

Answers 15 Logs and Exponentials

86. $\log_p 4$

87. (a) 2

(b) -1

88. (a) $x = 9$

(b) $x = 1$

89. $p = 2$

90. (a) 80

(b) $k = 0.135$

(c) 5.13 weeks

91. (a) $a = 9$

$b = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) $a = \frac{1}{9}$

$b = 81$

Answers 16 Further Calculus

92. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 18(6x - 5)^2$

93. -6

94. 8

95. $4x(6x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

96. 1

97. $\frac{(2x-3)^6}{12} + C$

98. 0.0941

99. $6(x + 4)^{\frac{1}{2}} + C$

100. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$