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01 Prove that there are an infinite number of prime numbers.

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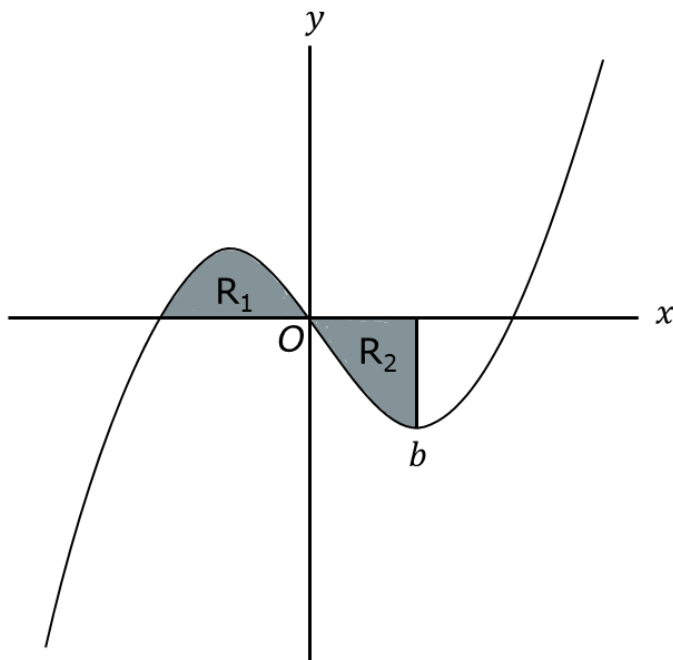
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- 02** The diagram below shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation:
 $y = x(x + 2)(x - 3)$



The region R_1 shown in the diagram is bounded by the curve and the negative x -axis.

- a)** Show that the exact area of R_1 is $\frac{16}{3}$

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Point b corresponds to the minimum of the curve.

b) Find the x coordinate of b .

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03 $f(x) = ax^3 - 3x^2 + bx + 20, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$(x + 4)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

When $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - 2)$ it leaves a remainder of -54.

a) Find the values of a and b .

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b) Write $f(x)$ as a product of three linear factors.

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04 For a small angle θ , where θ is in radians, show that:

$$1 + \cos\theta - 2\cos^2\theta \approx \frac{3}{2}\theta^2$$

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05 Solve the logarithmic equation:

$$\log_3(2x + 5) - 2\log_3(x - 1) = 2$$

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a) Solve, for $-180^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$, the equation:

$$9\sin^2 x - 3 = 2\cos^2 x + \sin x$$

Give your answers to 2 decimal places.

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- b)** Hence find the smallest positive solution of the equation:
$$18\sin^2(2\theta + 30^\circ) - 2\sin(2\theta + 30^\circ) - 6 = 4\cos^2(2\theta + 30^\circ)$$

Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

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07 Using the substitution $x = \sin u$, show that,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-4x^2}} dx = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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- a)** Prove that the sum of n terms of an arithmetic progression a_n with first term a and common difference d is:

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}n[2a + (n - 1)d]$$

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The fifth term of an arithmetic progression is 24 and the tenth term is 120.

- b)** Find the common difference.

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c) Find the first term.

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d) Find:

$$\sum_{n=5}^{10} a_n$$

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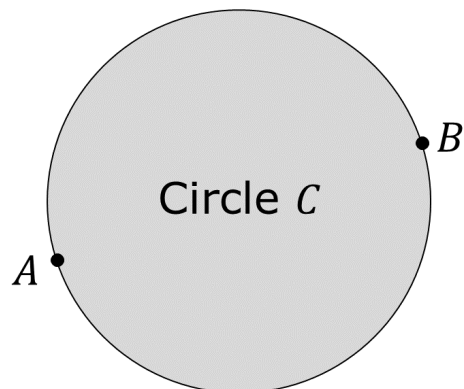
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- 09** A circle C has two points A and B at opposite sides of its diameter.



Point A has coordinates $(a, -2)$ and point B has coordinates $(7, 5)$.
The tangent to the circle C at point A has the equation $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 3$.
Find the equation of the circle C .

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a) Express $\frac{1}{P(13 - 2P)}$ in partial fractions.

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The population of mice living on a island was modelled using the differential equation:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{13}P(13 - 2P), \quad t \geq 0, \quad 0 < P < 6.5$$

P is the population of mice, in thousands, and t is the number of years measured from 1st January 2023.

On 1st January 2023 the population of mice on the island was found to be 2000.

- b)** Determine the time taken, to the nearest year, for this population of mice to increase by 250%.

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- c)** Show that $P = \frac{A}{4 + Be^{-t}}$ where A and B are integers to be found.

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- d)** Find the maximum population of mice on the island.

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- e)** State a limitation of this model.

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11 The equation $3x^3 + x^2 - 1 = 0$ has exactly one real root.

- a)** Show that, for this equation, the Newton-Raphson formula can be written:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{6x_n^3 + x_n^2 + 1}{9x_n^2 + 2x_n}$$

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- b)** Using the formula with $x_1 = 1$, find the values of x_2 and x_3

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- c)** In this case, we are not able to use $x_1 = 0$ in the Newton-Raphson method.
Suggest why.

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12 Given that:

$$y = \frac{5\sin\theta}{2\sin\theta + 2\cos\theta}$$

Show that:

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{A}{1 + \sin 2\theta}$$

Where A is a rational constant to be found.

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13 A curve is defined by two parametric equations:

$$x = 2 \cos 2\theta$$

$$y = 4 + \cos \theta$$

a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of $k \sec \theta$, where k is a constant to be found.

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b) Find $\int_0^1 y \, dx$.

Give your answer in simplified surd form.

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- c) Find a cartesian equation for the curve in the form $y = f(x)$.
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END OF QUESTIONS



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Question	Solution
1	<p>A1M assume a finite number of prime numbers: p_1 to p_n</p> <p>A1M let $P = p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3 \times \dots \times p_n$</p> <p>A1M $P + 1$ has no factors and so must be prime</p> <p>A1M this contradicts the assumption there is a finite number of primes so there must be an infinite number of primes</p>
2 (a)	<p>A1M for expansion $y = x^3 - x^2 - 6x$</p> <p>A1M for integration $\frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 3x^2$</p> <p>A1M for $\left[\frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 3x^2\right]_{-2}^0$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{16}{3}$</p>
2 (b)	<p>A1M for $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 2x - 6$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 2x - 6 = 0$</p> <p>A1M for $x = \frac{1+\sqrt{19}}{3}$</p>
3 (a)	<p>A1M for $a(-4)^3 - 3(-4)^2 + (-4)b + 20 = 0$</p> <p>A1M for $a(2^3) - 3(2^2) + 2b + 20 = -54$</p> <p>A1M for $a = 2$</p> <p>A1M for $b = -39$</p>
3 (b)	<p>A1M for suitable method to find other factors e.g. algebraic division</p> <p>A1M for $(x + 4)(2x^2 - 11x + 5)$</p> <p>A1M for $(x + 4)(2x - 1)(x - 5)$</p>
4	<p>A1M for using $\cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2$</p> <p>A1M for substitution $1 + (1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2) - 2(1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2)^2$</p> <p>A1M for expansion $\frac{3}{2}\theta^2 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^4$</p> <p>A1M for explaining that since θ is small, we can leave off the higher order term θ^4</p> <p>Allow alternative method using $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$ and small angle approximation for $\sin \theta$</p>



5	<p>A1M for correct use of log power rule $\log_3(2x + 5) - \log_3(x - 1)^2 = 2$ A1M for correct use of log subtraction rule</p> $\log_3 \frac{2x + 5}{(x - 1)^2} = 2$ <p>A1M for $9x^2 - 20x + 4 = 0$</p> <p>A1M for $x = 2$</p>
6 (a)	<p>A1M for use of trig identity $8\sin^2 x - \sin x - 3 = 2(1 - \sin^2 x)$ A1M for rearrangement $11\sin^2 x - \sin x - 5 = 0$ A1M for use of quadratic formula</p> $\sin x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4 \times 11 \times -5}}{2 \times 11}$ <p>A1M for $\sin x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{221}}{22}$ A1M for $x = 46.15^\circ, -39.07^\circ$ A1M for $x = 133.85^\circ, -140.93^\circ$</p>
6 (b)	<p>A1M for $2x + 30^\circ = 46.15^\circ$ A1M for 8.075°</p>
7	<p>A1M for $\frac{dx}{du} = \cos u$ A1M for correctly changing limits $u = \frac{\pi}{3}$ and $u = 0$ A1M for correct use of $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ identity to find $4 - 4\sin^2 x = 4\cos^2 x$ A1M for correct substitution and simplification</p> $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{2 \cos u} \times \cos u \, du = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{2} \, du$ <p>A1M for correct integration</p> $\left[\frac{1}{2} u \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}}$ <p>A1M Correct substitution of limits</p> $\left[\frac{\pi}{6} \right] - [0] = \frac{\pi}{6}$



8 (a)	<p>A1M for $S_n = a + (a + d) + \dots \dots + a + (n - 1)d$</p> <p>A1M for $2S_n = (2a + (n - 1)d) + (2a + (n - 1)d) + \dots \dots + (2a + (n - 1)d)$</p> <p>A1M for $2S_n = n(2a + (n - 1)d)$</p> <p>A1M for $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n - 1)d]$</p>
8 (b)	<p>A1M for $a + 4d = 24$</p> <p>A1M for $a + 9d = 120$</p> <p>A1M for $d = 19.2$</p>
8 (c)	<p>A1M for substitution $a + 4 \times 19.2 = 24$</p> <p>A1M for solving for $a = -52.8$</p>
8 (d)	<p>A1M for correct substitution into S_n</p> <p>A1M for</p> $\sum_{n=5}^{10} a_n = S_{10} - S_4$ <p>A1M for $336 - (-96)$</p> <p>A1M for 432</p>
9	<p>A1M for correct substitution $-2 = -\frac{1}{2}a - 3$</p> <p>A1M for $a = -2$</p> <p>A1M for correct method to find centre e.g. $\left(\frac{-2+7}{2}, \frac{-2+5}{2}\right)$</p> <p>A1M for $(5/2, 3/2)$ oe</p> <p>A1M for correct method to find diameter e.g.</p> $\sqrt{(7 - (-2))^2 + (5 - (-2))^2}$ <p>A1M radius = $\frac{\sqrt{130}}{2}$</p> <p>A1M for $\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{65}{2}$</p>
10 (a)	<p>A1M for $\frac{1}{P(13 - 2P)} = \frac{A}{P} + \frac{B}{(13 - 2P)}$</p> <p>A1M for substitution of $P=0$ and $P=6.5$ into $1 = A(13 - 2P) + BP$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{1}{P(13 - 2P)} = \frac{1}{13P} + \frac{2}{13(13 - 2P)}$</p>



10 (b)	<p>A1M for separating the variables $\int \frac{13}{P(13-2P)} dP = \int 1 dt$</p> <p>A1M for $\int \frac{1}{P} + \frac{2}{(13-2P)} dP = t + c$</p> <p>A1M for integration $\ln P - \ln 13-2P = t + c$</p> <p>A1M for substitution of $P = 2$ and $t = 0$ to find $c = \ln\left(\frac{2}{9}\right)$</p> <p>A1M for substitution of $P = 5$ into</p> $t = \ln P - \ln 13-2P - \ln\left(\frac{2}{9}\right)$ <p>A1M for $t = 2.0149$ years</p> <p>So the population will have tripled in year 2026.</p>
10 (c)	<p>A1M for using laws of logs</p> $t = \ln(P) - \ln(13-2P) - \ln\left(\frac{2}{9}\right)$ $t = \ln\left(\frac{9P}{26-4P}\right)$ <p>A1M for</p> $e^t = \frac{9P}{26-4P}$ $9P = (26-4P)e^t$ <p>A1M for $A = 26, B = 9 \quad P = \frac{26}{4 + 9e^{-t}}$</p>
10 (d)	<p>A1M for correct use of $t \rightarrow \infty$</p> $P = \frac{26}{4 + 9e^{-\infty}}$ $P = \frac{13}{2}$ <p>A1M for $P = 6500$</p>
10 (e)	<p>A1M It doesn't consider factors such as disease etc which may cause fluctuations in the population.</p>
11 (a)	<p>A1M for differentiation of $3x^3 + x^2 - 1$ to find $9x^2 + 2x$</p> <p>A1M for substitutions</p> $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{3x_n^3 + x_n^2 - 1}{9x_n^2 + 2x_n}$ $= \frac{x_n(9x_n^2 + 2x_n)}{9x_n^2 + 2x_n} - \frac{3x_n^3 + x_n^2 - 1}{9x_n^2 + 2x_n}$ <p>A1M for simplification to $x_{n+1} = \frac{6x_n^3 + x_n^2 + 1}{9x_n^2 + 2x_n}$</p>



11 (b)	<p>A1M for</p> $x_2 = \frac{6(1)^3 + (1)^2 + 1}{9(1)^2 + 2(1)} = \frac{8}{11}$ <p>A1M for</p> $x_3 = \frac{6\left(\frac{8}{11}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{8}{11}\right)^2 + 1}{9\left(\frac{8}{11}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{8}{11}\right)} = \frac{5107}{8272} = \sim 0.617$
11 (c)	A1M for stating that there is a stationary point at $x = 0$
12	<p>A2M for $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{(2\sin\theta + 2\cos\theta)5\cos\theta - 5\sin\theta(2\cos\theta - 2\sin\theta)}{(2\sin\theta + 2\cos\theta)^2}$</p> <p>A1M for expansion and using $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$</p> <p>A1M for expansion and using $2\sin\theta\cos\theta = \sin 2\theta$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{2.5}{1 + \sin 2\theta}$</p>
13 (a)	<p>A1M for $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -4 \sin 2\theta$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\sin \theta}{-4 \sin 2\theta}$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\sin \theta}{-8 \sin \theta \cos \theta}$</p> <p>A1M for $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{8 \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{8} \sec \theta$</p>
13 (b)	<p>A1M for $\int (4 + \cos \theta) \times -4 \sin 2\theta d\theta$</p> <p>A1M for $\int (-16 \sin 2\theta - 8 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$</p> <p>A1M for Change limits $x = 0 \rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ $x = 1 \rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$</p> <p>A2M $\left[8 \cos 2\theta + \frac{8}{3} \cos^3 \theta \right]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}}$</p> <p>A1M $(8 \cos \left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{8}{3} \cos^3 \frac{\pi}{6}) - (8 \cos \left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \frac{8}{3} \cos^3 \frac{\pi}{4})$</p> <p>A1M $4 + \sqrt{3} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$</p>



13 (c)	<p>A1M for correct substitution into $\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$ e.g.</p> $\frac{x}{2} = 2(y - 4)^2 - 1$ <p>A1M for correct rearranging:</p> $y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{2}} + 4$
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