Leaving Certificate Honours Level 2003 Paper 1 Solutions

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Introduction

The following are the solutions to Paper 1 of the 2003 Leaving Certificate Honours course.

Question 1

(a)

$$\frac{6y}{x(x+4y)} - \frac{3}{2x} = \frac{2(6y) - 3(x+4y)}{2x(x+4y)} = \frac{-3x}{2x(x+4y)} = \frac{-3}{2(x+4y)}$$

(b)(i)

$$f(x) = ax^{2} + bx + c, a, b, c \in R$$

$$f(x) - f(k) = ax^{2} + bx + c - (ak^{2} + bk + c)$$

$$= a(x^{2} - k^{2}) + b(x - k)$$

$$= a(x - k)(x + k) + b(x - k)$$

$$f(x) - f(k) = (x - k)[a(x + k) + b]$$

However, f(k) = 0 so,

$$f(x) = (x-k)[a(x+k)+b]$$

and hence (x - k) is a factor of f(x)

(b)(ii)
Let
$$f(x) = 4x^2 - 2(1 + \sqrt{3})x + \sqrt{3}$$
. If $2x - \sqrt{3}$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then

 $x = \sqrt{3}/2$ is a root of f(x) by the Factor Theorem. Thus,

$$f(x) = 4x^2 - 2(1 + \sqrt{3})x + \sqrt{3}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 4\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 - 2(1 + \sqrt{3})\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \sqrt{3}$$

$$= 4\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \sqrt{3} - 3 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 0$$

Since $f(\sqrt{3}/2) = 0$ then $\sqrt{3}/2$ is a root of f(x) and hence $2x - \sqrt{3}$ is a factor of f(x)

Let α be the other root. Then the sum of the roots is

$$\alpha + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{-(-2(1+\sqrt{3}))}{4}$$
$$= \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

(c)(i)

Let the roots be α and $\alpha + 2p$. Then,

$$\alpha + \alpha + 2p = -10$$

and

$$\alpha(\alpha + 2p) = c$$

Solving we get

$$\alpha = -5 - p$$

Thus,

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

 $25-5p+5p-p^2 = c$
 $p^2 = 25-c$

(c)(ii)

The roots of the quadratic are

$$\frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4c}}{2} = -5 \pm \sqrt{25 - c} = -5 \pm p$$

As p > 0, -5 - p must be negative. Thus the positive root must be -5 + p. So -5 + p > 0 or p > 5.

Question 2

(a)

$$3x - y = 8$$
$$x^2 + y^2 = 10$$

Thus

$$y = 3x - 8$$

$$x^{2} + (3x - 8)^{2} = 10$$

$$x^{2} + 9x^{2} - 48x + 64 = 10$$

$$10x^{2} - 48x + 54 = 0$$

$$5x^{2} - 24x + 27 = 0$$
 (dividing across by 2)
$$(5x - 9)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$(5x - 9) = 0$$
 thus
$$x = \frac{9}{5}$$
 or
$$(x - 3) = 0$$
 so
$$x = 3$$

(b)(i)

$$|4x+7| < 1$$

The trick to a modulus inequality is to square both sides. This is necessary in order to guarantee that the inequality stays true. So

$$(4x+7)^2 < 1$$

 $16x^2 + 56x + 49 < 1$
 $16x^2 + 56x + 48 < 0$
 $2x^2 + 7x + 6 < 0$ (dividing across by 8)

Now it is necessary to solve for $2x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$. This will yield 2 roots. So

$$2x^{2} + 7x + 6 = 0$$

$$(2x+3)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{or}$$

$$x = -2$$

The next step is normally to test a value between the two roots in the original inequality. If the inequality is true for this value then the solution lies between the roots. If it doesn't then the solution lies outside outside the roots. However, here the values are -3/2 and -2 which are very close together. Instead test a value outside the roots, for example 0. Now, if the inequality is true then the solution lies outside outside the roots while if it is false the solution lies between the roots. Let's test 0:

Is
$$|4(0) + 7| < 1$$
?

The inequality is false and thus the solution lies between the roots. Hence

$$-2 < x < -\frac{3}{2}$$

Note that this is always easy to check. Just pop in a couple of values into the original inequality (in your head) and check that it yields what you expect.

(b)(ii)

If $x^2 - ax - 3$ is a factor of $x^3 - 5x^2 + bx + 9$ then it must divide evenly into, i.e. it has a remainder of 0. Thus,

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
x^2 - ax - 3 & | & \frac{x + (a - 5)}{x^3 - 5x^2 + bx + 9} \\
 & \frac{x^3 - ax^2 - 3x}{(a - 5)x^2 + (b + 3)x + 9} \\
 & \frac{(a - 5)x^2 + (a - 5)(-a)x - 3(a - 5)}{0}
\end{array}$$

As the remainder is 0 ($x^2 - ax - 3$ is a factor), (b+3) must equal $(a-5)(-a) = 5a - a^2$ and 9 must equal -3(a-5). Hence (a-5) = -3 so a = 2. Thus (b+3) = (-3)(-2) = 6, so b = 3.

(c)(i)

$$2^{2y+1} - 5(2^y) + 2 = 0$$
 Thus,
 $2(2^{2y}) - 5(2^y) + 2 = 0$ or,
 $2([2^y]^2) - 5(2^y) + 2 = 0$

Let $x = 2^y$. Then

$$2x^{2} - 5x + 2 = 0$$

$$(2x - 1)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$(2x - 1) = 0 thus$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} or,$$

$$(x - 2) = 0 so$$

$$x = 2$$

Now if x=1/2 then $2^y=1/2$ or $y=\log_2(1/2)$. Similarly, if x=2 then $y=\log_2(2)=1$.

(c)(ii) α and β are the solutions (i.e roots) of the equation.

Now,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \alpha^2 + \beta^2 & = & (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\ \\ & = & \left(-\frac{2kt}{2k^2} \right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{t^2 - 3k^2}{2k^2} \right) \\ \\ & = & \left(-\frac{t}{k} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{t^2 - 3k^2}{k^2} \right) \\ \\ & = & \frac{t^2}{k^2} - \frac{t^2}{k^2} + 3 \\ \\ \alpha^2 + \beta^2 & = & 3 \end{array}$$

Thus $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ is independent of k and t.

Question 3

(a)

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & -2 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -2 \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & -2 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ -7 \end{array}\right) = 17$$

(b)(i)

If $z = 2 - \iota$ then $z^2 = (2 - \iota)^2$. So

$$(2 - \iota)^2 = (2 - \iota)(2 - \iota)$$
$$= 4 - 2\iota - 2\iota + \iota^2$$
$$z^2 = 3 - 4\iota$$

Thus

$$z^{2} - z + 3 = (3 - 4\iota) - (2 - \iota) + 3$$

= $4 - 3\iota$

And so,

$$|z^{2}-z+3| = |4-3\iota|$$

= $\sqrt{4^{2}+3^{2}}$
= 5

(b)(ii)

$$k\iota = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}\iota}{-4\sqrt{3} - 4\iota}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}\iota}{-4\sqrt{3} - 4\iota}\right) \left(\frac{-4\sqrt{3} + 4\iota}{-4\sqrt{3} + 4\iota}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{4\sqrt{3} - 4\iota - 12\iota + 4\sqrt{3}\iota^2}{(-4\sqrt{3})^2 + 4^2}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{-16\iota}{64}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{\iota}{4}$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{4}$$

(c)(i)

$$z^3 = 1$$
$$= 1 + 0\iota$$

The polar form of $1+0\iota$ is $r(\cos\theta+\iota\sin\theta)$ where $r=|1+0\iota|=\sqrt{1^2+0^2}=1$ and $\theta=tan^{-1}0=0$. Thus $1+0\iota=\cos0+\iota\sin0$. The general polar form is $1+0\iota=\cos(2n\pi+0)+\iota\sin(2n\pi+0)$. Hence

$$1 + 0\iota = \cos(2n\pi + 0) + \iota \sin(2n\pi + 0)$$

$$(1 + 0\iota)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (\cos(2n\pi + 0) + \iota \sin(2n\pi + 0))^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= (\cos(2n\pi) + \iota \sin(2n\pi))^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{3}\right) + \iota \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{3}\right)$$
 (by De Moivre's Theorem)

Let n = 0. Then $\cos 0 + \iota \sin 0 = 1 + 0\iota = 1$

Let
$$n = 1$$
. Then $\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + \iota \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota = \omega$

Let
$$n=2$$
. Then $\cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) + \iota \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota = \omega^2$

So

$$1 + \omega + \omega^{2} = 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota\right)$$
$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota$$
$$= 0$$

(c)(ii)

$$(1 - \omega - \omega^{2})^{5} = \left[1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota\right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota\right)\right]^{5}$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\iota\right]^{5}$$

$$= 2^{5}$$

$$= 32$$

Question 4

(a) Let

$$x = 0.252525...$$
 $100x = 25.252525...$
 $99x = 25$
 $x = \frac{25}{99}$

(b)(i)

Let
$$T_1 = a$$

Then $T_2 = a+d$ where d is the common difference
Thus $T_3 = a+2d$
 $T_4 = a+3d$
 $T_5 = a+4d$
 $T_6 = a+5d$

Then

$$(a+d) + (a+4d) = 18$$

$$2a + 5d = 18$$

$$(a+5d) - (a+2d) = 9$$

$$3d = 9$$

$$d = 3$$

$$2a + 15 = 18$$

$$2a = 3$$

$$a = \frac{3}{2}$$

(b)(ii)

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

$$S_{n} = \frac{n}{2} [2(\frac{3}{2}) + (n-1)3]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [3 + 3n - 3]$$

$$S_{n} = \frac{3n^{2}}{2}$$

$$\frac{3n^{2}}{2} > 600$$

$$3n^{2} > 1200$$

$$n^{2} > 400$$

$$n^{2} - 400 > 0$$

$$(n-20)^{2} > 0$$

$$n - 20 > 0$$

$$n > 20$$

$$n = 21$$

(c) (i)

$$u_1 = 2$$
 and $u_{n+1} = (-1)^n u_n + 3$. Thus,

$$u_2 = (-1)^{2-1} u_1 + 3$$

$$= -2 + 3$$

$$= 1$$

$$u_3 = (-1)^{3-1} u_2 + 3$$

$$= 1 + 3$$

$$= 4$$

$$u_4 = (-1)^{4-1} u_3 + 3$$

$$= -4 + 3$$

$$= -1$$

$$u_5 = (-1)^{5-1} u_4 + 3$$

$$= -1 + 3$$

Thus $u_5 = u_1$. Similarly, $u_6 = u_2, u_7 = u_3$ etc. The pattern repeats so that $u_9 = u_5$ and $u_{10} = u_6 = u_2 = 1$.

(c)(ii)

Let r be the common ratio of the sequence. Then r = b/a or b = ar. Similarly, r = c/b or $c = br = ar^2$. Also r = d/c so $d = cr = ar^3$. So,

$$a^{2} - b^{2} - c^{2} + d^{2} \ge 0$$

$$a^{2} - (ar)^{2} - (ar^{2})^{2} + (ar^{3})^{2} \ge 0$$

$$a^{2} - a^{2}r^{2} - a^{2}r^{4} + a^{2}r^{6} \ge 0$$

$$a^{2} \left[1 - r^{2} - r^{4} + r^{6}\right] \ge 0$$

$$a^{2} \left[(r^{4} - 1)(r^{2} - 1)\right] \ge 0$$

$$a^{2}(r^{2} - 1)(r^{2} + 1)(r^{2} - 1) \ge 0$$

$$a^{2}(r^{2} - 1)^{2}(r^{2} + 1) \ge 0$$

This is true because all terms are positive. Thus $a^2 - b^2 - c^2 + d^2 \ge 0$.

Question 5

(a)

$$x = \sqrt{7x - 6} + 2$$

$$x - 2 = \sqrt{7x - 6}$$

$$(x - 2)^2 = 7x - 6$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 7x - 6$$

$$x^2 - 11x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x - 10)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 10$$
or $x = 1$

(b)

Step 1: Check P(1), n = 1

$$\frac{7^{2(1)+1}+1}{8} = \frac{344}{8}$$
$$= 43$$

Now, for P(k), n = k,

$$\frac{7^{2k+1}+1}{8} = C_1 \qquad C_1 \in N$$

For P(k+1), n = k+1,

$$\frac{7^{2k+3}+1}{8} = C_2 \qquad C_2 \in N$$

if 8 is a factor for both n=k and n=k+1 then P(k+1)-P(k)=C where $C\in N.$

$$\frac{7^{2k+3}+1}{8} - \frac{7^{2k+1}+1}{8} = C$$

$$\frac{7^27^{2k+1}+1}{8} - \frac{7^{2k+1}+1}{8} = C$$

$$\frac{7^27^{2k+1}+1-7^{2k+1}-1}{8} = C$$

$$\frac{48(7^{2k+1})}{8} = C$$

$$6(7^{2k+1}) = C$$

Since this is also a positive integer then the proposition must be true for n = k + 1. If it's true for n = 1 then it must be true for n = 2, n = 3 etc.

(c)(i)

$$U_{r+1} = {8 \choose r} (ax)^{8-r} \left(\frac{1}{bx}\right)^r$$
$$= {8 \choose r} a^{8-r} \frac{1}{b^r} x^{8-2r}$$

(c)(ii)

For the coefficient of x^2 , 8 - 2r = 2 or r = 3. For the coefficient of x^4 , 8 - 2r = 4 or r = 2. Thus,

$$\binom{8}{3}a^{8-3}\frac{1}{b^3} = \binom{8}{2}a^{8-2}\frac{1}{b^2}$$

$$56\frac{a^5}{b^3} = 28\frac{a^6}{b^2}$$

$$2\frac{a^5}{a^6} = \frac{b^3}{b^2}$$

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

$$2 = ab$$

Question 6

(a)

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\sqrt{1+4x}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(1+4x\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 4$$
$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4x}}$$

$$2^{3} - (4 \times 2) - 2 = -2 < 0$$

 $3^{3} - (4 \times 3) - 2 = 13 > 0$

Thus, $x^3 - 4x - 2$ crosses the x-axis somewhere between 2 and 3.

The Newton-Rhapson method is defined as

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x)}$$

Now $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 4$. Hence

$$x_{2} = 2 - \left[\frac{2^{3} - 4(2) - 2}{3(2^{2}) - 4} \right]$$
$$= 2 - \left[\frac{-2}{8} \right]$$
$$= \frac{9}{4}$$

And

$$x_3 = \frac{9}{4} - \left[\frac{\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^3 - 4\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - 2}{3\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^2 - 4} \right]$$
$$= 2.22$$

(c)(i)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$f'(x) = (-1)(1-x)^{-2}(-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

This can never equal 0 and thus the function f(x) has no maximum or minimum points.

$$f''(x) = (-2)(1-x)^{-3}(-1)$$
$$= \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$$

Again, this can never be 0 and thus the function f(x) has no points of inflection.

(c)(ii)

f'(x) is the slope of the tangent to the curve at any point on the curve. Because $f'(x) = 1/(1-x)^2$ it is always positive and thus the slope is always increasing.

(c)(iii)

The slope of the tangent y = x + k is 1. Thus

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1$$

$$(1-x)^2 = 1$$

$$1-x = \pm 1$$

$$x = 0, 2$$

When x = 0, f(0) = 1/(1-0) = 1 and y = 1(0) + k = 1 yielding k = 1. When x = 2, f(2) = 1/(1-2) = -1 and y = 1(2) + k = -1 yielding k = -3.

Question 7

(a)(i)

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\cos^4 x\right) = 4(\cos^3 x)(-\sin x)$$
$$= -4\cos^3 x \sin x$$

(a)(ii)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{5} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{5} \right)^2}} \times \frac{1}{5}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}}$$

(b)(i)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \cos t - [t(-\sin t) + \cos t]$$

$$= t \sin t$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\sin t + [t \cos t + \sin t]$$

$$= t \cos t$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{t \cos t}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{t \sin t}{t \cos t}$$
$$= \tan t$$

(b)(ii)

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$(-1)x^{-2} + (-1)y^{-2}\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{y^2}\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y^2}{x^2}$$

So at the point (2, -3) dy/dx = -9/4.

(c)(i)

$$y = \ln\left(\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}\right)} \times \left[\frac{(1-x^2)(2x) - (1+x^2)(-2x)}{(1-x^2)^2}\right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right) \left[\frac{4x}{(1-x^2)^2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{4x}{(1+x^2)(1-x^2)}$$

$$= \frac{4x}{1-x^4}$$

(c)(ii)

$$f(\theta) = \sin(\theta + \pi)\cos(\theta - \pi)$$

$$f'(\theta) = \sin(\theta + \pi)(-\sin(\theta - \pi)) + \cos(\theta - \pi)\cos(\theta + \pi)$$

$$= \cos(\theta + \pi)\cos(\theta - \pi) - \sin(\theta + \pi)\sin(\theta - \pi)$$

$$= [\cos\theta\cos\pi - \sin\theta\sin\pi][\cos\theta\cos\pi + \sin\theta\sin\pi]$$

$$- [\sin\theta\cos\pi + \cos\theta\sin\pi][\sin\theta\cos\pi - \cos\theta\sin\pi]$$

$$= (-\cos\theta)(-\cos\theta) - [(-\sin\theta)(-\sin\theta)]$$

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

$$= \cos 2\theta$$

Question 8

(a)(i)

$$\int (x^3 + 2)dx = \frac{x^4}{3} + 2x + C$$

(a)(ii)

$$\int e^{7x} dx = \frac{e^{7x}}{7} + C$$

(b)(i)

Let $u = 1 + x^2$. Then du = 2xdx. When x = 0, $u = 1 + (0)^2 = 1$ and similarly when x = 1, u = 2. Thus we have

$$\int_{1}^{2} \frac{du}{\sqrt{u}} = 2\sqrt{u} \Big|_{1}^{2}$$
$$= 2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

(b)(ii)

Let $u = \sin x$. Then $du = \cos x dx$. When x = 0, u = 0 and when $x = \pi/2, u = \sin(\pi/2) = 1$. Thus we have

$$\int_0^1 u^6 du = \frac{u^7}{7} \Big|_0^1$$
$$= \frac{1}{7}$$

(c)(i)

$$\int_{a}^{2a} \sin 2x dx = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \Big|_{a}^{2a}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} [\cos 4a - \cos 2a]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[-2 \sin \left(\frac{4a + 2a}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{4a - 2a}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \sin \left(\frac{6a}{2} \right) \sin \left(\frac{2a}{2} \right)$$

$$= \sin 3a \sin a$$

(c)(ii) The volume of a solid revolving about the x-axis is given by

$$V = \int_{a}^{b} \pi y^{2} dx$$

The equation of a circle with center (0,0) and radius r is $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$. Thus, $y^2 = r^2 - x^2$. Thus the volume of a hemisphere is

$$V_{hs} = \int_0^r \pi y^2 dx$$

$$= \int_0^r \pi (r^2 - x^2) dx$$

$$= \pi \left(r^2 x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^r$$

$$= \pi \left(r^3 - \frac{r^3}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi r^3}{3}$$

Thus the volume of a sphere which is twice that of the hemisphere is $4\pi r^3/3$.