

Leaving Certificate Honours Level 2002 Paper 1 Solutions

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Introduction

The following are the solutions to Paper 1 of the 2002 Leaving Certificate Honours course.

Question 1

(a)

$$x = \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$x^2 = x+2$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

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

$$x-2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

$$x+1 = 0$$

$$x = -1$$

(b)

Since one root is an integer try various values. $f(0) = -10 < 0$, $f(3) = 3^3 - 4(3)^2 + 9(3) - 10 = 8 > 0$, $f(2) = 2^3 - 4(2)^2 + 9(2) - 10 = 0$. Thus 2 is a

root and $x - 2$ is a factor. Now, dividing in

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 2x + 5 \\
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 x - 2) \quad x^3 - 4x^2 + 9x - 10 \\
 \underline{- x^3 + 2x^2} \\
 - 2x^2 + 9x \\
 \underline{2x^2 - 4x} \\
 5x - 10 \\
 \underline{- 5x + 10} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

To get the roots of $x^2 - 2x + 5$ use the 'b' formula. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(5)}}{2(1)} \\ &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \pm 4i}{2} \\ &= 1 \pm 2i \end{aligned}$$

Hence the roots are $2, 1 + 2\iota$ and $1 - 2\iota$.

(b)(i)

$$\underbrace{(p+r-t)}_a x^2 + \underbrace{2r}_b x + \underbrace{(t+r-p)}_c = 0$$

The roots of this equation are (using the 'b' formula)

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \frac{-2r \pm \sqrt{(2r)^2 - 4(p+r-t)(t+r-p)}}{2(p+r-t)} \\
&= \frac{-2r \pm \sqrt{4r^2 - 4(pt+pr-p^2+rt+r^2-pr-t^2-tr+tp)}}{2(p+r-t)} \\
&= \frac{-2r \pm \sqrt{4r^2 - 4(-p^2+r^2-t^2+2tp)}}{2(p+r-t)} \\
&= \frac{-2r \pm \sqrt{4r^2 + 4p^2 - 4r^2 + 4t^2 - 8tp}}{2(p+r-t)} \\
&= \frac{-2r \pm \sqrt{4p^2 + 4t^2 - 8tp}}{2(p+r-t)} \\
&= \frac{-2r \pm \sqrt{4(p^2 + t^2 - 2tp)}}{2(p+r-t)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{-2r \pm \sqrt{4(p-t)^2}}{2(p+r-t)} \\
&= \frac{-2r \pm 2(p-t)}{2(p+r-t)} \\
&= \frac{-r \pm (p-t)}{p+r-t} \\
x &= \frac{-r + (p-t)}{p+r-t} \\
\text{Or } x &= \frac{-r - (p-t)}{p+r-t} \\
&= \frac{-r - p + t}{p+r-t}
\end{aligned}$$

As p, r and t are all Integers then both roots are of type Integer/Integer, i.e. rational.

(b)(i)

From (b)(i) above, one of the roots is

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \frac{-r - p + t}{p+r-t} \\
&= -\left(\frac{r+p-t}{p+r-t}\right) \\
&= -1
\end{aligned}$$

Question 2

(a)

$$x + 2y + 4z = 7 \text{ (Eqn 1)}$$

$$x + 3y + 2z = 1 \text{ (Eqn 2)}$$

$$-y + 3z = 8 \text{ (Eqn 3)}$$

$$y - 2z = -6 \text{ (Eqn 4 = Eqn 2 - Eqn 1)}$$

$$z = 2 \text{ (Eqn 3 + Eqn 4)}$$

$$y = -6 + 2z$$

$$y = -2$$

$$x = 7 - 2y - 4z$$

$$= 7 - 2(-2) - 4(2)$$

$$x = 3$$

(b)(i)

First find where $x^2 + x - 20 = 0$.

$$x^2 + x - 20 = 0$$

$$(x + 5)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -5$$

$$\text{Or } x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = 4$$

Now test a value between -5 and 4 , say 0 . $0^2 + 0 - 20 < 0$ and thus $-5 \leq x \leq 4$.

(b)(ii)

$$g(x) = x^n + 3$$

$$g(-x) = (-x)^n + 3$$

$$= (-1)^n x^n + 3$$

$$= -x^n + 3 \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is odd})$$

$$\therefore g(x) + g(-x) = x^n + 3 - x^n + 3$$

$$= 6$$

(c)(i)

The roots of the equation are $(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c})/2$. Thus, if the difference is 1

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

$$\frac{2\sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2} = 1$$

$$\sqrt{b^2 - 4c} = 1$$

$$\therefore b^2 - 4c = 1$$

(c)(ii)

If the roots are consecutive integers then from (c)(i)

$$(4k - 5)^2 - 4(1)(k) = 1$$

$$16k^2 - 40k + 25 - 4k = 1$$

$$16k^2 - 44k + 24 = 0$$

$$4k^2 - 11k + 6 = 0$$

$$(4k - 3)(k - 2) = 0$$

$$4k - 3 = 0$$

$$k = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{Or } k - 2 = 0$$

$$k = 2$$

To find out which value of k yields consecutive integers remember that the roots are (from the 'b') formula

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-(4k - 5) \pm 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{-(4(\frac{3}{4}) - 5) \pm 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \pm 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Or } x &= \frac{-(4(2) - 5) \pm 1}{2} \\ &= \frac{-3 \pm 1}{2} \\ &= -2, -1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $k = 2$ and the roots are -2 and -1 .

Question 3

(a)

$$-1 + \sqrt{3}\iota = r(\cos \theta + \iota \sin \theta)$$

$$r = |-1 + \sqrt{3}\iota|$$

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

$$= 2$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{-1}$$

$$= -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore -1 + \sqrt{3}\iota = 2 \left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + \iota \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

(b)(i)

$$\begin{aligned}z &= 2 - \sqrt{3}\iota \\ \therefore z^2 + tz &= (2 - \sqrt{3}\iota)^2 + t(2 - \sqrt{3}\iota) \\ &= 4 - 4\sqrt{3}\iota - 3 + 2t - \sqrt{3}t\iota \\ &= 1 + 2t - \iota\sqrt{3}(4 + t)\end{aligned}$$

If this is real then the complex part of the number must be zero, i.e. $t = -4$.

(b)(ii)

Let $w = a + b\iota$. Then $\bar{w} = a - b\iota$ and $w\bar{w} = a^2 + b^2$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}w\bar{w} - 2w\iota &= 7 - 4\iota \\ a^2 + b^2 - 2\iota(a + b\iota) &= 7 - 4\iota \\ a^2 + b^2 + 2b - 2a\iota &= 7 - 4\iota \\ -2a &= -4 \\ a &= 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}4 + b^2 + 2b &= 7 \\ b^2 + 2b - 3 &= 0 \\ (b + 3)(b - 1) &= 0 \\ b + 3 &= 0 \\ b + 3 &= 0 \\ b &= -3 \\ b - 1 &= 0 \\ b &= 1\end{aligned}$$

So $w = 2 - 3\iota$ or $w = 2 + \iota$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \\ y + x &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= x + y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
xy &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
yx &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} -12 & 4 \\ -36 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\neq xy
\end{aligned}$$

In the above $xy = 0$ but $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$. Thus the statement is false.

Question 4

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
S_n &\triangleq \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \\
&= \frac{3\left(1-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n\right)}{1-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= 6\left(1-\frac{1}{2^n}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

(b)(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+2} &= \frac{k+2-k}{k(k+2)} \\
&= \frac{2}{k(k+2)}
\end{aligned}$$

(b)(ii)

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k(k+2)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k+2}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
u_1 &= \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \\
u_2 &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \\
u_3 &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_4 &= \frac{\cancel{1}}{\cancel{4}} - \frac{\cancel{1}}{\cancel{6}} \\
&\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\
u_{n-2} &= \frac{\cancel{1}}{\cancel{n-2}} - \frac{\cancel{1}}{\cancel{n}} \\
u_{n-1} &= \frac{\cancel{1}}{\cancel{n-1}} - \frac{1}{n+1} \\
u_n &= \frac{\cancel{1}}{\cancel{n}} - \frac{1}{n+2}
\end{aligned}

$$S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2}$$$$

(b)(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
S_\infty &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) \\
&= \frac{3}{2} - 0 - 0 \\
&= \frac{3}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

(c)(i)

Let a , $a + d$ and $a + 2d$ be the numbers. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) &= 27 \\
3a + 3d &= 27 \\
a + d &= 9 \\
d &= 9 - a \\
\text{and } a(a + d)(a + 2d) &= 704 \\
a(a + 9 - a)(a + 18 - 2a) &= 704 \\
9a(18 - a) &= 704 \\
-9a^2 + 162a &= 704 \\
9a^2 - 162a + 704 &= 0 \\
a &= \frac{162 \pm \sqrt{162^2 - 4(9)(704)}}{18} \\
&= \frac{162 \pm \sqrt{900}}{18}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{162 \pm 30}{18} \\
&= \frac{32}{3}, \frac{22}{3} \\
d &= 9 - a \\
&= -\frac{5}{3}, \frac{5}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

So $d = 5/3$ and the numbers are $22/3$, 9 and $32/3$.

Question 5

(a)(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{8}{2^x} &= 32 \\
\frac{2^3}{2^x} &= 2^5 \\
2^{3-x} &= 2^5 \\
3-x &= 5 \\
x &= -2
\end{aligned}$$

(a)(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\log_9 x &= \frac{3}{2} \\
x &= 9^{\frac{3}{2}} \\
&= (3^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\
&= 3^3 \\
x &= 27
\end{aligned}$$

(b)(i)

$$(1+ax)^n \triangleq 1 + n(ax) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}(ax)^2 + \dots$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
1 + 2x + \frac{7}{4}x^2 &\equiv 1 + nax + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}(ax)^2 \\
na &= 2 \\
\text{Or } a &= \frac{2}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{n(n-1)}{2}a^2 &= \frac{7}{4} \\
\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^2 &= \frac{7}{4} \\
\frac{2(n-1)}{n} &= \frac{7}{4} \\
8n-8 &= 7n \\
n &= 8 \\
a &= \frac{2}{n} \\
&= \frac{2}{8} \\
a &= \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

(b)(ii)

Since $n = 8$ the middle term is T_5 . This term is

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{8}{5} 1^4 \left(\frac{1}{4}x\right)^4 &= \frac{8!}{4!4!} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^4 x^4 \\
&= \frac{35}{128} x^4
\end{aligned}$$

(c)

To prove

$$x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^n = \frac{x(x^n - 1)}{x - 1} \quad n \in N \quad x \neq 1$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \frac{x(x^1 - 1)}{x - 1} \\
&= x
\end{aligned}$$

So it is true for $n = 1$. Now, for $P(k), n = k$,

$$x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^k = \frac{x(x^k - 1)}{x - 1}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^k + x^{k+1} &= \frac{x(x^k - 1)}{x - 1} + x^{k+1} \\
&= \frac{x(x^k - 1) + (x - 1)x^{k+1}}{x - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{x^{k+1} - x + x^{k+2} - x^{k+1}}{x - 1} \\
&= \frac{-x + x^{k+2}}{x - 1} \\
&= \frac{x(x^{k+1} - 1)}{x - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the proposition is true for $n = k + 1$. However, if it is true for $n = 1$ then it is true for $n = 1 + 1 = 2$ and true for $3, 4 \dots$ etc.

Question 6

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx} (x^4 + 1)^5 &= 5 (x^4 + 1)^4 \times 4x^3 \\
&= 20x^3 (x^4 + 1)^4
\end{aligned}$$

(b)(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= u(x) + v(x) \\
\frac{d(f(x))}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{u(x+h) + v(x+h) - (u(x) + v(x))}{h} \right] \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{u(x+h) - u(x)}{h} \right] + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{v(x+h) - v(x)}{h} \right] \\
&= \frac{d(u(x))}{dx} + \frac{d(v(x))}{dx}
\end{aligned}$$

(b)(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= 2x - \sin 2x \\
\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2 - 2 \cos 2x \\
&= 2(1 - \cos 2x) \\
&= 4 \times \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2x) \\
&= 4 \sin^2 x
\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(0) &= a(0)^3 + b(0)^2 + c(0) + d \\
4 &= d \\
f(1) &= a(1)^3 + b(1)^2 + c(1) + d \\
0 &= a + b + c + 4 \\
-4 &= a + b + c \\
f'(x) &= 3ax^2 + 2bx + c \\
0 &= 3a(0)^2 + 2b(0) + c \quad (\text{Maximum at } x = 0) \\
0 &= c \\
f''(x) &= 6ax + 2b \\
f''(1) &= 6a + 2b \\
0 &= 6a + 2b \\
-4 &= a + b \\
-8 &= 2a + 2b
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
8 &= 4a \\
a &= 2 \\
b &= -6 \\
c &= 0 \\
d &= 4
\end{aligned}$$

Question 7

(a)(i)

dy/dx is the slope of the tangent to the curve at ANY point on the curve.
Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
9x^2 + 4y^2 &= 40 \\
18x + 8y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\
\frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{18x}{8y} \\
&= -\frac{9x}{4y} \\
&= -\frac{9(2)}{4(1)} \quad \text{at the point } (2, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

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

(b)(i)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sin^{-1} 10x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (10x)^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (10(\frac{1}{20}))^2}} \quad \text{when } x = 1/20 \\ &= \frac{10}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{20}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

(b)(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \ln(1 + t^2) \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{1}{(1 + t^2)} \times 2t \\ \frac{dt}{dx} &= \frac{(1 + t^2)}{2t} \\ y &= \ln(2t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2t} \times 2 \\ &= \frac{1}{t} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{t} \times \frac{(1 + t^2)}{2t} \\ &= \frac{(1 + t^2)}{2t^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 + (\sqrt{5})^2)}{2(\sqrt{5})^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 + 5)}{10} \\ &= \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

(c)(i)

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \\f'(x) &= \frac{e^x + e^{-x}(-1)}{2} \\&= \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \\f''(x) &= \frac{e^x - e^{-x}(-1)}{2} \\&= \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \\&= f(x)\end{aligned}$$

(c)(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}f(2x) &= \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} \\f'(2x) &= \frac{e^{2x}(2) + e^{-2x}(-2)}{2} \\&= e^{2x} - e^{-2x} \\f'(x) &= \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \\\frac{f'(2x)}{f'(x)} &= \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}} \\&= 2 \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} \\&= 2 \frac{(e^x - e^{-x})(e^x + e^{-x})}{e^x - e^{-x}} \\&= 2(e^x + e^{-x}) \\&= 2f(x)\end{aligned}$$

Question 8

(a)(i)

$$\begin{aligned}\int (x^3 + \sqrt{x} + 2)dx &= x^4 + \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} + 2x + C \\&= x^4 + \frac{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} + 2x + C\end{aligned}$$

(b)(i)

$$\int_2^7 \frac{2x-4}{x^2-4x+29} dx$$

This is done by letting $u = x^2 - 4x + 29$. Then $du = (2x - 4)dx$. Next the integral range must be changed. When $x = 2$ $u = 2^2 - 4(2) + 29 = 25$ and similarly when $x = 7$ $u = 7^2 - 4(7) + 29 = 50$. Thus the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{25}^{50} \frac{du}{u} &= \ln|u| \Big|_{25}^{50} \\ &= \ln|50| - \ln|25| \\ &= \ln \left| \frac{50}{25} \right| \\ &= \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

(b)(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^7 \frac{1}{x^2-4x+29} dx &= \int_2^7 \frac{1}{(x-2)^2+5^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x-2}{5} \right) \Big|_2^7 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (\tan^{-1} 1 - \tan^{-1} 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 0 \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{20} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

Figure 1 shows the curve $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5$ and the shaded region is the area that is required. To find the bounding points it is first necessary to find line L which is a tangent at the local maximum. Since dy/dx is a tangent to the curve at any point we can then easily find the equation of L. So

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^3 - 3x^2 + 5 \\ f'(x) &= 3x^2 - 6x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 - 6x &= 0 \quad \text{at local max and min} \\ x(3x - 6) &= 0 \\ x &= 0 \\ x &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

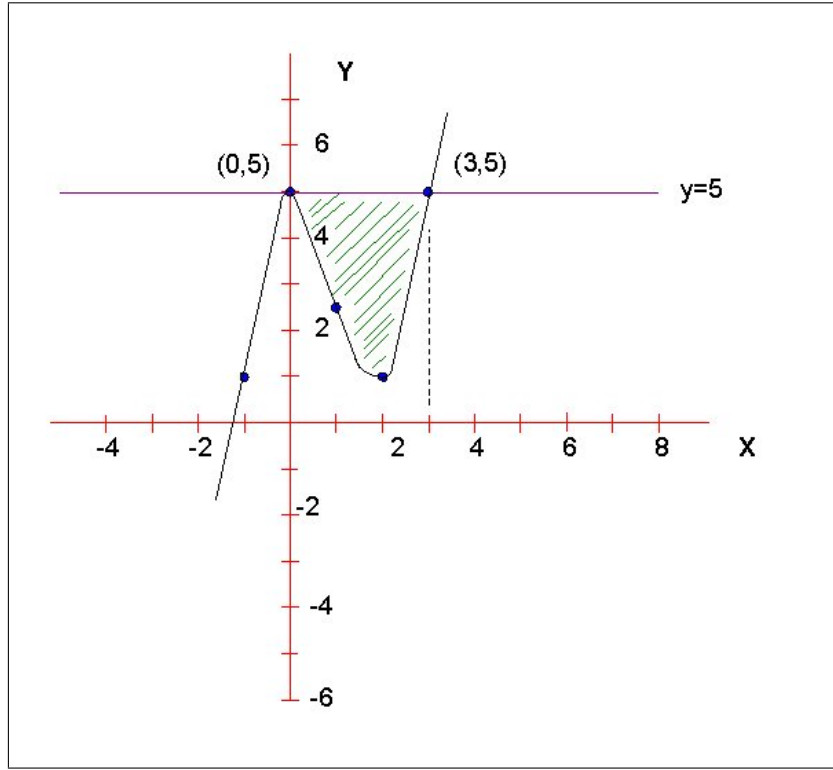


Figure 1: $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5$

At $x = 0$, $f(x) = 5$ and at $x = 2$, $f(x) = 1$. Thus the tangent is at $x = 0$, the maximum point. Now the slope of the tangent at $x = 0$ is $f'(0) = 3(0)^2 - 6(0) = 0$. Thus the equation of line L is

$$\begin{aligned} y - y_1 &= m(x - x_1) \\ y - 5 &= 0(x - 0) \\ y &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

To find the boundary points it is necessary to solve $x^2 - 3x + 5 = 5$ which yields $x(x - 3) = 0$ or $x = 0$ (which we knew already) and $x = 3$. So the boundary points are $(0, 5)$ and $(3, 5)$ as can be seen from figure 1.

The shaded area A is equal to the Area of the Rectangle minus the area between the curve and the x-axis, i.e

$$\begin{aligned} A &= A_{\square} - \int_0^3 (x^3 - 3x^2 + 5) dx \\ A &= 5 \times 3 - \left(\frac{x^4}{4} - x^3 + 5x \right) \Big|_0^3 \\ &= 15 - \left(15 - \frac{81}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{27}{4} \end{aligned}$$