

$$1. w_n = (n-1)n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+m)$$

$$w_{n+1} = n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)\dots(n+m+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_n - w_{n+1} &= (n-1)n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+m) \\ &\quad - n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)\dots(n+m+1) \\ &= n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)\dots(n+m)(n-1-n-m-1) \\ &= -(m+2)n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Given } v_n = 2n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+m)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N v_n = \sum_{n=1}^N 2n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+m)$$

$$= \frac{-2}{m+2} \sum_{n=1}^N -(m+2)n(n+1)(n+2)\dots(n+m)$$

$$= \frac{-2}{m+2} \sum_{n=1}^N w_n - w_{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{m+2} \sum_{n=1}^N w_{n+1} - w_n$$

$$= \frac{2}{m+2} (w_{N+1} - w_1)$$

$$= \frac{2}{m+2} (N(N+1)(N+2)\dots(N+m+1) - 0)$$

$$= \frac{2N(N+1)(N+2)\dots(N+m+1)}{m+2}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2. \quad x + b^2y + z &= 0 \\ x + by + z &= 0 \\ x + y - bz &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -r_1 + r_2: \quad x + b^2y + z &= 0 \\ -r_1 + r_3: \quad (b - b^2)y &= 0 \\ (1 - b^2)y - (b+1)z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -(1+b)r_2 + br_3: \quad x + b^2y + z &= 0 \\ b(1-b)y &= 0 \\ -b(b+1)z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

when $b=0$: $x + z = 0$

$$0y = 0$$

$$0z = 0$$

let $y = s, z = t, s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore x = -t$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

when $b=-1$: $x + y + z = 0$

$$-2y = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$0z = 0$$

let $z = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$x = -t$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Let $y = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3. A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= 2(1-2) - (-1)(-1-2) + 1(1-1) \\ &= -2 + 1 + 0 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4. \frac{d}{dx}(u_1 u_2 \dots u_n) = u_1 u_2 \dots u_n \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx}, \quad n \geq 1.$$

when $n=1$: $\frac{d}{dx}(u_1) = \frac{du_1}{dx} = u_1 \left(\frac{1}{u_1} \right) \frac{du_1}{dx} = u_1 \sum_{r=1}^1 \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx}$

Assume the statement is true when $n=k$.

$$n=k: \frac{d}{dx}(u_1 u_2 \dots u_k) = u_1 u_2 \dots u_k \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx}$$

when $n=k+1$:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u_1 u_2 \dots u_k u_{k+1}) = u_1 u_2 \dots u_k u_{k+1} \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx}$$

(what needs to be proved)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u_1 u_2 \dots u_k u_{k+1}) = \frac{d}{dx} [(u_1 u_2 \dots u_k) u_{k+1}]$$

$$= u_1 u_2 \dots u_k \frac{du_{k+1}}{dx} + u_{k+1} \frac{d}{dx}(u_1 u_2 \dots u_k)$$

$$= u_1 u_2 \dots u_k \frac{du_{k+1}}{dx} + u_{k+1} (u_1 u_2 \dots u_k \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx})$$

$$= u_1 u_2 \dots u_k u_{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{u_{k+1}} \right) \frac{du_{k+1}}{dx}$$

$$+ u_1 u_2 \dots u_k u_{k+1} \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx}$$

$$= u_1 u_2 \dots u_k u_{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{u_{k+1}} \frac{du_{k+1}}{dx} + \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx} \right)$$

$$= u_1 u_2 \dots u_k u_{k+1} \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx}(u_1 u_2 \dots u_n) = u_1 u_2 \dots u_n \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{u_r} \frac{du_r}{dx}$$

for every positive integer n .

$$S: \vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{OD} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

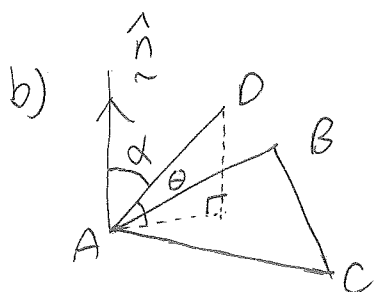
$$\vec{AC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let \vec{n} denote a normal of the plane with ABC.

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The unit normal $\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$



$$\vec{AD} = \vec{OD} - \vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \vec{AD} = |\hat{n}| |\vec{AD}| \cos \alpha$$

$$\sin \theta = \cos \alpha = \frac{\hat{n} \cdot \vec{AD}}{|\hat{n}| |\vec{AD}|}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2}}$$

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

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$6. a) x^4 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$$

$$\text{Roots: } \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 0 \quad \alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta = p$$

$$i) \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta)^2$$

$$- 2(\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma + \beta\delta + \gamma\delta)$$

$$= 0^2 - 2p$$

$$= -2p$$

$$ii) \text{ let } S_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n + \gamma^n + \delta^n$$

$$S_0 = \alpha^0 + \beta^0 + \gamma^0 + \delta^0 = 4$$

$$S_1 = \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 0$$

$$S_2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = -2p$$

$$S_4 = \alpha^4 + \beta^4 + \gamma^4 + \delta^4$$

$$S_4 + pS_2 + qS_1 + rS_0 = 0$$

$$S_4 = -p(-2p) - q(0) - r(4)$$

$$= 2p^2 - 4r$$

$$\therefore \alpha^4 + \beta^4 + \gamma^4 + \delta^4 = 2p^2 - 4r$$

$$iii) \beta^5 + p\beta^3 + q\beta^2 + r\beta = \beta(\beta^4 + p\beta^2 + q\beta + r)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{since } \beta \text{ is a root.}$$

$$b) 9x^3 - 9x^2 + mx + 5 = 0$$

$$\text{Roots: } \alpha - h, \alpha, \alpha + h$$

$$\alpha - h + \alpha + \alpha + h = 1$$

$$(\alpha - h)\alpha + (\alpha - h)(\alpha + h) + \alpha(\alpha + h) = \frac{m}{9}$$

$$(\alpha - h)\alpha(\alpha + h) = -\frac{5}{9}$$

$$\text{From } \textcircled{1}: 3\alpha = 1$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{From } \textcircled{3}: \left(\frac{1}{3} - h\right)\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{3} + h\right) = -\frac{5}{9}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{9} - h^2\right) = -\frac{5}{9}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} - h^2 = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$h^2 = \frac{16}{9}$$

$$h = \pm \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{From } \textcircled{2}: \alpha^2 - \alpha h + \alpha^2 - h^2 + \alpha^2 + \alpha h = \frac{m}{9}$$

$$3\alpha^2 - h^2 = \frac{m}{9}$$

$$3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{16}{9} = \frac{m}{9}$$

$$m = -13$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3 - x^2 + \frac{mx}{9} + \frac{5}{9} &= [x - (\alpha - h)](x - \alpha)[x - (\alpha + h)] \\
 &= \left[x - \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{3}\right)\right]\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)\left[x - \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3}\right)\right] \\
 &= (x + 1)\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(x - \frac{5}{3}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$9x^3 - 9x^2 + mx + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 1)(3x - 1)(3x - 5) = 0$$

\therefore The solutions of the equation are

$$x = -1, x = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } x = \frac{5}{3}.$$

$$7. c: y = \frac{ax-b}{cx-d}, \quad a, b, c, d > 0$$

$$a) \quad y = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{bc+ad}{c(cx-d)}$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow \pm\infty \quad y \rightarrow \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow \frac{d}{c} \quad y \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

\therefore The asymptotes of c are $y = \frac{a}{c}$ and $x = \frac{d}{c}$.

$$b) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-(bc+ad)}{(cx-d)^2} \neq 0$$

\therefore no critical points

$$c) \quad \text{when } x=0: y = \frac{b}{d}$$

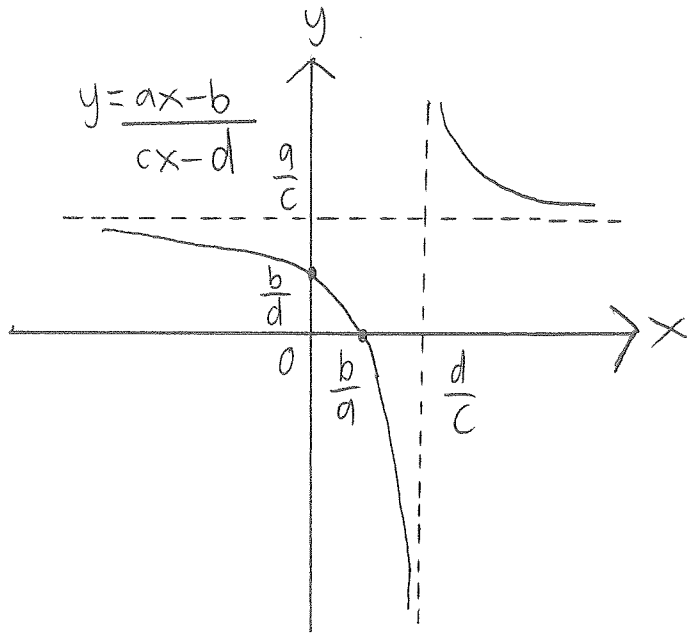
$$\text{when } y=0: \frac{ax-b}{cx-d} = 0$$

$$ax-b=0$$

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

\therefore The intersection points of c are $(\frac{b}{a}, 0)$ and $(0, \frac{b}{d})$.

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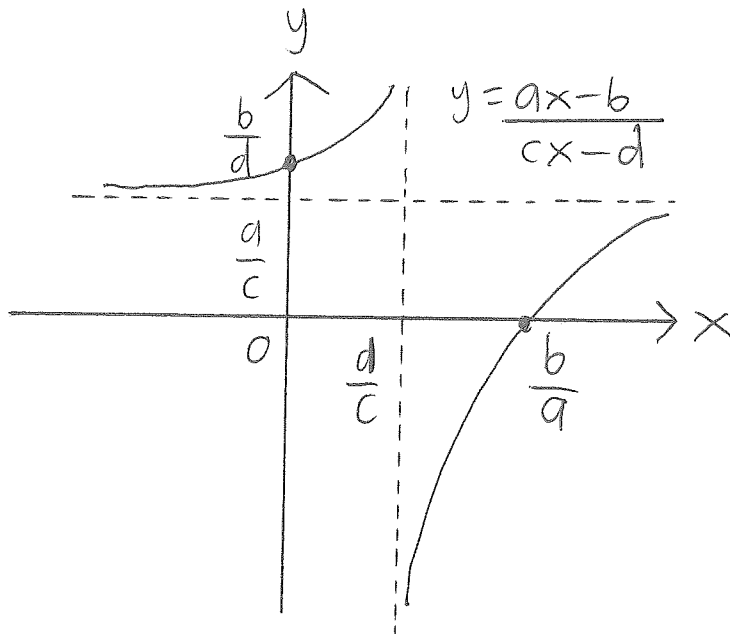


$$bc < ad$$

$$\frac{a}{c} > \frac{b}{d}$$

$$\frac{d}{c} > \frac{b}{a}$$

• : Intersection Point



$$bc > ad$$

$$\frac{a}{c} < \frac{b}{d}$$

$$\frac{d}{c} < \frac{b}{a}$$

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