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***Worked solutions***

**This book presents:**

- worked solutions, giving you a series of points to show you how to work through the questions.
- mark allocations
- tips on how to approach the questions.

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**Question 1**

Let  $u = 10 - 5i$  and  $v = 2 - i$ .

Find  $\frac{i u}{\bar{v}}$  in Cartesian form.

**Worked solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i u}{\bar{v}} &= \frac{i(10 - 5i)}{2 + i} \\ &= \frac{(10i + 5)}{(2 + i)} \times \frac{(2 - i)}{(2 - i)} && 1A \\ &= \frac{20i + 10 + 10 - 5i}{4 + 1} \\ &= \frac{15i + 20}{5} \\ &= 3i + 4 && 1A \end{aligned}$$

2 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for multiplying by the complex conjugate.
- 1 mark for correct answer.

**Question 2**

The position of particles  $A$  and  $B$  at any time  $t$  seconds,  $t \geq 0$ , is given by

$$\underline{r}_A(t) = (t^2 - 2t)\underline{i} + (6t - 2)\underline{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{r}_B(t) = (5t - 12)\underline{i} + (t^2 + 6)\underline{j}, \text{ respectively.}$$

Determine the time when the particles collide.

**Worked solution**

Particles  $A$  and  $B$  will collide when they are in the same position at the same time.

$$\underline{r}_A(t) = (t^2 - 2t)\underline{i} + (6t - 2)\underline{j}$$

$$\underline{r}_B(t) = (5t - 12)\underline{i} + (t^2 + 6)\underline{j}$$

Equating  $\underline{i}$  components:

$$t^2 - 2t = 5t - 12$$

$$t^2 - 7t + 12 = 0$$

$$(t - 3)(t - 4) = 0$$

$$t = 3 \text{ and } t = 4$$

1A

Equating  $\underline{j}$  components:

$$6t - 2 = t^2 + 6$$

$$t^2 - 6t + 8 = 0$$

$$(t - 2)(t - 4) = 0$$

$$t = 2 \text{ and } t = 4$$

1A

The  $\underline{i}$  and  $\underline{j}$  components of the position vectors are equal when  $t = 4$ .

$$\underline{r}_A(t) = (4^2 - 2 \times 4)\underline{i} + (6 \times 4 - 2)\underline{j} = 8\underline{i} + 22\underline{j}$$

$$\underline{r}_B(t) = (5 \times 4 - 12)\underline{i} + (4^2 + 6)\underline{j} = 8\underline{i} + 22\underline{j}$$

The particles collide when  $t = 4$  seconds.

1A

3 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for equating  $\underline{i}$  components and finding the associated  $t$  values.
- 1 mark for equating  $\underline{j}$  components and finding the associated  $t$  values.
- 1 mark for recognising that the particles collide when  $t = 4$ .

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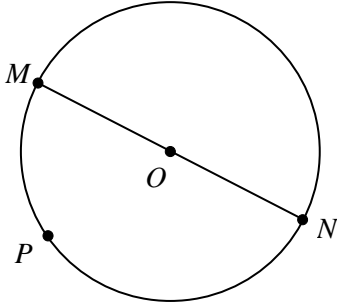
**Question 3**

$MN$  is the diameter of circle centre  $O$ .

$P$  is a point on the circumference of this circle.

Let  $\vec{OP} = \underline{p}$  and  $\vec{OM} = \underline{m}$ .

Use vectors to prove that  $\angle MPN$  is a right angle.

**Worked solution**

$\vec{OM} = \underline{m}$ , therefore  $\vec{NO} = \underline{m}$  (since  $O$  is the midpoint of diameter  $MN$ ).

$\vec{OP} = \underline{p}$  (given)

Finding vector expressions for  $\vec{MP}$  and  $\vec{NP}$ :

$$\vec{MP} = \vec{MO} + \vec{OP} \qquad \vec{NP} = \vec{NO} + \vec{OP}$$

$$\vec{MP} = -\underline{m} + \underline{p} \qquad \vec{NP} = \underline{m} + \underline{p} \qquad 1A$$

$$\vec{MP} \cdot \vec{NP} = (-\underline{m} + \underline{p}) \cdot (\underline{m} + \underline{p})$$

$$\vec{MP} \cdot \vec{NP} = -\underline{m} \cdot \underline{m} - \underline{m} \cdot \underline{p} + \underline{p} \cdot \underline{m} + \underline{p} \cdot \underline{p}$$

$$\vec{MP} \cdot \vec{NP} = \underline{p} \cdot \underline{p} - \underline{m} \cdot \underline{m}$$

$$\vec{MP} \cdot \vec{NP} = \left| \underline{p} \right|^2 - \left| \underline{m} \right|^2 \qquad 1A$$

Since  $OP$  and  $OM$  are radii of the circle  $\left| \underline{p} \right| = \left| \underline{m} \right|$ ,

$$\vec{MP} \cdot \vec{NP} = 0 \qquad 1A$$

Hence,  $\vec{MP}$  and  $\vec{NP}$  are perpendicular.

$\therefore \angle MPN$  is a right angle.

3 marks  
**Question 3** – continued

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for finding vector expressions for  $\vec{MP}$  and  $\vec{NP}$ .
- 1 mark for finding a simplified expression for the dot product.
- 1 mark for showing dot product is zero and deducing  $\vec{MP}$  and  $\vec{NP}$  are perpendicular.

**Question 4**

a. Show that  $\cot(x) - \operatorname{cosec}(2x) = \cot(2x)$

**Worked solution**

$$\text{LHS} = \cot(x) - \operatorname{cosec}(2x)$$

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

$$= \frac{\sin(2x)\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{\sin(x)\sin(2x)} \quad 1\text{M}$$

$$= \frac{2\sin(x)\cos(x)\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{\sin(x)\sin(2x)}$$

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

$$= \frac{\cos(2x)}{\sin(2x)} \quad 1\text{A}$$

$$= \cot(2x)$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

2 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for simplifying the left hand side of the identity.
- 1 mark for further simplification leading directly to the right hand side of identity.

**Question 4 – continued**  
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**b.** Hence, solve the equation  $\cot(x) - \operatorname{cosec}(2x) = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .

**Worked solution**

$$\cot(x) - \operatorname{cosec}(2x) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\cot(2x) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan(2x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ (tan is positive in the first and third quadrants)} \quad 1A$$

$$2x = -2\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad -\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$2x = -\frac{11\pi}{6}, \quad -\frac{5\pi}{6}, \quad \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

$$x = -\frac{11\pi}{12}, \quad -\frac{5\pi}{12}, \quad \frac{\pi}{12}, \quad \frac{7\pi}{12} \quad 1A$$

2 marks

Total 2 + 2 = 4 marks

**Mark allocation**

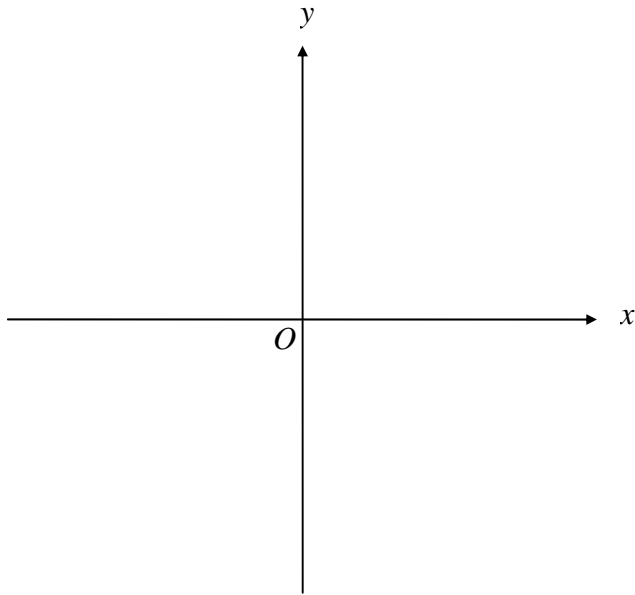
- 1 mark for simplifying to find  $2x = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .
- 1 mark for finding all solutions.

**Tip**

- *The word 'hence' gives the hint that something from the previous part of the question is used to find the answer. So, use the information given in part a to answer part b.*

**Question 5**

- a. Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = 3 \arcsin(x+1) - \frac{\pi}{2}$  on the axes below, showing the intercepts and endpoints in exact form.

**Worked solution**

Graph of  $y = \arcsin(x)$  has been dilated by a factor of 3 from the  $x$ -axis, then translated 1 unit left and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  units down.

Domain

$$x \in [-2, 0]$$

Range

$$y \in \left[ 3 \times \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} \right) - \frac{\pi}{2}, 3 \times \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - \frac{\pi}{2} \right] = [-2\pi, \pi]$$

$\therefore$  Endpoint coordinates are  $(-2, -2\pi)$  and  $(0, \pi)$ .

At  $x$ -intercept,  $y = 0$ :

$$3 \arcsin(x+1) - \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

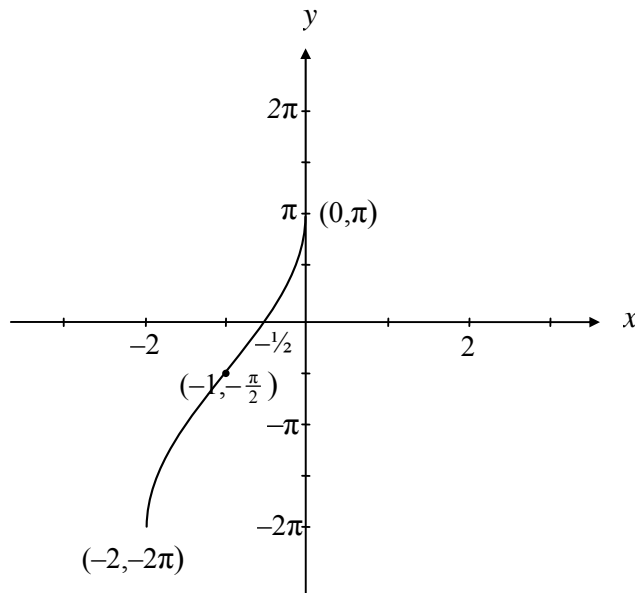
$$\arcsin(x+1) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$x+1 = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$x+1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

**Question 5 – continued**  
**TURN OVER**



3 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for Endpoints
- 1 mark for Intercepts
- 1 mark for Shape

b. Find  $f^{-1}(x)$  stating its domain.

**Worked solution**

$$x = 3 \arcsin(y + 1) - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Make  $y$  the subject:

$$\arcsin(y + 1) = \frac{1}{3} \left( x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$y + 1 = \sin \left( \frac{1}{3} \left( x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sin \left( \frac{1}{3} \left( x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right) - 1 \quad 1A$$

Domain  $f^{-1}$  is  $x \in [-2\pi, \pi]$ . This is the range of  $f$ . 1A

2 marks

Total 3 + 2 = 5 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for finding the inverse equation
- 1 mark for finding the range of  $f^{-1}$

**Tip**

- *An inverse equation is found by swapping  $x$  and  $y$ .*



**Question 6**

Find  $\int \frac{x+1}{x^2+2} dx$ .

**Worked solution**

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2+2} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2+2} dx \quad 1A$$

Integrating  $\int \frac{x}{x^2+2} dx$ :

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2x}{x^2+2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_e(x^2+2) \quad 1A$$

Integrating  $\int \frac{1}{x^2+2} dx$ :

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{(\sqrt{2})^2 + x^2} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\therefore \int \frac{x+1}{x^2+2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \log_e(x^2+2) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + c \quad 1A$$

3 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for correctly splitting the integral into two parts.
- 1 mark for integrating one part of the integral.
- 1 mark for correct solution.

**Tip**

- *Solve by splitting the integral into two parts.*

**Question 7**

Given the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y+3}{2}$

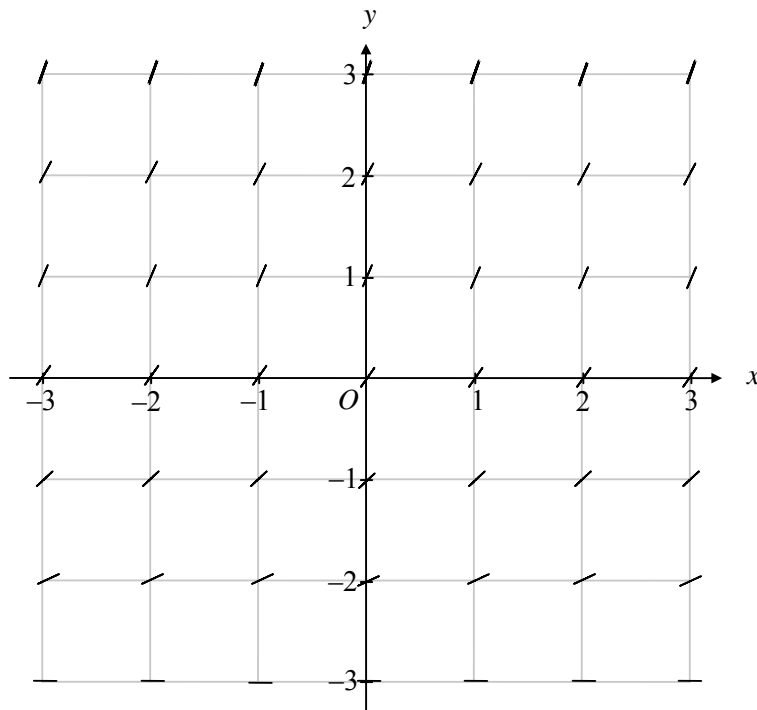
- a. Use  $y = -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$  to sketch a slope field of the differential equation at each of the values  $x = -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

**Worked solution**

$y$	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3

Correct gradients

1A



1A

2 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for finding the gradients at the given values of  $x$ .
- 1 mark for graphing the gradients correctly.

**Tip**

- Calculate gradients by substituting the  $y$  values into the differential equation.  
For example, when  $x = -3$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3+3}{2} = 0$ .

b. If  $y = -2$  when  $x = 1$ , solve the differential equation to find  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

**Worked solution**

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{2}{y+3}, \quad y \neq -3$$

$$x = 2 \log_e |y+3| + c, \quad y \neq -3 \quad 1A$$

Given that  $y = -2$  when  $x = 1$ :

$$1 = 2 \log_e |-2+3| + c$$

$$1 = 2 \log_e (1) + c$$

$$c = 1 \quad 1A$$

Finding  $y$  in terms of  $x$ :

$$x = 2 \log_e |y+3| + 1, \quad y \neq -3$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(x-1) = \log_e |y+3|, \quad y \neq -3$$

$$y = e^{\frac{1}{2}(x-1)} - 3 \quad 1A$$

3 marks

Total 2 + 3 = 5 marks

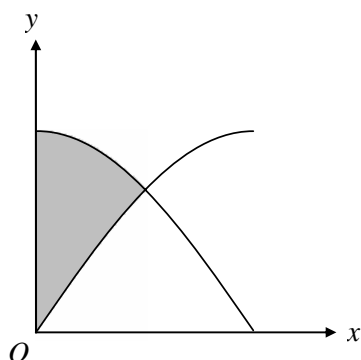
**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for integrating to find  $x$  in terms of  $y$ .
- 1 mark for finding the constant term.
- 1 mark for finding  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

**Tip**

- Take reciprocals of both sides of the equation.

**Question 8**



The area between the graphs of  $y = \sin(3x)$  and  $y = \cos(3x)$  shaded in the diagram above is rotated around the  $x$ -axis to form a solid of revolution.

Find the exact volume of this solid.

**Question 8 – continued**  
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**Worked solution****Tip**

- Solve  $\sin(3x) = \cos(3x)$  to find point of intersection of the curves.

$$\frac{\sin(3x)}{\cos(3x)} = 1$$

$$\tan(3x) = 1$$

$$3x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

1A

The volume of revolution is rotated around the  $x$ -axis.

**Tip**

- $\cos(3x) > \sin(3x)$  over the interval  $0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{12}$ .

$$V = \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{12}} (\cos^2(3x) - \sin^2(3x)) dx$$

1A

$$V = \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{12}} \cos(6x) dx$$

$$V = \pi \left[ \frac{1}{6} \sin(6x) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{12}}$$

1A

$$V = \frac{\pi}{6} \left( \sin\left(6 \times \frac{\pi}{12}\right) - \sin(0) \right)$$

$$V = \frac{\pi}{6} \left( \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 0 \right)$$

$$V = \frac{\pi}{6} (1 - 0)$$

$$V = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ cubic units}$$

1A

4 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for finding the point of intersection of the curves.
- 1 mark for writing a correct integral to find the volume.
- 1 mark for integrating.
- 1 mark for finding the correct volume.

**Question 9**

Let  $y = x\sqrt{1-x^2} - \cos^{-1}(x)$ .

a. Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{1-x^2}$ .

**Worked solution**

$$y = x\sqrt{1-x^2} - \cos^{-1}(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left( 1\sqrt{1-x^2} + x \times \frac{1}{2}(1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times (-2x) \right) - \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) \quad 1M$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left( \sqrt{1-x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad 1A$$

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{1-x^2} \quad 1A$$

3 marks

**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for using correct method to differentiate.
- 1 mark for simplifying the expression for the derivative.
- 1 mark for further simplification leading directly to the answer.

b. Hence, determine the exact value of  $\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} \, dx$ .

**Worked solution**

$$\int 2\sqrt{1-x^2} \, dx = x\sqrt{1-x^2} - \cos^{-1}(x) \quad (\text{From part a.})$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ x\sqrt{1-x^2} - \cos^{-1}(x) \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( 1\sqrt{1-1^2} - \cos^{-1}(1) \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \right] \quad 1A$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (0) - \left( \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \quad 1A$$

2 marks

Total 3 + 2 = 5 marks

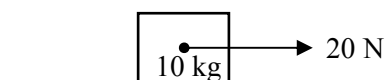
**Mark allocation**

- 1 mark for using the result of a. to evaluate the integral.
- 1 mark for the answer.

**Question 10**

A crate of toys of mass 10 kg is sitting on the floor of a room.

- a. A child starts to pull the crate with a horizontal force of 20 newtons so that it is on the point of moving. Show that the coefficient of friction between the floor and the crate of toys is  $\frac{2}{g}$ .

**Worked solution**

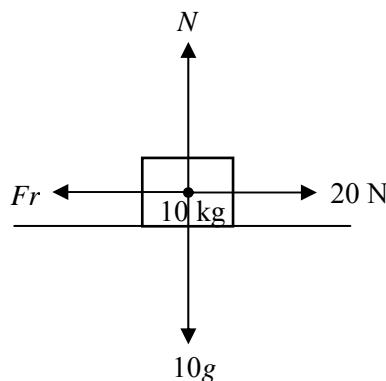
$N$  normal reaction

$Fr$  friction

$10g$  weight force

20 child's pulling force

$$Fr = \mu N$$



Resolving forces in a vertical direction:

$$N = 10g$$

The crate is on the point of moving, so the forces are in limiting equilibrium, i.e.  $a = 0$ .

Resolving forces in a horizontal direction:

$$20 - Fr = 10a \quad 1A$$

$$20 - \mu N = 10 \times 0$$

$$20 - \mu \times 10g = 0 \quad 1A$$

$$\mu = \frac{2}{g}$$

2 marks

**Mark allocation**

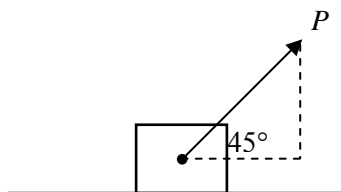
- 1 mark for resolving forces.
- 1 mark for simplification leading directly to the answer.

**Tip**

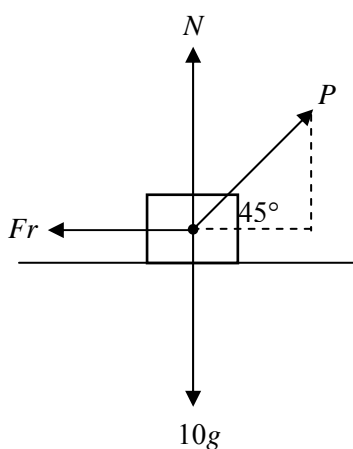
- *First draw the forces acting on the diagram before doing any calculations.*

- b. Determine the maximum force,  $P$  newtons, that can be applied to the crate at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal level without moving it.

Express your answer in the form  $P = \frac{ag}{g+b}$ , where  $a, b \in R$ .



### Worked solution



$P \sin(45^\circ)$  Vertical component of  $P$ .

$P \cos(45^\circ)$  Horizontal component of  $P$ .

Resolving forces in a vertical direction:

$$N + P \sin(45^\circ) = 10g$$

$$N + P \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 10g$$

$$N = 10g - \frac{P}{\sqrt{2}} \dots(1) \quad 1A$$

Resolving forces in a horizontal direction:

The crate is on the point of moving, so  $a = 0$ .

$$P \cos(45^\circ) - Fr = 10 \times 0$$

$$P \cos(45^\circ) = Fr$$

$$P \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \mu N$$

$$\frac{P}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{g} \times N \dots(2) \quad 1A$$



Substituting (1) into (2):

$$\frac{P}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{g} \left( 10g - \frac{P}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad 1M$$

$$P = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{g} \left( 10g - \frac{P}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$P = 20\sqrt{2} - \frac{2P}{g}$$

$$P + \frac{2P}{g} = 20\sqrt{2}$$

$$gP + 2P = 20\sqrt{2}g$$

$$P(g + 2) = 20\sqrt{2}g$$

$$P = \frac{20\sqrt{2}g}{g + 2} \text{ newtons} \quad 1A$$

4 marks

Total 2 + 4 = 6 marks

### Mark allocation

- 1 mark for finding one equation for  $N$  in terms of  $P$ .
- 1 mark for finding another equation for  $N$  in terms of  $P$ .
- 1 mark for attempting to solve these equations to find  $P$ .
- 1 mark for the correct answer.

### Tip

- *First draw the forces acting on the diagram before doing any calculations.*