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MATHEMATICAL METHODS

School Assessed Task – Part 1.1

Tuesday 31st May 2017

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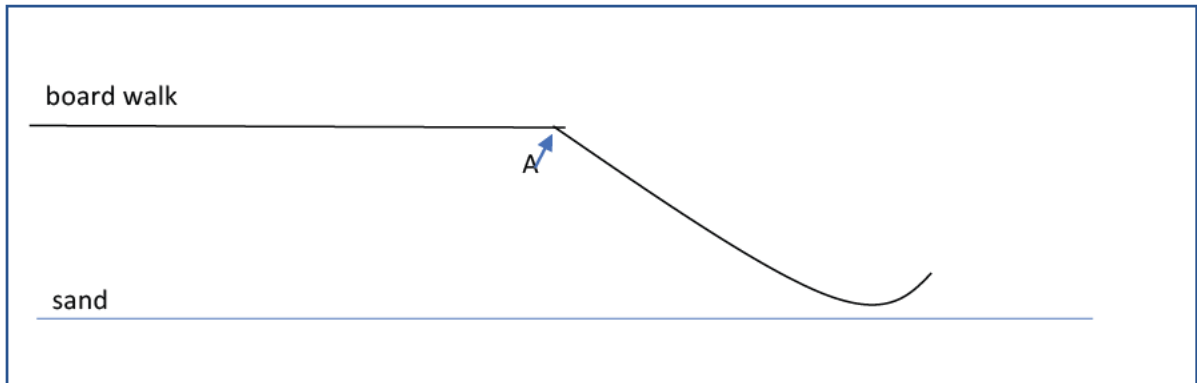
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The Board Walk and the Beach

Part A (19 marks)

Maggie walks on the beach on a regular basis and is increasingly concerned that the waves are rising higher and higher up the sand towards the sand dunes. Maggie notices that the path through the sand dunes, made up of parallel wooden boards that lead down the beach, has collapsed under the weight of the waves. Being mathematically minded, Maggie notices that the end of the boardwalk appears to now follow the shape of a **positive parabola**, which finishes abruptly above the sand. From a side view the path looks like



Given the points $A\left(0, \frac{5}{2}\right)$, $B\left(2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$, $C\left(1, \frac{3}{4}\right)$ for the parabolic section, Maggie finds a mathematical model that describes this set of data based on the general equation $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ where $f(x)$ represents the height above the sand and x represents the horizontal distance from the start of the parabolic section.

- a) Show that $a = \frac{3}{4}$, $b = -\frac{5}{2}$ and $c = \frac{5}{2}$ in Maggie's mathematical model.

b) Evaluate

i) $f(0)$

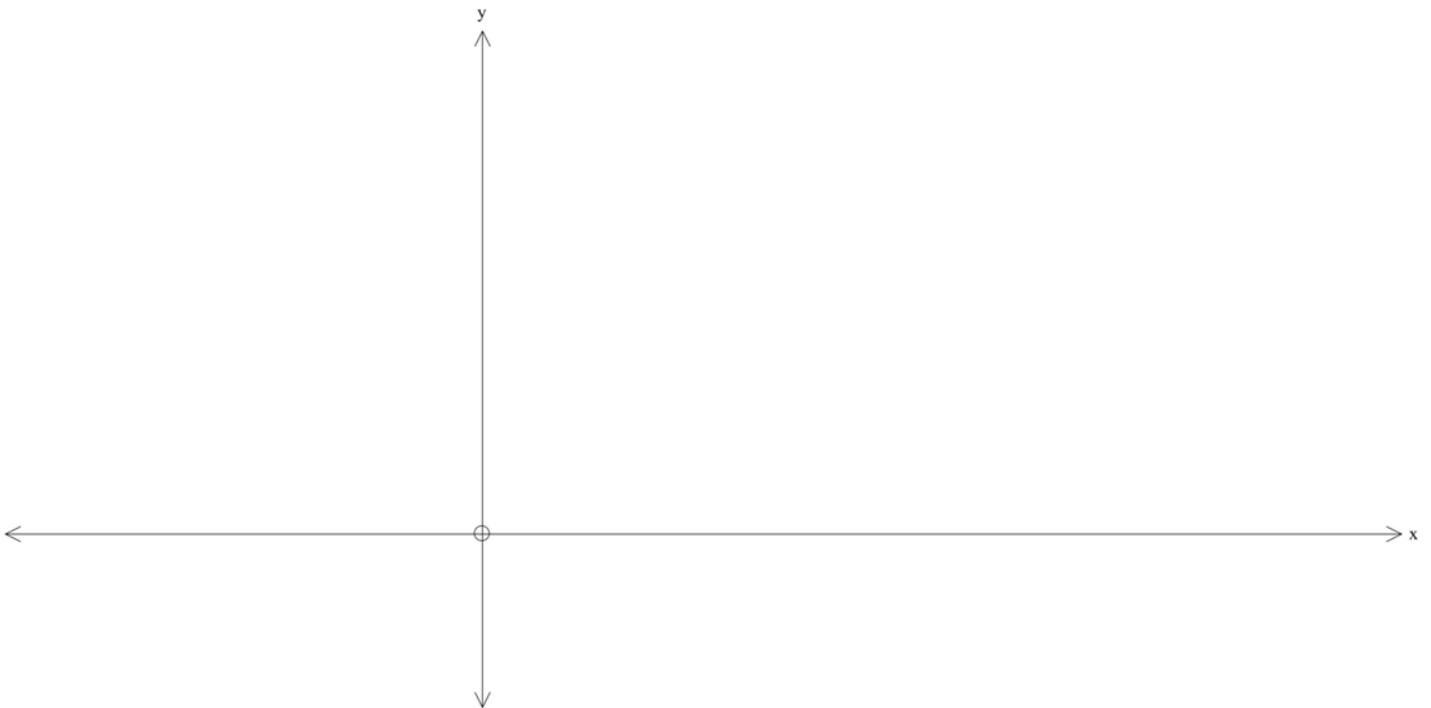
ii) $f\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$

iii) $f(3)$

3 Marks

c) Sketch the graph of $g(x)$ for the domain $x \in [-2, 3)$ where

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2.5 & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{5}{2} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$



4 marks

- d) Use the process of completing the square to express the quadratic in the form of $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$.

3 marks

- e) Within the domain $x \in [-2,3)$, how high in metres is the boardwalk from the sand at its **lowest** point?

1 mark

- f) What is the straight-line distance between the point A and the endpoint of the parabolic section?

2 marks



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Part B (12 marks) CAS ACTIVE

Maggie far preferred the shape of the boardwalk before it collapsed. She had on previous visits already formed a mathematical model that described its shape.

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & x \leq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{30}(x - 2)^2 + \frac{7}{4}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

where $h(x)$ measures the height in metres from the sand and x measure the position in metres from the start of the parabolic section of boardwalk. (not necessarily the same as question 1)

a) Evaluate

i) $h(0)$

ii) $h(-6)$

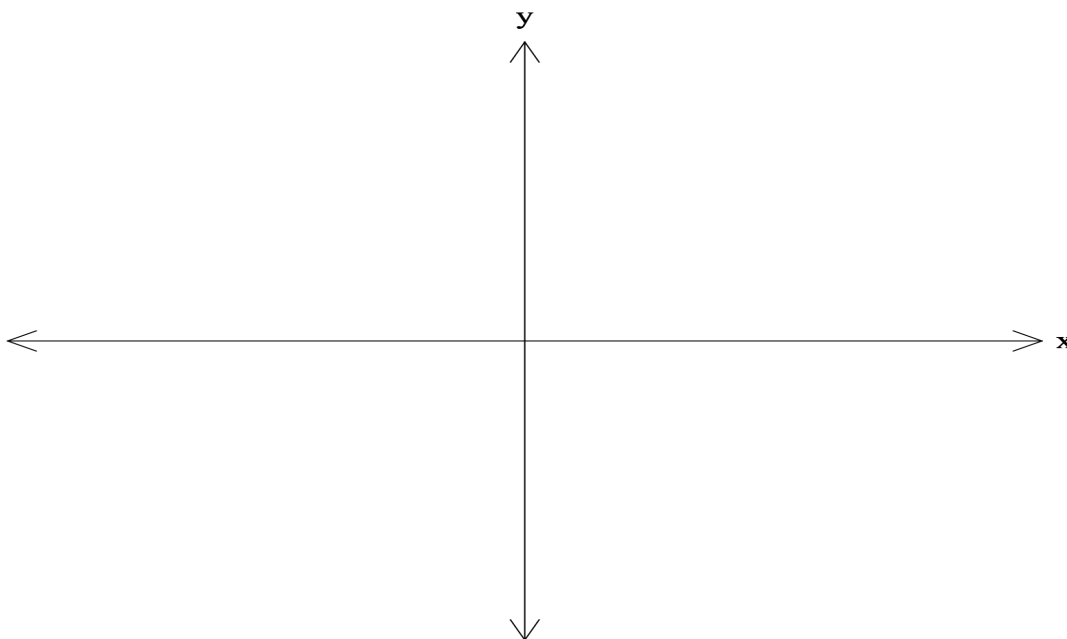
iii) $h(2)$

iv) $h(8)$

4 marks

b) Sketch the graph of the hybrid function $h(x)$ for the domain $x \in [-9, 8]$.

Clearly indicate **all** relevant features including endpoints in coordinate form to 2 decimal places.



4 marks

c) How high in metres is the parabolic section of the boardwalk from the sand at its **highest** point? Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

1 mark

d) Maggie jumps off the end of the boardwalk onto the sand. How high in metres is the boardwalk from the sand at its endpoint if the boardwalk finishes at the point $x = 8$? Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

1 mark

e) Find the new hybrid equation $p(x)$ after $h(x)$ undergoes the following transformations:

- ❖ a dilation by a factor of 4 from the x -axis
- ❖ a translation of 2 units right and 1 unit down

3 marks

Part C (19 marks) CAS ALLOWED

Maggie is so upset by the damage to the boardwalk that she pushes down the end to try and smooth out the kink at the end of the boards (breaking the boards). She then notices that she has created two curves, a square root function and a hyperbola. **The hyperbola joins the square root function at the same point at $x = 0$.** (Meaning the graph is continuous at $x = 0$).

Maggie also notices that the hyperbola section also goes through the points $(\frac{9}{2}, 0)$ and $(3, \frac{1}{4})$.

a) For the hybrid function for the boardwalk $g(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x+9}, & x \leq 0 \\ \frac{a}{x+b} + c, & x > 0 \end{cases}$

Show that $a = \frac{11}{3}, b = 1, c = -\frac{2}{3}$.

4 marks

b) Explain your model by calculating where the hyperbola section of the boardwalk reaches the sand.

2 marks

c) Evaluate

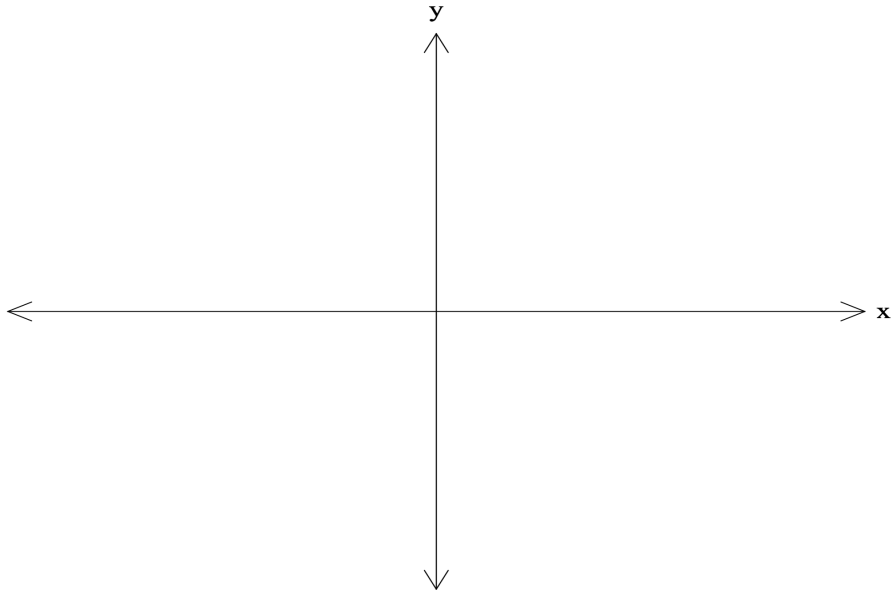
i) $g(0)$

ii) $g(-9)$

iii) $g(4.5)$

3 marks

iv) Sketch the graph of the hybrid function $g(x)$ for the domain $x \in [-9, 4.5]$



4 marks

- v) How high in metres is the boardwalk from the sand at its **highest** point?

1 mark

- vi) Maggie jumps off the end of the boardwalk onto the sand. How high in metres is the boardwalk from the sand at its endpoint if the boardwalk finishes at the point $x = 3.5$? Give your answer to two decimal places.

1 mark

- i) Find the inverse of $g(x)$ **in full function notation** over the domain $x > 0$ **only**.

3 marks

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