

Solutions



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**Scotch College**  
**MATHEMATICAL METHODS**

**U3-SAC 1a – Application Task: Project**

**Date of distribution: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Due date: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, prior to SAC 1b**

Task Sections	Marks	Your Marks
Extended Response Questions	75	
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>75</b>	

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General Instructions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer all questions in the spaces provided.</li> <li>• In all questions where a numerical answer is required, an exact value must be given unless otherwise specified.</li> <li>• In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working must be shown.</li> <li>• Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this task are not drawn to scale.</li> </ul>
Allowed Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A scientific calculator and a CAS calculator.</li> <li>• Any notes or references.</li> </ul>
At the end of the task
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit the task to your teacher by the due date.</li> </ul>

**Question 1** (6 marks)

A pair of equations are defined as follows:

$$(k+1)x - ky = 6$$

$$3x + 2ky + 4 = 0$$

where  $k$  is a real constant.

For what values of  $k$  do the pair of equations have:

a. a unique solution?

3 marks

$$y = \frac{k+1}{k}x - \frac{6}{k} \quad | \quad y = -\frac{3}{2k}x - \frac{2}{k}$$

FOR a unique solution

$$\frac{k+1}{k} \neq -\frac{3}{2k}$$

$$2k^2 + 2k \neq -3k$$

$$2k^2 + 5k \neq 0$$

$$k(2k+5) \neq 0$$

$$\therefore k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, -5/2\}$$

b. no solutions?

2 marks

$$\frac{k+1}{k} = -\frac{3}{2k} \quad \text{and} \quad k=0 \quad \text{or} \quad k=-5/2$$

c. infinitely many solutions?

1 mark

NO values of  $k$  will make them identical

**Question 2** (5 marks)

The function  $f$  has rule  $f(x) = x^{-1}$ .

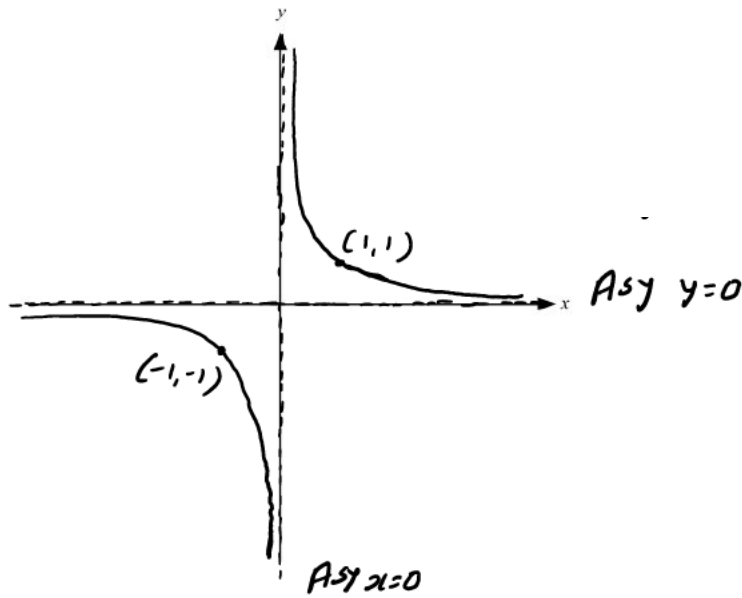
a. State the maximal domain for  $f$ .

1 mark

$x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

b. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  on the axes below, labelling all intercepts, asymptotes and endpoints, if they exist.

3 marks



c. State the values of  $x$  for which the function  $f$  is strictly decreasing.

1 mark

$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

Question 3 (9 marks)

$f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ , where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are real numbers.

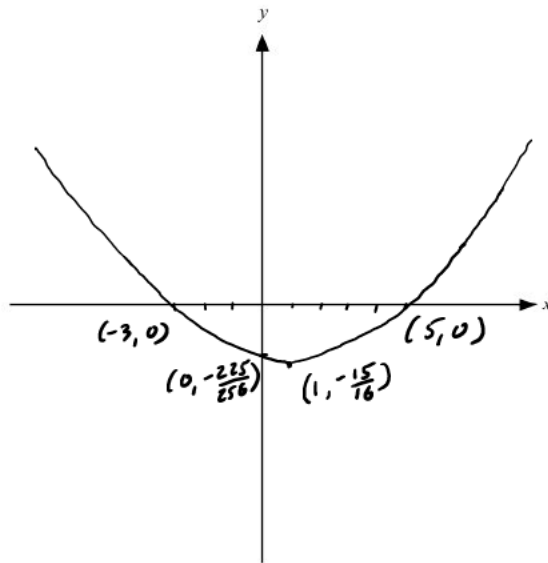
- a. The graph of  $y = f(x)$  has stationary points at  $(-3, 8)$  and  $(5, 3)$ . Find the rule  $f(x)$ . 2 marks

$$\begin{array}{l} f(-3) = 8 \quad f'(-3) = 0 \\ f(5) = 3 \quad f'(5) = 0 \end{array}$$

$$a = \frac{5}{256}, \quad b = \frac{-15}{256}, \quad c = \frac{-225}{256}, \quad d = \frac{1643}{256}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{5}{256}x^3 - \frac{15}{256}x^2 - \frac{225}{256}x + \frac{1643}{256}$$

- b. Sketch the graph of  $y = f'(x)$  on the axes below, labelling all intercepts and the stationary point(s) with their coordinates. 2 marks



- c. State the solutions to the equation  $f'(x) = 0$ . 1 mark

$$x = -3 \text{ or } x = 5 \quad \text{from b}$$

- d. Consider another quadratic equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are real numbers and  $p > 0$ ,  $q > 0$ .

- i. Find the value(s) of  $p$ , in terms of  $q$ , for which this equation has exactly one solution. 1 mark

$$\Delta = 0 \quad p^2 - 4q = 0$$

$$p = \pm 2\sqrt{q}$$

$$\therefore p = 2\sqrt{q} \quad \text{for } p > 0 \text{ \& } q > 0$$

- ii. Find the one solution to the equation in this case, in terms of  $q$ . 1 mark

$$x^2 + 2\sqrt{q}x + q = 0$$

$$(x + \sqrt{q})^2 = 0$$

$$x = -\sqrt{q}$$

- e. The equation of a curve is  $y = x^2 + px + q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are real numbers.

- i. For what values of  $p$  is the  $x$ -coordinate of the turning point of the curve positive? 1 mark

$$x^2 + px + \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2 + q$$

$$(x + \frac{p}{2})^2 + q - \frac{p^2}{4}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{p}{2} > 0 \quad \therefore p < 0$$

- ii. Find the coordinates of the turning point of the curve in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ . 1 mark

$$\left(-\frac{p}{2}, q - \frac{p^2}{4}\right) \quad \text{From e-i}$$

**Question 4** (13 marks)

Two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined as:

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^{3x} - 2$$

$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = e^x$$

- a. List a sequence of transformations which maps the graph of  $y = g(x)$  to the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

2 marks

- Dilated by a factor of  $1/3$  from the y-axis

- then translated by 2-units in the negative direction of y-axis.

- b. Find a rule for the inverse,  $f^{-1}$ , of  $f$  and state its domain.

3 marks

Let  $y = f(x)$

For inverse  
swap x and y,  
 $y = e^{3x} - 2$   
 $x = e^{3y} - 2$   
 $x + 2 = e^{3y}$

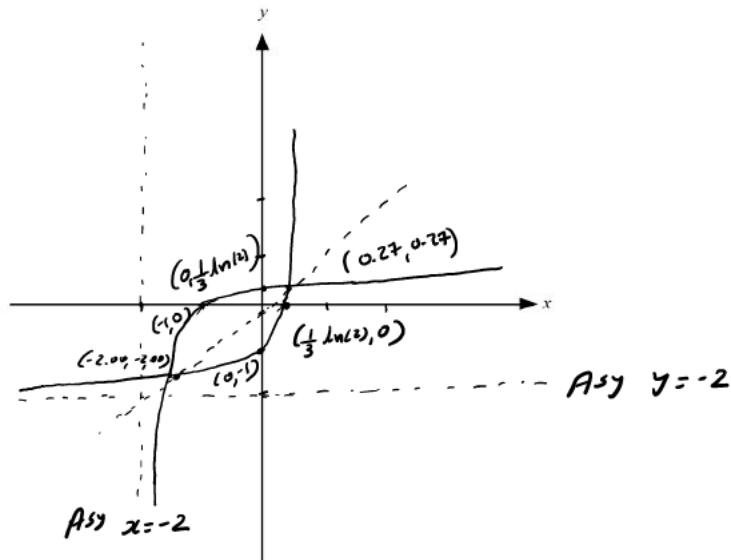
$$y = \frac{1}{3} \log_e(x+2)$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{3} \log_e(x+2) \text{ and } x \in (-2, \infty)$$

$$3y = \log_e(x+2) \quad \text{or} \quad f^{-1}: (-2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{3} \log_e(x+2)$$

- c. Sketch the graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  on the same set of axes below, labelling all intercepts with exact coordinates, all asymptotes with their equations and the intersection point(s) between the curves to two decimal places.

4 marks



- d. Fully define  $h(x) = f(f^{-1}(x))$ .

2 marks

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$$h: (-2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = x$$


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e. Show that  $f(-2f^{-1}(3x)) = -\frac{18x^2 + 24x + 7}{9x^2 + 12x + 4}$ .

2 marks

$$f(x) = e^{3x} - 2$$

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

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

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

$$f(-2f^{-1}(3x)) = e^{\frac{3(-\frac{2}{3} \log_e(3x+2))}{3}} - 2$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{9x^2 + 12x + 4} - 2$$

$$= \frac{1 - 2(9x^2 + 12x + 4)}{9x^2 + 12x + 4}$$

$$= -\frac{18x^2 + 24x + 7}{9x^2 + 12x + 4}$$



**Question 5** (17 marks)

Consider the function  $f$  such that

$$f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

- a. Find  $D$ , the maximal domain of  $f$ .

1 mark

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$$4 - x^2 > 0$$

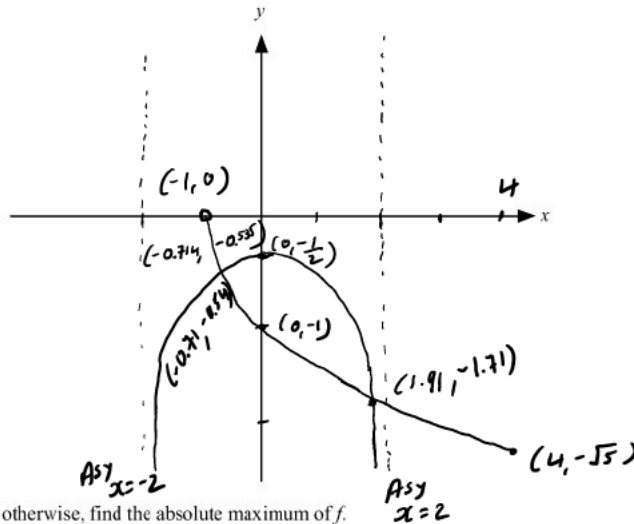

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$$\therefore \text{Domain} = (-2, 2)$$


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- b. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  over its maximal domain. Label all key features.

3 marks



- c. Hence, or otherwise, find the absolute maximum of  $f$ .

1 mark

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$$\text{Absolute maximum} = -\frac{1}{2}$$


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- d. Consider the function  $g$  such that

$$g: (-1, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = -\sqrt{x+1}$$

On the above axes, sketch  $y = g(x)$  including the exact coordinates of all endpoints and intercepts and the coordinates of the point(s) of intersection with  $y = f(x)$  correct to two decimal places.

3 marks

e. Show that the function  $f(g(x))$  does not exist.

1 mark

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Range } g &\not\subseteq \text{Dom } f \\ [-\sqrt{5}, 0] &\not\subseteq (-2, 2) \end{aligned}$$

f. Let  $g^*: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g^*(x) = -\sqrt{x+1}$  where  $X$  is the domain of  $g^*$ .

i. Find the maximal domain  $X$  such that  $f(g^*(x))$  exists.

1 mark

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Range of } g^*(x) &= (-2, 0) \\ \therefore \text{max dom } &[-1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

ii. Find the rule  $f(g^*(x))$ .

1 mark

$$f(g^*(x)) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3-x}}$$

- g. Let  $p: (0, 4) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x(4-x)}} - 1$ . The graph of  $p$  can be obtained by applying the transformation  $T$  to the graph of  $f$  where

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} q \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the values of  $m, n$  and  $q$ .

3 marks

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x + q && \rightarrow x = x' - q \\ y' &= my + n && \rightarrow y = \frac{y' - n}{m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{y - n}{m} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{4 - (x - 2)^2}}$$

$$y = \frac{-m}{\sqrt{4 - (x - 2)^2}} + n$$

$$\begin{aligned} m &= -2 \\ n &= -1 \\ q &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

- h. Find the coordinates of the point  $P$  on the curve with equation  $y = f(x)$  at which the tangent to  $f(x)$  is normal to the line  $3x + 8y = 15$ , giving your answer correct to two decimal places.

3 marks

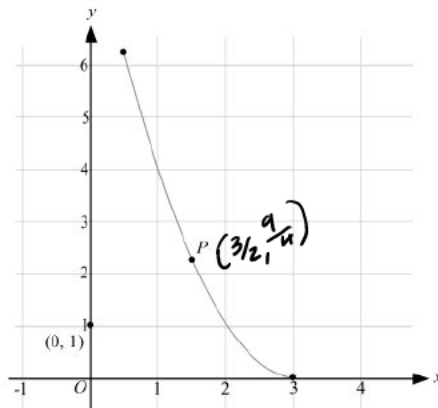
$$y = -\frac{3}{8}x + \frac{15}{8}$$

$$f'(x) = 8/3$$

$$(-1.80, -1.14)$$

**Question 6** (9 marks)

The curve  $f(x) = (x-3)^2$  where  $x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 3\right]$  is shown below. Point  $P$  on  $f(x)$  has an  $x$ -value of  $\frac{3}{2}$ .



- a. Calculate the distance from  $(0,1)$  to Point  $P$ .

2 marks

$$d = \sqrt{\left(\frac{9}{4} - 1\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2} - 0\right)^2}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{61}}{2}$$

- b. Point  $B$  lies on  $y = f(x)$  and has an  $x$ -coordinate of  $m$ . State the coordinates of point  $B$  in terms of  $m$ .

1 mark

$$(m, (m-3)^2)$$

- c. Hence show that the distance  $D(m)$  between  $(0,1)$  and Point  $B$  is given by the function:

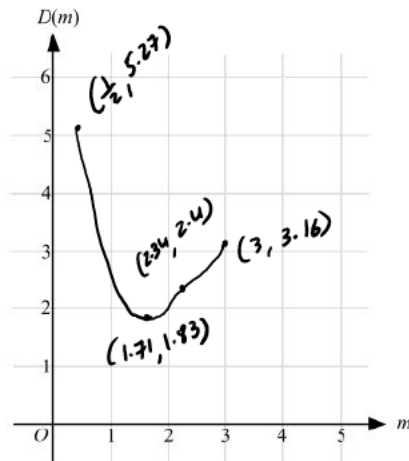
$$D(m) = \sqrt{m^2 + (m-4)^2(m-2)^2}$$

2 marks

$$D(m) = \sqrt{\left((m-3)^2 - 1\right)^2 + (m-0)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{\left((m-3-1)(m-3+1)\right)^2 + m^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{m^2 + (m-4)^2(m-2)^2}$$

- d. Sketch  $D(m) = \sqrt{m^2 + (m-4)^2(m-2)^2}$  for  $m \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 3\right]$  on the axes below. Label the coordinates of all endpoints and stationary points, rounded to two decimal places.

2 marks



- e. Find the value(s) of  $m$  for which  $D(m) = 4$ , giving your answer(s) correct to two decimal places.

2 marks

$$4 = \sqrt{m^2 + (m-4)^2(m-2)^2}$$

$$m \approx 0.78$$

**Question 7** (16 marks)

A function  $N(t)$  measures the intensity level of a treadmill workout  $t$  minutes after a workout begins. All workouts begin with the treadmill stationary, at intensity level zero, that is,  $N(0) = 0$ .

If the treadmill workout reaches a maximum intensity level of 10 (that is,  $N(t) = 10$ ) the treadmill enters the **override** mode. This means it will reduce the intensity level at a constant rate over a 5 minute period until  $N(t) = 0$ , and the treadmill stops.

$N(t) = \frac{1}{9000}(at - 10)^3(b - t) + 1$ , where  $t \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq N(t) \leq 10$ , and  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants.

a. i. Show that  $b = 9$ .

2 marks

$$\begin{aligned} N(0) = 0 & \quad \therefore 0 = \frac{1}{9000}(0-10)^3(b-0) + 1 \\ & \quad \quad \quad 0 = \frac{-1000b}{9000} + 1 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \frac{b}{9} = 1 \quad \quad \quad \therefore b = 9 \end{aligned}$$

ii. When  $a = 0$ , calculate the time taken, in minutes, to achieve the maximum intensity level of 10.

2 marks

$$\begin{aligned} 10 &= \frac{1}{9000}(0-10)^3(9-t) + 1 \\ & \quad \quad \quad t = 90 \text{ minutes} \end{aligned}$$

iii. When  $a = 2$ , calculate the time taken after the workout has started for the intensity level,  $N(t)$ , to reduce to zero. State your answer in minutes correct to one decimal place.

2 marks

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{9000}(2t-10)^3(9-t) + 1 &= 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad t \approx 12.1 \text{ minutes} \end{aligned}$$

- iv. State, in terms of  $a$ , the possible value(s) of  $t$  for which  $(t, N(t))$  is a stationary point of the function  $N(t)$ .

2 marks

$$N'(t) = 0$$

$$t = \frac{10}{a} \quad \text{or} \quad t = \frac{27a+10}{4a}, \quad a \neq 0$$

- v. For what value(s) of  $a$ , does  $N(t)$  have **no** stationary points?

1 mark

$$a \in [0, 6)$$

$$a \in [0, 0.0124]$$

- vi. For what value(s) of  $a$ , does  $N(t)$  have **one** stationary point?

2 marks

$$\frac{10}{a} = \frac{27a+10}{4a}$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{10}{9}$$

- vii. What is the maximum number of stationary points  $N(t)$  can have?

1 mark

$$2$$

- b. i. What is the maximum intensity level achieved when  $a = 6$  correct to one decimal place. 1 mark

$$N(t) = \frac{1}{9000} (6t - 10)^3 (9 - t) + 1$$

$$N'(t) = 0 \quad t = 1.6 \quad \text{or} \quad t = 7.16$$

$$N(1.6) = 1 \quad N(7.16) = 8.3 \text{ max}$$

- ii. When  $a = 6$ , at what time is this maximum intensity level achieved? Give your answer in minutes, correct to one decimal place. 1 mark

$$t = 7.2 \text{ mins}$$

- c.  $a$  is restricted to the possible set of values below:

$$a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}.$$

What is the least value of  $a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ , which will cause the treadmill to enter the **override** mode, and how many minutes in total will this workout last?

State your answer in minutes, correct to one decimal place.

2 marks

$$10 = \frac{1}{9000} (at - 10)^3 (9 - t) + 1$$

$$a = 7, \quad t = 5.5 + 5$$

$$\therefore t = 10.5 \text{ minutes}$$

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