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# MATHEMATICAL METHODS

Unit 3-SAC 1b – Application Task: Test

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Reading Time	none
Writing Time	45 minutes

Task Sections	Marks	Your Marks
Extended Response Questions	30	
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Declaration

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## General Instructions

- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- In all questions where a numerical answer is required, an exact value must be given unless otherwise specified.
- In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working must be shown.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this task are not drawn to scale.

## Allowed Materials

- Calculators are not allowed
- Notes and/or references are not allowed.

## At the end of the task

- Ensure you cease writing upon request.

## Electronic Devices

Students are **not** allowed to have a mobile phone, smart watch and/or any other unauthorised electronic device in the SAC, unless it is TURNED OFF and is placed on the front teacher desk.



**Question 1** (4 marks)

a. If  $y = \frac{\log_e(3x)}{2x}$ , show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - \log_e(3x)}{2x^2}$ .

2 marks

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } u &= \log_e(3x) & v &= 2x & \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{du}{dx}v - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2} \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= \frac{3}{3x} & \frac{dv}{dx} &= 2 & &= \frac{\frac{2x}{x} - 2\log_e(3x)}{(2x)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} & & & &= \frac{2 - 2\log_e(3x)}{4x^2} \\ & & & & &= \frac{1 - \log_e(3x)}{2x^2} \end{aligned}$$

b. Let  $f(x) = x(2x+1)^3$ . Find  $f'(1)$ .

2 marks

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } u &= x & v &= (2x+1)^3 \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= 1 & \frac{dv}{dx} &= 3(2)(2x+1)^2 = 6(2x+1)^2 \\ f'(x) &= \frac{du}{dx}v + \frac{dv}{dx}u \\ &= (2x+1)^3 + 6x(2x+1)^2 \\ f'(1) &= (3)^3 + 6(3)^2 \\ &= 27 + 54 \\ &= 81 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2** (7 marks)

Consider the polynomial function  $p$  with rule  $p(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 8x + 10$  over the domain  $[m, n)$  where  $m, n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

a. i. Show that  $(x-1)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .

1 mark

$$p(1) = (1)^3 - 3(1)^2 - 8(1) + 10$$

$$= 1 - 3 - 8 + 10$$

$$= 0 \quad \therefore (x-1) \text{ is a factor of } p(x)$$

ii. Hence, express  $p(x)$  in the form  $p(x) = f(x) \times g(x)$ , where  $f(x) = x-1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - ax - b$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

1 mark

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x - 10 \\ x-1 \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 - 8x + 10} \end{array}$$

$$p(x) = (x-1)(x^2 - 2x - 10)$$

$$- (x^3 - 1x^2)$$

$$- 2x^2 - 8x$$

$$- (-2x^2 + 2x)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -10x + 10 \\ - (-10x + 10) \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{where } f(x) = x-1$$

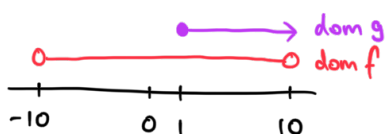
$$g(x) = x^2 - 2x - 10$$

b. The domain of  $f$  is  $(-10, 10)$  and the domain of  $g$  is  $[1, \infty)$ . Using this information, find the domain of  $p$ , in the form  $[m, n)$ .

1 mark

$$\text{if } p(x) = f(x) \times g(x)$$

$$\text{then } \text{dom } p = \text{dom } f \cap \text{dom } g \quad \therefore \text{dom } p = [1, 10)$$



c. The function  $f$  undergoes the following sequence of transformations to produce the function  $f_t$ .

- Dilation of factor 2 from the  $x$ -axis
- Reflection in the  $x$ -axis
- Translation of 3 units in the positive direction of the  $x$ -axis.

Write down the rule for the transformed function  $f_t$ .

2 marks

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 2y) \rightarrow (x, -2y) \rightarrow (x+3, -2y)$$

$$x' = x+3 \quad y' = -2y \quad y = f(x)$$

$$x' - 3 = x \quad -\frac{y'}{2} = y \quad -\frac{y'}{2} = f(x' - 3)$$

$$-\frac{y'}{2} = (x' - 3) - 1$$

$$-\frac{y'}{2} = x' - 4$$

$$y' = -2x' + 8$$

d. Find the domain and range for the transformed function  $f_t$ .

2 marks

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x+3, -2y)$$

$$\text{dom } f = (-10, 10) \rightarrow \text{dom } f_t = (-7, 13)$$

$$\text{ran } f = (-11, 9) \rightarrow \text{ran } f_t = (-18, 22)$$

**Question 3** (4 marks)

Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 13$ , which are both defined over their maximal domains.

a. State the maximal domain and range of  $g \circ f$ .

2 marks

$$g \circ f = g[f(x)]$$

$$\text{dom}(g \circ f) = \text{dom } f = [3, \infty)$$

$$g \circ f = g[f(x)] = g[\sqrt{x-3}] = (\sqrt{x-3})^2 - 13$$

$$= x - 3 - 13$$

$$= x - 16$$

$$\text{For } x \in [3, \infty), \text{ ran}(g \circ f) = [-13, \infty)$$

b. Find the maximal domain of  $g$  such that  $f \circ g$  is defined.

2 marks

If  $f \circ g$  defined, then  $\text{ran } g \subseteq \text{dom } f$

$$\text{dom } f = [3, \infty) \quad \therefore \text{Solve } g(x) \geq 3$$

$$\text{ran } g = [-13, \infty) \quad x^2 - 13 \geq 3$$

$$x^2 - 16 \geq 0$$

$$(x-4)(x+4) \geq 0$$

$$x \leq -4 \text{ or } x \geq 4$$

$\therefore$  max domain of  $g$   
such that  $f \circ g$  is defined  
 $= (-\infty, -4] \cup [4, \infty)$

**Question 4** (4 marks)

A hybrid function  $h$  is defined as follows:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \log_e(x) + a & \text{for } 1 \leq x < e \\ e^{x-(e+b)} & \text{for } e \leq x \leq 2e \end{cases}$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- a. Express  $a$  in terms of  $b$  if  $h$  is a continuous function.

2 marks

$$\log_e(e) + a = e^{e-(e+b)}$$

$$1 + a = e^{-b}$$

$$a = e^{-b} - 1$$

- b. Assuming  $h$  is a continuous function, find the value of  $b$  such that  $h$  is differentiable for  $x \in (1, 2e)$ .

2 marks

$$\frac{1}{e} = e^{e-(e+b)}$$

$$\frac{1}{e} = e^{-b}$$

$$\frac{1}{e} = \frac{1}{e^b} \quad \therefore b = 1$$

**Question 5** (2 marks)

Let  $T_1: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $T_1(x, y) = (x-2, 2y)$  and  $T_2: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $T_2(x, y) = (3x, -y)$ .

Find the image of the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ , under the transformation  $T_1 \circ T_2$

$$T_1 \circ T_2 = T_1 [T_2(x, y)] = T_1 [3x, -y] = (3x-2, -2y)$$

$$x' = 3x - 2 \quad y' = -2y$$

$$\frac{x'+2}{3} = x \quad -\frac{y'}{2} = y$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \frac{-y'}{2} = \frac{1}{\frac{x'+2}{3}}$$

$$\frac{-y'}{2} = \frac{3}{x'+2}$$

$$y' = \frac{-6}{x'+2}$$



**Question 6** (6 marks)

Consider the function  $f: (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = -4 \log_e(\sqrt{2x+3})$ , where  $a$  is the smallest real number such that  $f$  is defined.

a. What is the value of  $a$ ?

1 mark

$$2x + 3 > 0$$

$$x > -\frac{3}{2} \quad \therefore a = -\frac{3}{2}$$

b. The function  $f(x) = -4 \log_e(\sqrt{2x+3})$  can be written as  $f(x) = k \log_e(2x+3)$ . Show that  $k = -2$ .

1 mark

$$f(x) = -4 \log_e \left( (2x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{4}{2} \log_e(2x+3)$$

$$= -2 \log_e(2x+3) \quad \therefore k = -2$$

c. List the sequence of transformations which maps the graph  $y = f(x)$  to the graph  $y = 6 \log_e(x-5)$ .

2 marks

$$y = -2 \log_e(2x+3) \rightarrow y' = 6 \log_e(x'-5)$$

$$\frac{-y}{2} = \log_e(2x+3) \quad \frac{y'}{6} = \log_e(x'-5)$$

$$x'-5 = 2x+3$$

$$x' = 2x+8$$

$$\frac{y'}{6} = -\frac{y}{2}$$

$$y' = -3y$$

· Dilation of factor 2 from the  $y$ -axis, followed by a translation of 8 right  
 · A reflection in the  $x$ -axis and a dilation of factor 3 from the  $x$ -axis

- d. The gradient of the normal to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(b, f(b))$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

Find the value of  $b$ .

2 marks

$$f(x) = -2 \log_e(2x+3)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2(2)}{2x+3} = \frac{-4}{2x+3}$$

$$\text{Gradient of normal} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{As } m_T \times m_N = -1 \quad \therefore m_T = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{-4}{2x+3} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$-8 = -3(2x+3)$$

$$-8 = -6x - 9$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{6} \quad \therefore b = -\frac{1}{6}$$

**Question 7** (3 marks)

The function  $g(x) = 25 - x^2$  has a tangent at the point  $(p, g(p))$  which has the equation  $y = -2px + p^2 + 25$ , where  $p > 0$ .

Find the value of  $p$  for which the area enclosed by the tangent at the point  $(p, g(p))$ , the  $x$ -axis and the  $y$ -axis is a minimum and find this minimum area.

$$y = -2px + p^2 + 25, \text{ as } p > 0$$



$$\frac{dA}{dp} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dp} - u \frac{dv}{dp}}{v^2}$$

$$= \frac{4p [4p(p^2 + 25)] - 4(p^2 + 25)^2}{(4p)^2}$$

y-int :  $y = p^2 + 25$

x-int :  $0 = -2px + p^2 + 25$

$$x = \frac{p^2 + 25}{2p}$$

$$= \frac{16p^2(p^2 + 25) - 4(p^2 + 25)^2}{16p^2}$$

$$= \frac{4p^2(p^2 + 25) - (p^2 + 25)^2}{4p^2}$$

Let  $A =$  Area enclosed

$$A = \frac{1}{2} (p^2 + 25) \left( \frac{p^2 + 25}{2p} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(p^2 + 25)^2}{4p}$$

Min area when  $\frac{dA}{dp} = 0$

$$0 = 4p^2(p^2 + 25) - (p^2 + 25)^2$$

$$0 = (p^2 + 25)(4p^2 - (p^2 + 25))$$

$$0 = (p^2 + 25)(3p^2 - 25)$$

$$p = \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Minimum area where  $\frac{dA}{dp} = 0$

Let  $u = (p^2 + 25)^2$

$$\frac{du}{dp} = 2(2p)(p^2 + 25)$$

$$= 4p(p^2 + 25)$$

$$v = 4p$$

$$\frac{dv}{dp} = 4$$

$$A = \frac{\left( \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 + 25 \right)^2}{4 \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} \right)}$$

$$= \left( \frac{25}{3} + \frac{75}{3} \right)^2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{20}$$

$$= \frac{10000\sqrt{3}}{180}$$

$$= \frac{500\sqrt{3}}{9} \text{ units}^2$$



## Mathematical Methods formulas

### Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$	volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$	area of a triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$		

### Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}((ax+b)^n) = an(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e(x) + c, x > 0$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = \frac{a}{\cos^2(ax)} = a \sec^2(ax)$			
product rule	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
chain rule	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$	Newton's method	$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$
trapezium rule approximation	$Area \approx \frac{x_n - x_0}{2n} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$		