



South Australian
Certificate of Education

Specialist Mathematics 2024

Question booklet 1

Questions 1 to 7 (55 marks)

- Answer **all** questions
- Write your answers in this question booklet
- You may write on page 16 if you need more space
- Allow approximately 65 minutes
- Approved calculators may be used — complete the box below

Examination information

Materials

- Question booklet 1
- Question booklet 2
- Formula sheet
- SACE registration number label

Instructions

- Show appropriate working and steps of logic in the question booklets
- State all answers correct to three significant figures, unless otherwise instructed
- Use black or blue pen
- You may use a sharp dark pencil for diagrams

Total time: 130 minutes

Total marks: 100

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- (b) Use the expressions found in part (a) and the fact that \overrightarrow{AN} and \overrightarrow{BM} are perpendicular to show that $|\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 = \frac{5}{2} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$.

(2 marks)

- (c) Using the cosine rule in triangle OAB , show that $|\overrightarrow{AB}|^2 = |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 - 2 \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$.

(2 marks)

- (d) Use the results of parts (b) and (c) to show that $|\overrightarrow{AB}|^2 = \frac{1}{5} (|\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2)$.

(1 mark)

Question 5 (10 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = \ln(\sqrt{x-2} + 2)$ for $x \geq 2$.

(a) Draw the curve of $y = \ln(\sqrt{x-2} + 2)$ on the axes in Figure 3.

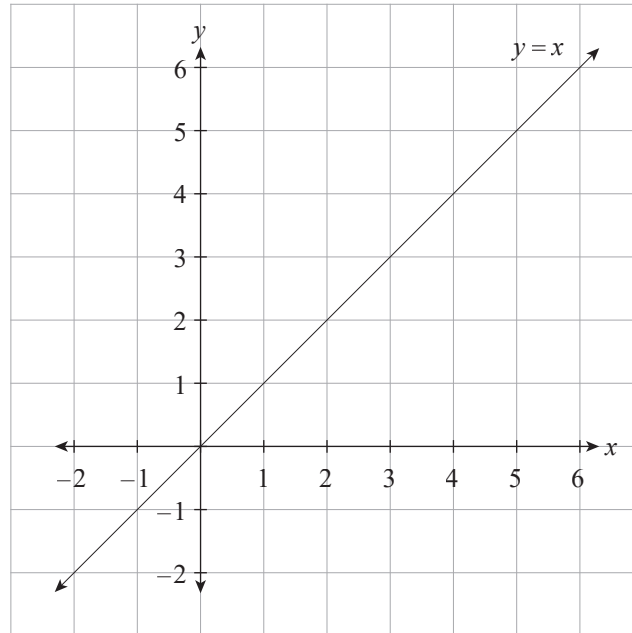
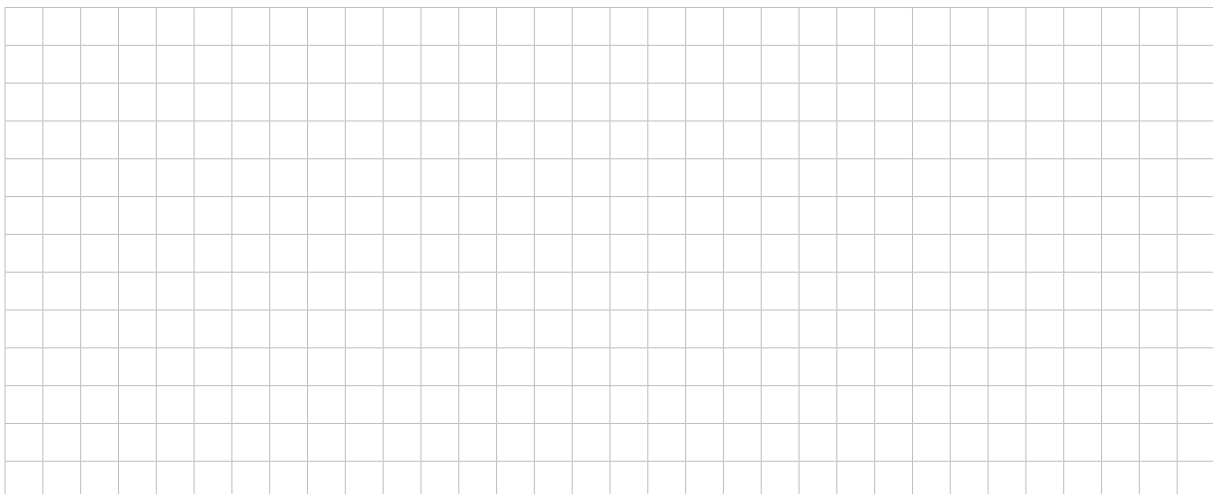


Figure 3

(2 marks)

(b) (i) Show that the inverse, $f^{-1}(x)$, of $y = \ln(\sqrt{x-2} + 2)$ for $x \geq 2$ is $f^{-1}(x) = (e^x - 2)^2 + 2$.



(2 marks)

Question 7 (9 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = \sin x \ln(\cos x)$, where $\cos x > 0$.

(a) Using integration by parts, show that

$$\int \sin x \ln(\cos x) dx = -\cos x \ln(\cos x) + \cos x + c, \text{ where } c \text{ is a real constant.}$$

(2 marks)

(b) Hence, show that $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sin x \ln(\cos x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}$.

(3 marks)

Figure 6 shows the graph of $f(x) = \sin x \ln(\cos x)$ for $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

The point P is on the curve of $y = f(x)$, where $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

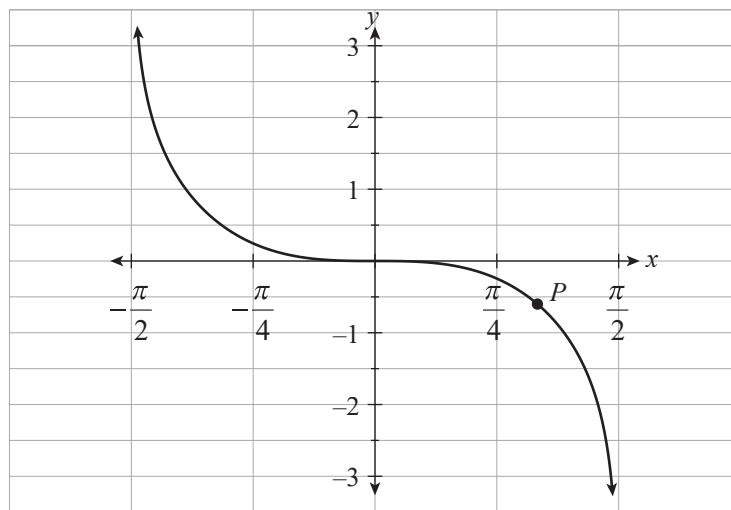


Figure 6

(c) On Figure 6, *clearly* draw and label the graph of $y = f(|x|)$ for $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$. (2 marks)

(d) Hence, find the *exact* area bounded by the curves $y = f(x)$ and $y = f(|x|)$, and the vertical lines $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ and $x = -\frac{\pi}{3}$.



(2 marks)

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Question booklet 2

Questions 8 to 10 (45 marks)

- Answer **all** questions
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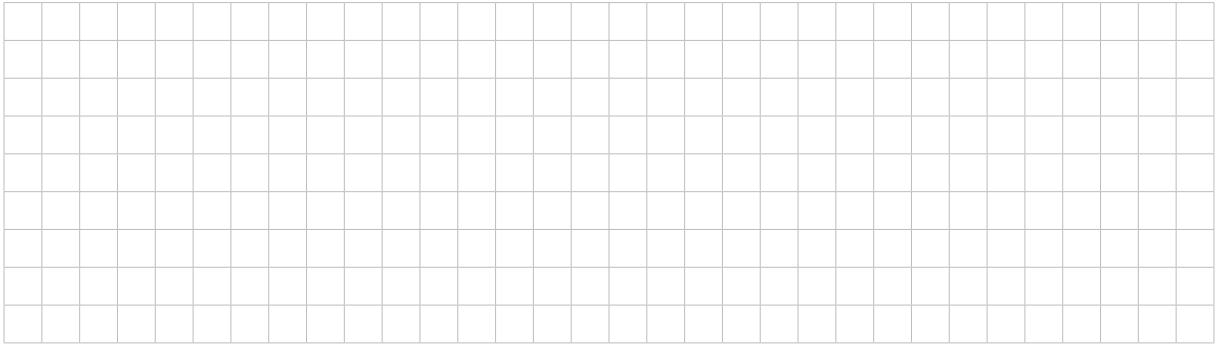
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(c) Hence, show that both curves have a common horizontal tangent at $P(\pi, 2)$.



(2 marks)

(d) From part (a), notice that the length of arc $OP >$ length of the line OP .

Consider the triangle OPA , where A is $(2\pi, 0)$.

Using the triangle inequality, show that the length of the parametric curve from 0 to 2π is greater than the circumference of the circle.



(3 marks)

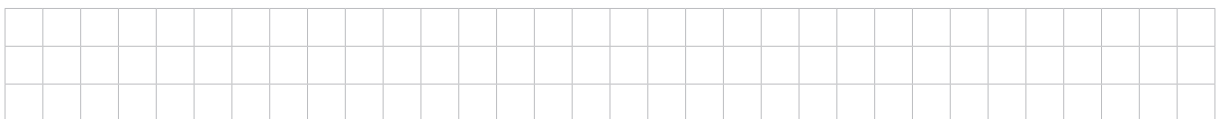
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(e) (i) Show that the length of the parametric curve from $t = 0$ to $t = 2\pi$ is given by $\int_0^{2\pi} 2 \sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) dt$.



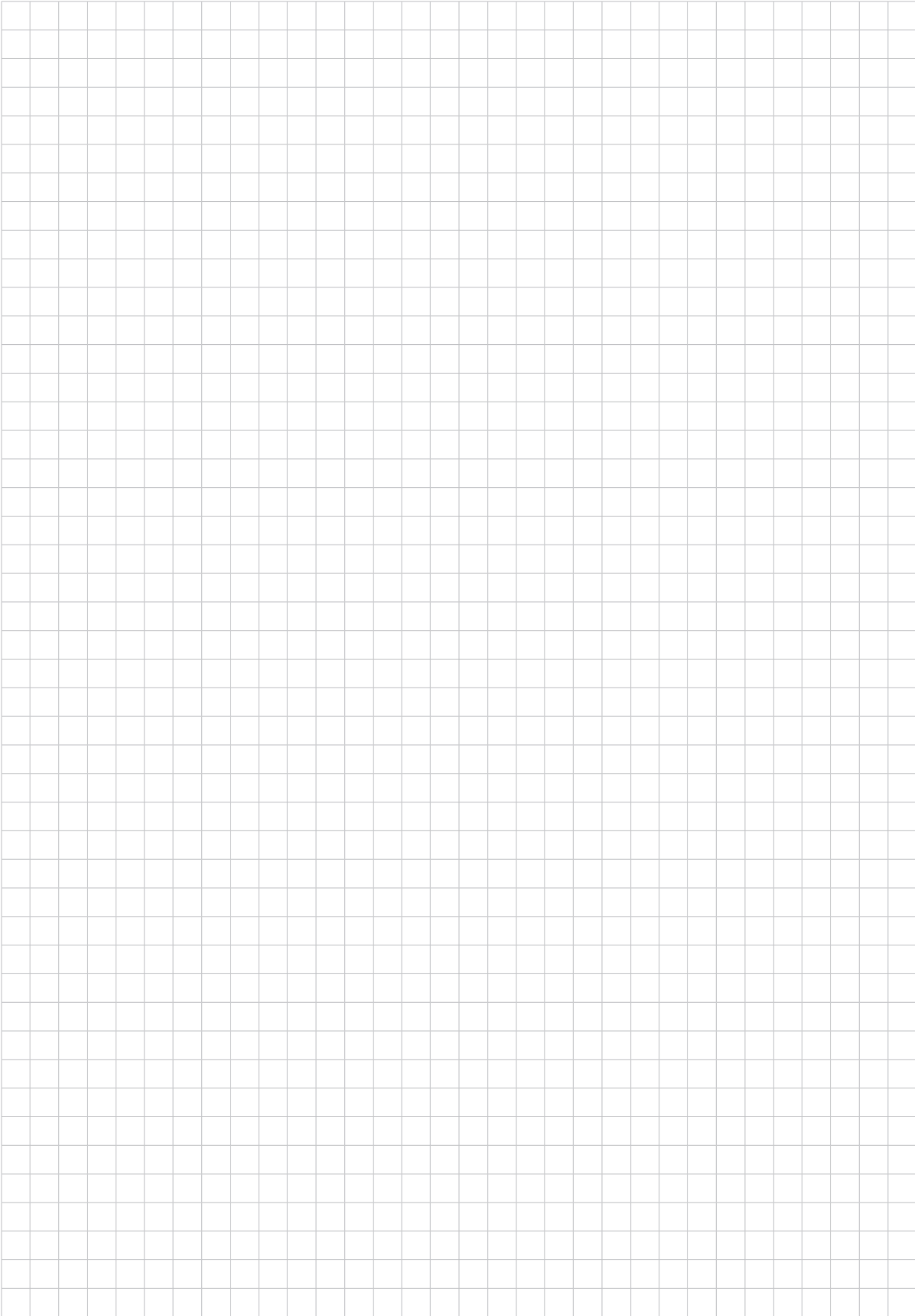
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(ii) Hence, find the length of the parametric curve.



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Question 9 (14 marks)

A small ball rolls down a path with velocity described by $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{1}{10}e^{-0.5t}y^2$ metres per second, where $t \geq 0$ is measured in seconds and $y > 0$ is measured in metres.

- (a) (i) Using integration techniques, show that the solution curve is $y = \frac{1}{c - 0.2e^{-0.5t}}$ where c is a constant.

(3 marks)

- (ii) If the ball is initially at the position $t = 0, y = 10$, find the *exact* value y approaches as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

(2 marks)

(b) Draw the solution curve for an initial position of $t = 0, y = 10$ on the slope field shown in Figure 8.

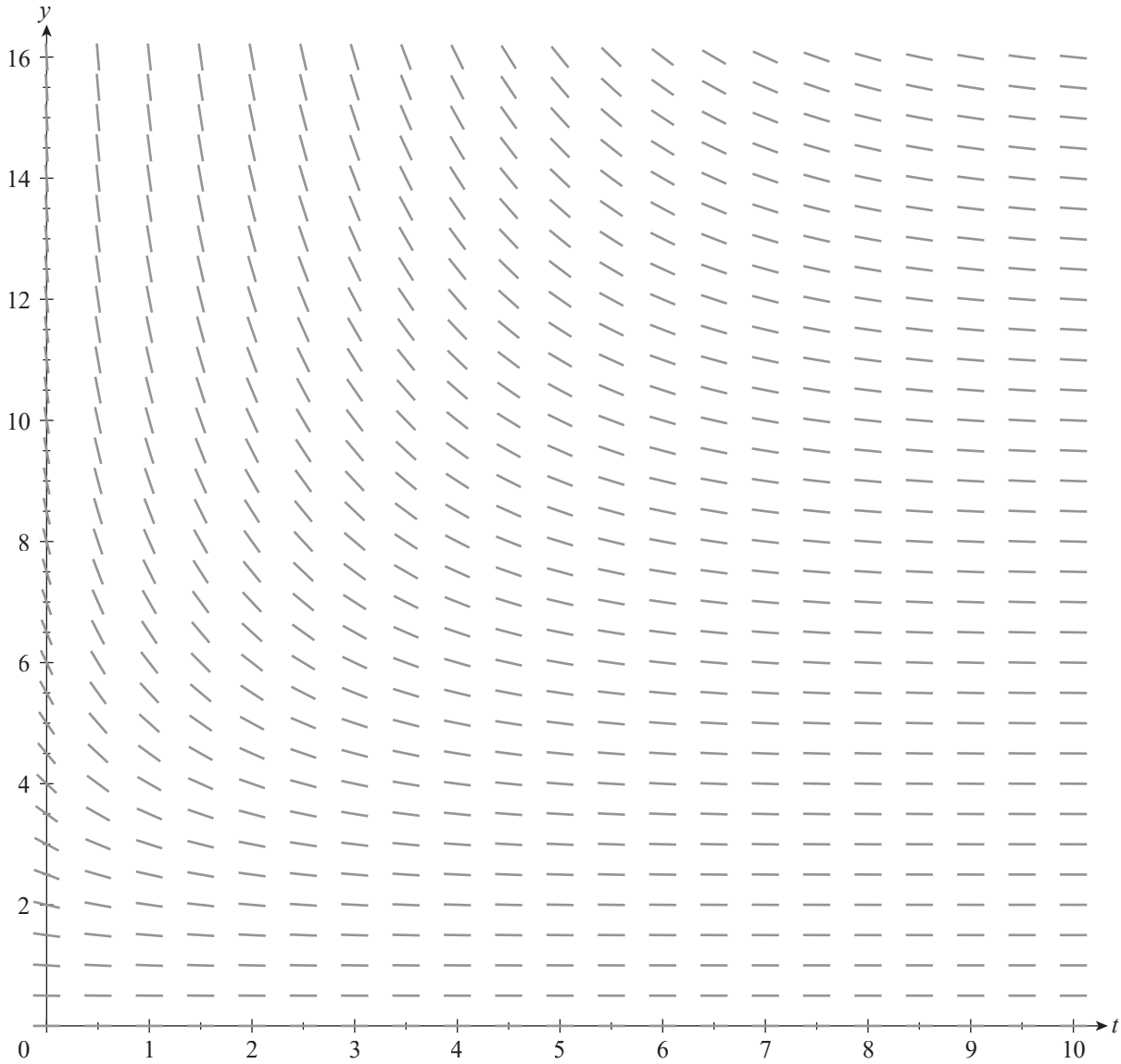
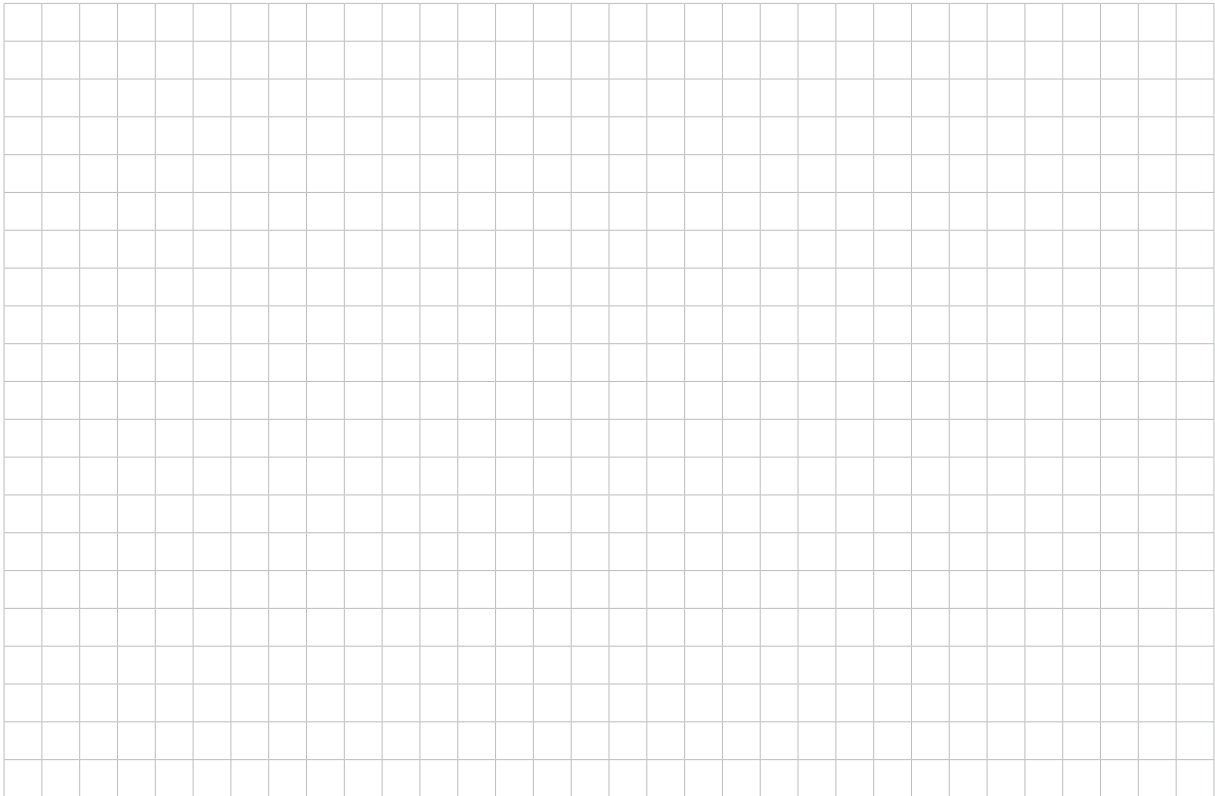


Figure 8

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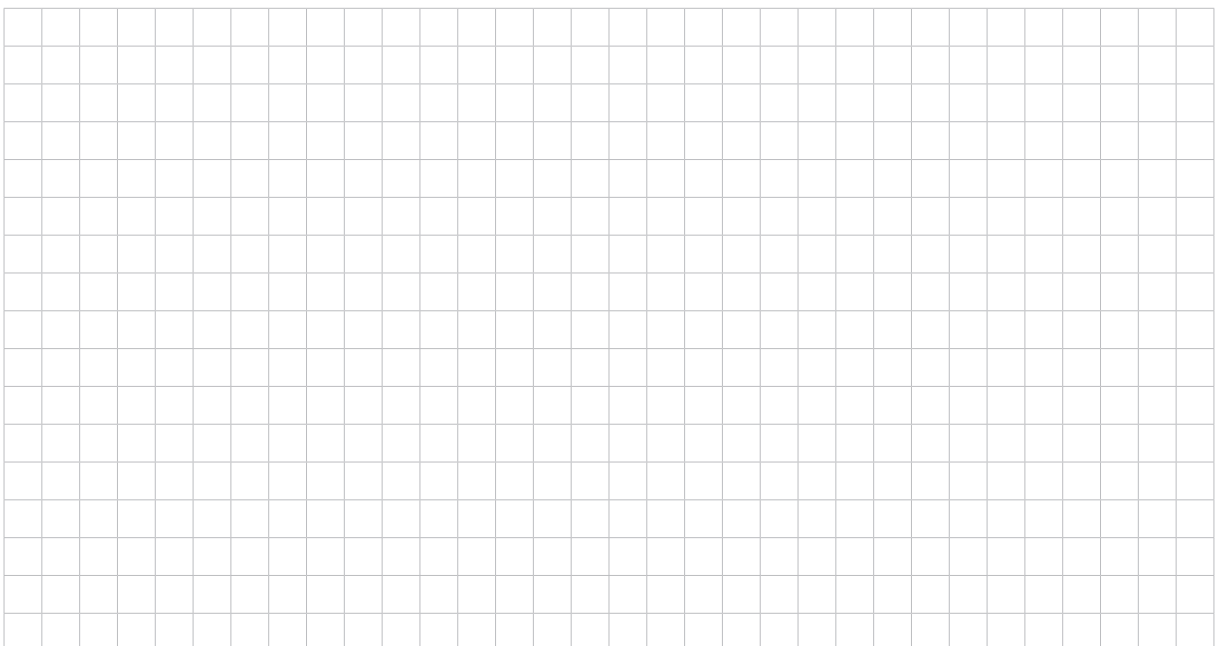
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(c) Show that $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -\frac{dy}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-0.5t} y \right)$.



(3 marks)

(d) Considering the curve from part (a)(ii) and part (b), find the *exact* value of t when $\frac{\left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right)}{\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)} = -1$.



(3 marks)

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Circular functions

$$\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$$

$$\tan^2 A + 1 = \sec^2 A$$

$$1 + \cot^2 A = \operatorname{cosec}^2 A$$

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

$$= 2 \cos^2 A - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

$$2 \sin A \cos B = \sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)$$

$$2 \cos A \cos B = \cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B)$$

$$2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)$$

$$\sin A \pm \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(A \pm B) \cos \frac{1}{2}(A \mp B)$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(A + B) \cos \frac{1}{2}(A - B)$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(A + B) \sin \frac{1}{2}(A - B)$$

Matrices and determinants

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then $\det A = |A| = ad - bc$ and

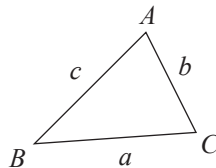
$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

Measurement

Area of sector, $A = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$, where θ is in radians.

Arc length, $l = r\theta$, where θ is in radians.

In any triangle ABC :



$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Quadratic equations

$$\text{If } ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \text{ then } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

Distance from a point to a plane

The distance from (x_1, y_1, z_1) to

$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$ is given by

$$\frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}.$$

Derivatives

$f(x) = y$	$f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$
$\arcsin x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
$\arccos x$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
$\arctan x$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$

Properties of derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}f(g(x)) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

Arc length along a parametric curve

$$l = \int_a^b \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} dt, \text{ where } a \leq t \leq b.$$

Integration by parts

$$\int f'(x)g(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f(x)g'(x) dx$$

Volumes of revolution

About x axis, $V = \int_a^b \pi y^2 dx$, where y is a function of x .

About y axis, $V = \int_c^d \pi x^2 dy$, where y is a one-to-one function of x .