

MarkingScheme

AlgebraH

Question 1 (2017)

Q1	Model Solution – 25 Marks	Marking Notes
(a)	$2\left(x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x - 5\right)$ $= 2\left(\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{129}{16}\right)$ $= 2\left(\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2\right) - \frac{129}{8}$	<p>Scale 5D (0, 2, 3, 4, 5)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $a = 2$ identified explicitly or as factor <p><i>Mid partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed square <p><i>High partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • h or k identified from work
(b)	$\left(\frac{7}{4}, \quad \frac{-129}{8}\right)$	<p>Scale 10B (0, 4, 10)</p> <p><i>Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One relevant co-ordinate identified

<p>(c) (i)</p>	<p>$f(x)$ has min point as $a > 0$ y co-ordinate of min $< 0 \Rightarrow$ graph must cut x-axis twice hence two real roots.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $b^2 - 4ac = 49 + 80 > 0$ <p>Therefore real roots</p>	<p>Scale 5B (0, 3, 5) <i>Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mention of $a > 0$ • $b^2 - 4ac$ • Identifies location of one or two roots, e.g. between 4 and 5.
<p>c (ii)</p>	$2x^2 - 7x - 10 = 0$ $2\left(\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2\right) - \frac{129}{8} = 0$ $\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{129}{16}$ $x - \frac{7}{4} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{129}}{4}$ $x = \frac{7}{4} \pm \sqrt{\frac{129}{16}}$ <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> $2x^2 - 7x - 10 = 0$ $x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 80}}{4}$ $= \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{129}}{4}$ $x = \frac{7}{4} \pm \sqrt{\frac{129}{16}}$	<p>Scale 5C (0, 3, 4, 5) <i>Low Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formula with some substitution • Equation rewritten with some transpose <p><i>High Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $x - \frac{7}{4} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{129}}{4}$ or equivalent

Question 2 (2017)

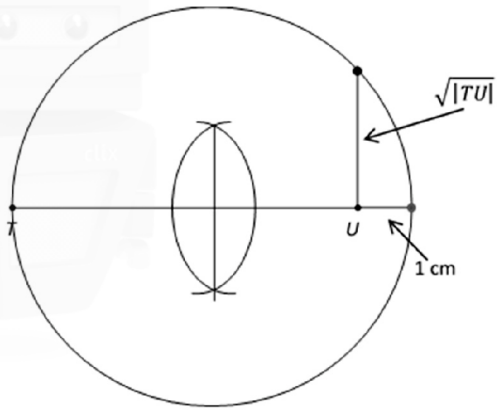
<p>(a)</p>	$f(x) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 3$ $f(-3) = 2(-3)^3 + 5(-3)^2 - 4(-3) - 3$ $= -54 + 45 + 12 - 3$ $f(-3) = 0$ $\Rightarrow (x + 3) \text{ is a factor}$ $\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - x - 1 \\ x+3 \overline{) 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 3} \\ \underline{2x^3 + 6x^2} \\ -x^2 - 4x \\ \underline{-x^2 - 3x} \\ -x - 3 \\ \underline{-x - 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$ $f(x) = (x + 3)(2x^2 - x - 1)$ $f(x) = (x + 3)(2x + 1)(x - 1)$ $x = -3 \quad x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad x = 1$	<p>Scale 15C (0, 5, 10, 15)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows $f(-3) = 0$ <p><i>High Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> quadratic factor of $f(x)$ found <p>Note: No remainder in division may be stated as reason for $x = -3$ as root</p>
<p>(b)</p>	$y = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 3$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 + 10x - 4 = 0$ $3x^2 + 5x - 2 = 0$ $(x + 2)(3x - 1) = 0$ $3x - 1 = 0 \quad x + 2 = 0$ $x = \frac{1}{3} \quad x = -2$ $f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{-100}{27} \quad f(-2) = 9$ $\text{Max} = (-2, 9) \quad \text{Min} = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-100}{27}\right)$	<p>Scale 5C (0, 3, 4, 5)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $\frac{dy}{dx}$ found (Some correct differentiation) <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> roots and one y value found <p>Note: One of Max/Min must be identified for full credit</p>
<p>(c)</p>	$a > \frac{100}{27} \text{ or } a < -9$	<p>Scale 5B (0, 3, 5)</p> <p><i>Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one value identified no range identified (from 2 values)

Question 3 (2016)

Q4	Model Solution – 25 Marks	Marking Notes
<p>(a) (i)</p>	<p> $\angle ABD = \angle CBD = 90^\circ \dots\dots(i)$ $\angle BDC + \angle BCD = 90^\circ \dots \text{angles in triangle sum to } 180^\circ$ $\angle ADB + \angle BDC = 90^\circ \dots \text{angle in semicircle}$ $\angle ADB + \angle BDC = \angle BDC + \angle BCD$ $\angle ADB = \angle BCD \dots\dots(ii)$ $\therefore \text{Triangles are equiangular (or similar)}$ or $\angle ABD = \angle CBD = 90^\circ \dots\dots(i)$ $\angle DAB = \angle DAC \text{ same angle } \Rightarrow \angle ADB = \angle DCA \text{ (reasons as above) which is also } \angle DCB \dots\dots(ii)$ </p>	<p>Scale 15C (0, 5, 10, 15)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifies one angle of same size in each triangle <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifies second angle of same size in each triangle implies triangles are similar without justifying (ii) in model solution or equivalent
<p>(a) (ii)</p>	<p> $\frac{y}{1} = \frac{x}{y}$ $\Rightarrow y^2 = x$ $y = \sqrt{x}$ or $AD ^2 + DC ^2 = AC ^2$ $AD = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $DC = \sqrt{y^2 + 1}$ $x^2 + y^2 + y^2 + 1 = (x + 1)^2$ $2y^2 = 2x$ $y = \sqrt{x}$ Or $\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{\sqrt{y^2 + 1}} = \frac{y}{1} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = y^2(y^2 + 1)$ $y^4 = x^2 \Rightarrow y^2 = x \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{x}$ </p>	<p>Scale 5C (0, 2, 4, 5)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one set of corresponding sides identified indicates relevant use of Pythagoras <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> corresponding sides fully substituted expression in y^2 or y^4, i.e. fails to finish

(b)

Construction



Scale 5C (0, 2, 4, 5)

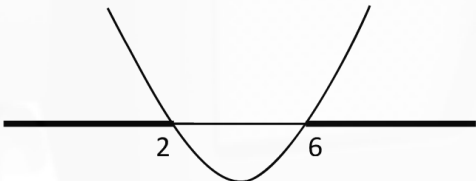
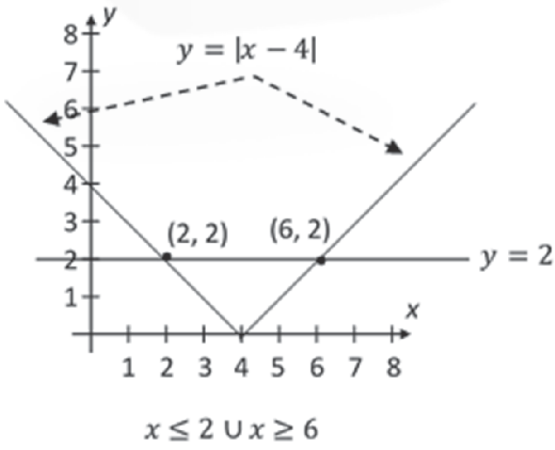
Low Partial Credit

- perpendicular line drawn at U or T
- relevant use of 1 cm length
- mid point of incorrect extended segment constructed

High Partial Credit

- correct mid-point constructed

Question 4 (2016)

Q2	Model Solution – 25 Marks	Marking Notes
(a)	<p> $x^2 - 8x + 16 \geq 4$ $x^2 - 8x + 12 \geq 0$ $(x - 2)(x - 6) \geq 0$ $x = 2 \quad x = 6$ $\{x x \leq 2\} \cup \{x x \geq 6\}$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p> $x - 4 \geq 2 \cup x - 4 \leq -2$ $x \geq 6 \cup x \leq 2$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Graphical method (must indicate range on X-axis somehow)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">$x \leq 2 \cup x \geq 6$</p>	<p>Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either side squared • one correct linear inequality written • stating range of natural numbers only <p><i>High Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correct solutions to quadratic <p><i>Full Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correct answer without work <p>Note: use of natural numbers in range merits <i>High Partial Credit at most</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any one straight line <p><i>High Partial Credit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three straight lines

(b)

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

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

$$11y^2 + 4y - 15 = 0$$

$$(11y + 15)(y - 1) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{-15}{11} \text{ or } y = 1$$

$$x = \frac{-3\left(\frac{-15}{11}\right) - 1}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{-3(1) - 1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{17}{11} \text{ or } x = -2$$

or

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

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

$$11x^2 + 5x - 34 = 0$$

$$(11x - 17)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{17}{11} \text{ or } x = -2$$

$$y = \frac{-15}{11} \text{ or } y = 1$$

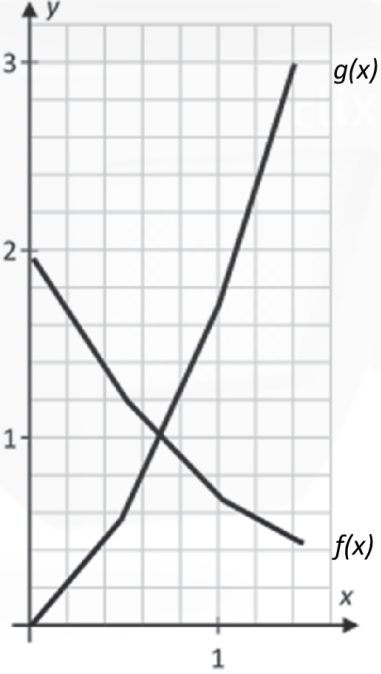
Scale 15C (0, 5, 10,15)

Low Partial Credit:

- effort to isolate x (or y)

High Partial Credit:

- fully correct substitution into quadratic

Q3	Model Solution – 25 Marks	Marking Notes															
(a)	<table border="1" data-bbox="229 136 807 389"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="229 136 437 210">x</th> <th data-bbox="437 136 497 210">0</th> <th data-bbox="497 136 603 210">0.5</th> <th data-bbox="603 136 703 210">1</th> <th data-bbox="703 136 807 210">$\ln(4)$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="229 210 437 309">$f(x) = \frac{2}{e^x}$</td> <td data-bbox="437 210 497 309">2</td> <td data-bbox="497 210 603 309">1.21</td> <td data-bbox="603 210 703 309">0.74</td> <td data-bbox="703 210 807 309">0.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="229 309 437 389">$g(x) = e^x - 1$</td> <td data-bbox="437 309 497 389">0</td> <td data-bbox="497 309 603 389">0.65</td> <td data-bbox="603 309 703 389">1.72</td> <td data-bbox="703 309 807 389">3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	x	0	0.5	1	$\ln(4)$	$f(x) = \frac{2}{e^x}$	2	1.21	0.74	0.5	$g(x) = e^x - 1$	0	0.65	1.72	3	<p>Scale 5C (0, 2, 4, 5)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one entry correct <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 entries correct
x	0	0.5	1	$\ln(4)$													
$f(x) = \frac{2}{e^x}$	2	1.21	0.74	0.5													
$g(x) = e^x - 1$	0	0.65	1.72	3													
(ii)		<p>Scale 5C (0, 2, 4, 5)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one plot correct <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 plots correct one correct graph no labelling <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> straight lines <i>NOT</i> acceptable one clear label merits full credit one ambiguous label merits High Partial Credit at most 															
(iii)	$f(x) = g(x) \text{ when } x \approx 0.7$	<p>Scale 5B (0, 2, 5)</p> <p><i>Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> point of intersection clearly indicated on graph, but value of x not stated 															

Q3	Model Solution – Continued	Marking Notes
(b)	$\frac{e^x - 1}{1} = \frac{2}{e^x}$ $e^{2x} - e^x = 2$ $(e^x)^2 - e^x - 2 = 0$ $(e^x - 2)(e^x + 1) = 0$ $e^x = 2 \text{ or } e^x = -1$ $x = \ln 2$ $\text{or } x = 0.693$ <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> $(e^x)^2 - e^x - 2 = 0$ <p>Let $y = e^x \Rightarrow y^2 - y - 2 = 0$</p> $y = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)}$ $= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 8}}{2}$ $= \frac{1 \pm 3}{2}$ $\Rightarrow y = 2 \text{ or } y = -1 \text{ (not possible)}$ $y = e^x \Rightarrow e^x = 2$ $x = \ln 2 \text{ or } x = 0.693$	<p>Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> substitution correct <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> correct factors of quadratic root formula correctly substituted $e^x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)}$ <p>Note: oversimplification of equation (i.e. not treating as quadratic) merits Low Partial Credit at most</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> substitution correct <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> root formula correctly substituted $y = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)}$ <p>Note: oversimplification of equation (i.e. not treating as quadratic) merits Low Partial Credit at most</p>

Question 6 (2016)

Q5	Model Solution – 25 Marks	Marking Notes
(a) (i)	$(5x - 9)^2 = (x - 1)^2 + (4x)^2$ $8x^2 - 88x + 80 = 0$ $x^2 - 11x + 10 = 0$ $(x - 1)(x - 10) = 0$ $x = 1 \text{ or } x = 10$ $x = 10$	<p>Scale 10D (0, 2, 5, 8, 10)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any use of Pythagoras <p><i>Mid Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> fully correct substitution <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> both roots correct
(a) (ii)	<p>Sides=9, 40, 41</p> $9^2 + 40^2 = 41^2$ $81 + 1600 = 1681$ $1681 = 1681$	<p>Scale 5B (0, 2, 5)</p> <p><i>Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 or 40 or 41 using 1 or -10 from candidates work

Question 7 (2016)

<p>(b) (i)</p>	<p>200 m Race:</p> $y = a(b - x)^c$ $y = 4.99087(42.5 - 23.8)^{1.81}$ $y = 1000$ <p>Javelin:</p> $y = a(x - b)^c$ $y = 15.9803(58.2 - 3.8)^{1.04}$ $y = 1020$	<p>Scale 10D (0, 2, 5, 8, 10)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some relevant substitution into one formula <p><i>Mid Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one value of y found • some relevant substitution into both formulas <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one value correct and some relevant substitution into second formula • uses incorrect formula (once only)
<p>(ii)</p>	$y = a(x - b)^c$ $1295 = 15.9803(x - 3.8)^{1.04}$ $81.0373 = (x - 3.8)^{1.04} = z^{1.04}$ $\log z = \frac{\log 81.0373}{1.04}$ $z = 68.4343 = (x - 3.8)$ $x = 72.2343 = 72.23 \text{ m}$	<p>Scale 5B (0, 2, 5)</p> <p><i>Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some relevant substitution into formula
<p>(iii)</p>	$y = a(b - x)^c$ $1087 = 0.11193(254 - 121.84)^c$ $\frac{1087}{0.11193} = (132.16)^c$ $\log 9711.426 = c \log 132.16$ $c = \frac{\log 9711.426}{\log 132.16} = 1.88$	<p>Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10)</p> <p><i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some relevant substitution into formula <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fully correct substitution into formula

Question 8 (2016)

<p>(b) (i)</p>	<p>$G_5 = \text{Female, Male, Female, Female, Male}$</p>	<p>Scale 5B (0, 2, 5) <i>Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one correct entry
<p>(b) (ii)</p>	<p>$G_6 = G_5 + G_4 = 5 + 3 = 8$ $G_7 = G_6 + G_5 = 8 + 5 = 13$</p>	<p>Scale 10C (0, 3, 7, 10) <i>Low Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $G_6 = G_5 + G_4$ • $G_7 = G_6 + G_5$ • G_7 or G_6 correct • 8 and/or 13 without work <p><i>High Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correct substitution in both
<p>(b) (iii)</p>	<p>$G_3 = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{5})^3 - (1 - \sqrt{5})^3}{2^3 \sqrt{5}} = 2$</p> <p>$(1 + \sqrt{5})^3 = (1 + 3\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{5}^2 + \sqrt{5}^3)$</p> <p>$= 16 + 8\sqrt{5}$</p> <p>$(1 - \sqrt{5})^3 = (1 - 3\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{5}^2 - \sqrt{5}^3)$</p> <p>$= 16 - 8\sqrt{5}$</p> <p>$G_3 = \frac{6\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{5}^3}{8\sqrt{5}}$</p> <p>$= \frac{6 + 2\sqrt{5}^2}{8} = \frac{16}{8} = 2 \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$</p>	<p>Scale 5B (0, 2, 5) <i>Partial Credit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some correct substitution • using approximate value for $\sqrt{5}$ • $G_3 = 2$ • some effort at cubing <p>Note: use of $\sqrt{5}$ as approximation, even if rounded off to 2 at end of work merits at most <i>Partial Credit</i></p>

Question 9 (2015)

Question 2

(25 marks)

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 11$$

$$f(1) = 1^3 - 3(1)^2 - 9 + 11 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x = 1$ is a solution.

$(x - 1)$ is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x - 11 \\ x-1 \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 11} \\ \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\ -2x^2 - 9x + 11 \\ \underline{-2x^2 + 2x} \\ -11x + 11 \\ \underline{-11x + 11} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

or

$$(x-1)(x^2 + Ax - 11) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + Ax^2 - x - x^2 - Ax + 11 = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 11$$

$$\Rightarrow A - 1 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -2$$

or

	x^2	$-2x$	-11
x	x^3	$-2x^2$	$-11x$
-1	$-x^2$	$2x$	11

Hence, other factor is $x^2 - 2x - 11$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-11)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{48}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 4\sqrt{3}}{2} = 1 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

Solutions: $\{1, 1 + 2\sqrt{3}, 1 - 2\sqrt{3}\}$

Question 10 (2015)

$$x = \sqrt{x+6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = x+6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2, \quad x = 3$$

$$x = -2: \quad -2 \neq \sqrt{-2+6} = \sqrt{4} = 2 \quad \times$$

$$x = 3: \quad 3 = \sqrt{3+6} = \sqrt{9} = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Question 11 (2014)

(a) Show that $-k$ is a root of f .

Substituting $-k$ for x we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}f(-k) &= (-k)^3 + (1 - k^2)(-k) + k \\ &= -k^3 - k + k^3 + k \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $-k$ is a root of f .



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(b) Find, in terms of k , the other two roots of f .

Since $-k$ is a root of f we know, by the Factor Theorem, that $(x+k)$ is a factor of $f(x)$. Now we carry out long division to find the other factor.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - kx + 1 \\
 x+k \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 + (1-k^2)x + k} \\
 \underline{x^3 + kx^2} \\
 - kx^2 + (1-k^2)x \\
 \underline{- kx^2 - k^2x} \\
 x + k \\
 \underline{x + k} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

So

$$x^3 + (1-k^2)x + k = (x+k)(x^2 - kx + 1).$$

Therefore the other two roots of f are solutions of the equation

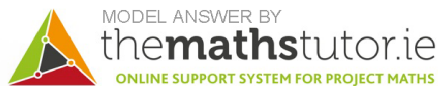
$$x^2 - kx + 1 = 0.$$

Using the quadratic formula we get

$$x = \frac{k \pm \sqrt{k^2 - 4}}{2}.$$

So the other two roots of f are

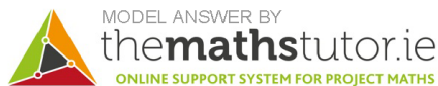
$$\frac{k + \sqrt{k^2 - 4}}{2} \text{ and } \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 - 4}}{2}.$$



(c) Find the set of values of k for which f has exactly one real root.

From the solution to part (b), we see that f has exactly one real root if and only if $k^2 - 4 < 0$. This is equivalent to $k^2 < 4$ or

$$-2 < k < 2$$



We can subtract the second equation from the first:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 8y - 3z = -1 \\ 2x - 3y + 2z = 2 \\ \hline 11y - 5z = -3 \end{array}$$

Similarly, we subtract the third equation from the first:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 8y - 3z = -1 \\ 2x + y + z = 5 \\ \hline 7y - 4z = -6 \end{array}$$

Now we solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{array}{r} 11y - 5z = -3 \\ 7y - 4z = -6 \end{array}$$

Multiply the first by 7, the second by 11 and subtract:

$$\begin{array}{r} 77y - 35z = -21 \\ 77y - 44z = -66 \\ \hline 9z = 45 \end{array}$$

Therefore $z = \frac{45}{9} = 5$. Now substitute $z = 5$ into $7y - 4z = -6$ to get $7y - 4(5) = -6$ or $7y = -6 + 20 = 14$ Therefore $y = 2$.

Finally substitute $y = 2$ and $z = 5$ into $2x + 8y - 3z = -1$ to get $2x + 8(2) - 3(5) = -1$ or $2x = -1 - 8(2) + 3(5) = -2$ So $x = -1$.

So the solution is

$$x = -1, y = 2, z = 5.$$

Now we can check this by substituting into the original equations and verifying that they are all true:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(-1) + 8(2) - 3(5) = -1 \\ 2(-1) - 3(2) + 2(5) = 2 \\ 2(-1) + (2) + (5) = 5. \end{array}$$

(b) The graphs of the functions $f : x \mapsto |x - 3|$ and $g : x \mapsto 2$ are shown in the diagram.

(i) Find the co-ordinates of the points A , B , C and D .

D is on the y -axis, so its x -co-ordinate is 0. Now $f(0) = |0 - 3| = |-3| = 3$. So $D = (0, 3)$.

$C = (3, 0)$ (on the x -axis), so we solve $|x - 3| = 0$ to find the x -co-ordinate. Now $|x - 3| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x - 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 3$. So $C = (3, 0)$.

A and B both have y -co-ordinate 2, so we solve $|x - 3| = 2$. Now $|x - 3| = 2 \Leftrightarrow \pm(x - 3) = 2$. So either

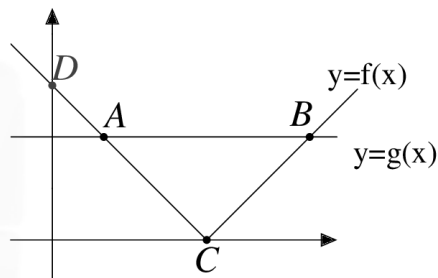
$$(x - 3) = 2 \text{ or } -(x - 3) = 2.$$

In the first case $x = 5$ and in the second case $-x + 3 = 2$ or $x = 1$. So $A = (1, 2)$ and $B = (5, 2)$.

$$A = (1, 2) \quad B = (5, 2) \\ C = (3, 0) \quad D = (0, 3)$$



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(ii) Hence, or otherwise, solve the inequality $|x - 3| < 2$.

The solution set of the inequality corresponds to the values of x for which the graph of f is below the graph of g . From the diagram and calculations above, we see that the solution set is

$$1 < x < 5.$$



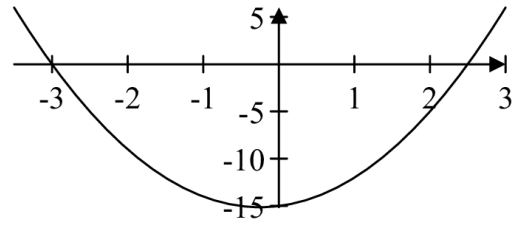
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Question 13 (2013)

$$2x^2 + x - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2x - 5)(x + 3) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = -3$$

$$2x^2 + x - 15 \geq 0 \text{ for } \{x \mid x \leq -3\} \cup \{x \mid x \geq 2\frac{1}{2}\}$$



OR

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + x - 15 = (2x - 5)(x + 3)$$

$$(2x - 5)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{2} \text{ or } x = -3$$

$$(i): x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \geq \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{5}{2}$$

$$(ii): x \leq -3 \text{ and } x \leq \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow x \leq -3$$

$$\text{Solution Set: } \{x \mid x \leq -3\} \cup \{x \mid x \geq \frac{5}{2}\}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y + z = 16 & & 2x + 2y + 2z = 32 \\ \frac{5}{2}x + y + 10z = 40 & \Rightarrow & 5x + 2y + 20z = 80 \\ & & \hline & & 3x \quad + 18z = 48 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + y + z = 16 \\ 4x + y + 8z = 42 \\ \hline 3x \quad + 7z = 26 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 18z = 48 \\ 3x + 7z = 26 \\ \hline 11z = 22 \Rightarrow z = 2 \end{array}$$

$$3x + 7z = 26 \Rightarrow 3x + 7(2) = 26 \Rightarrow 3x = 12 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$x + y + z = 16 \Rightarrow 4 + y + 2 = 16 \Rightarrow y = 10$$

Question 14 (2013)

- (a) If the ticket price was €18, how many people would be expected to attend?

$$12000 + (20 - 18)1000 = 14000$$

- (b) Let x be the ticket price, where $x \leq 20$. Write down, in terms of x , the expected attendance at such an event.

$$12000 + (20 - x)1000 = 32000 - 1000x$$

- (c) Write down a function f that gives the expected income from the sale of tickets for such an event.

$$f(x) = (32000 - 1000x)x$$

- (d) Find the price at which tickets should be sold to give the maximum expected income.

$$f(x) = (32000 - 1000x)x$$

$$f'(x) = 32000 - 2000x = 0 \Rightarrow x = €16$$

- (e) Find this maximum expected income.

$$f(x) = (32000 - 1000x)x$$

$$f(16) = (32000 - 16000)16 = €256\,000$$

- (f) Suppose that tickets are instead priced at a value that is expected to give a full attendance at the stadium. Find the difference between the income from the sale of tickets at this price and the maximum income calculated at (e) above.

$$32000 - 1000x = 25000 \Rightarrow 1000x = 7000 \Rightarrow x = 7$$

$$f(x) = (32000 - 1000x)x \Rightarrow f(7) = (32000 - 7000)7 = 175\,000$$

$$\text{Difference: } \text{€}256\,000 - \text{€}175\,000 = \text{€}81\,000$$

- (g) The stadium was full for a recent special event. Two types of tickets were sold; a single ticket for €16 and a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) for a certain amount. The income from this event was €365 000. If 1000 more family tickets had been sold the income from the event would have been reduced by €14 000. How many family tickets were sold?

Single ticket: €16; Family ticket € y

Number of single tickets: p ; Number of family tickets: $\frac{25000-p}{4}$

$$16p + \frac{25000-p}{4}y = 365000$$

$$16(p - 4000) + \left(\frac{25000-p}{4} + 1000\right)y = 351000 \Rightarrow 16p + \frac{29000-p}{4}y = 415000$$

$$\frac{29000-p}{4}y - \frac{25000-p}{4}y = 50000 \Rightarrow 4000y = 200000 \Rightarrow y = 50$$

$$16p + \frac{25000-p}{4}50 = 365000 \Rightarrow 7p = 105000 \Rightarrow p = 15000$$

$$\text{Number of family tickets: } \frac{25000-p}{4} = \frac{25000-15000}{4} = 2500$$

OR

x = number of single tickets

f = number of family tickets

y = cost of family ticket

$$x + 4f = 25000$$

$$16x + fy = 365000$$

$$16(x - 4000) + (f + 1000)y = 351000$$

$$16x - 64000 + fy + 1000y = 351000$$

$$16x + fy = 365000$$

$$\hline 1000y = 50000$$

$$y = 50$$

Question 15 (2012)

$$a = -2b - 1$$

$$(-2b - 1)^2 + (2b + 1)b + b^2 = 3$$

$$7b^2 + 5b - 2 = 0$$

$$(7b - 2)(b + 1) = 0$$

$$b = \frac{2}{7} \quad \text{or} \quad b = -1$$

$$a = \frac{-11}{7} \quad \text{or} \quad a = 1$$

Solution: $\{b = \frac{2}{7} \text{ and } a = \frac{-11}{7}\}$ or $\{b = -1 \text{ and } a = 1\}$.

- (b) Find the set of all real values of x for which $\frac{2x-5}{x-3} \leq \frac{5}{2}$.

Multiply across by $2(x-3)^2$, which is non-negative:

$$2(x-3)(2x-5) \leq 5(x-3)^2$$

$$4x^2 - 22x + 30 \leq 5x^2 - 30x + 45$$

$$0 \leq x^2 - 8x + 15$$

$$0 \leq (x-5)(x-3)$$

$$x \geq 5 \text{ or } x < 3.$$

OR

$$\frac{2x-5}{x-3} - \frac{5}{2} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{2(2x-5) - 5(x-3)}{2(x-3)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{-x+5}{2(x-3)} \leq 0$$

$$x \geq 5 \text{ or } x < 3.$$

	$x < 3$	$3 < x < 5$	$x > 5$
$-x+5$	+	+	-
$x-3$	-	+	+
$\frac{-x+5}{2(x-3)}$	-	+	-

Question 16 (2012)