

2001 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE SOLUTIONS MATHEMATICS

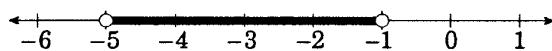
QUESTION 1

(a) $\sqrt{\frac{3^2 + 12^2}{231 - 12^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{153}{87}}$
 $= 1.326\ 12$
 $= 1.33$ (correct to 3 sig. figs).

(b) $|x+3| < 2$
 $-2 < x+3 < 2$
 $-5 < x < -1.$

OR $x+3 < 2$ or $-x-3 < 2$
 $x < -1$ or $-x < 5$
 $x > -5.$

$\therefore -5 < x < -1.$



(c) $x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$
 $(x-4)(x+2) = 0$
 $x = 4$ or $x = -2.$

OR $x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+32}}{2}$
 $= \frac{2 \pm 6}{2}$
 $= 4$ or $-2.$

(d) Primitive of $3 + \frac{1}{x} = 3x + \ln x + c.$

(e) $\frac{x}{x^2-4} + \frac{2}{x-2} = \frac{x}{(x-2)(x+2)} + \frac{2}{x-2}$
 $= \frac{x+2(x+2)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$
 $= \frac{3x+4}{(x-2)(x+2)}$
 $= \frac{3x+4}{x^2-4}.$

(f) Let \$x be the original cost.

$x + 10\% \text{ of } x = 979$

$x + 0.1x = 979$

$1.1x = 979$

$x = 890.$

\therefore The original cost is \$890.

QUESTION 2

(a) $y = x^2 + 3x$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 3.$

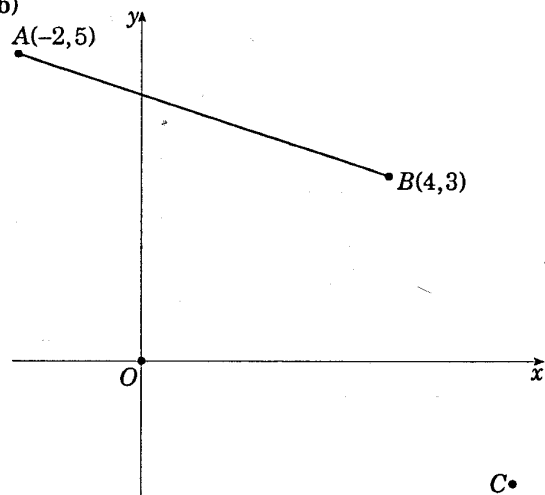
At $x = 1$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5,$

\therefore gradient of tangent = 5.

The tangent is $y - 4 = 5(x - 1)$

$y = 5x - 1.$

(b)



(i) $m_{AB} = \frac{5-3}{-2-4} = -\frac{1}{3}.$

The equation of AB is

$y - 3 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 4)$

$3y - 9 = -x + 4$

$x + 3y - 13 = 0.$

(ii) $AB = \sqrt{(-2-4)^2 + (5-3)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{40}$
 $= 2\sqrt{10}.$

(iii) Perpendicular distance

$= \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$

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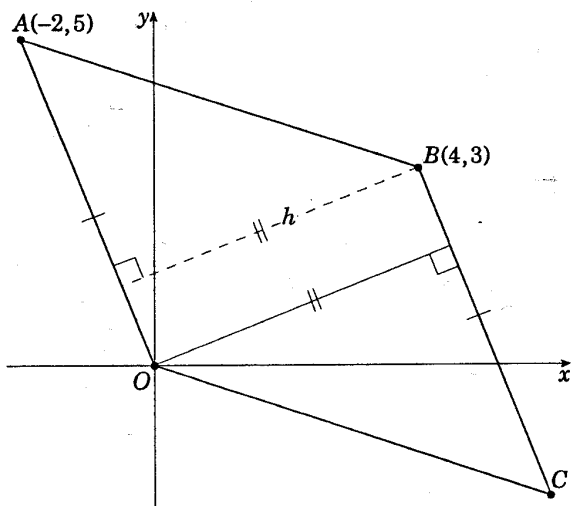
$$= \frac{|1 \times 0 + 3 \times 0 - 13|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$= \frac{13}{\sqrt{10}}.$$

(iv) Area = base \times height

$$= 2\sqrt{10} \times \frac{13}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$= 26 \text{ square units.}$$



The perpendicular distance from O to BC equals the distance from B to OA .

$$CB = OA$$

$$OA = \sqrt{(-2-0)^2 + (5-0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{29}.$$

Area = base \times height

$$26 = \sqrt{29} \times h$$

$$\therefore h = \frac{26}{\sqrt{29}}.$$

That is, perpendicular distance from O to $BC = \frac{26}{\sqrt{29}}.$

QUESTION 3

(a) $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x+4} = \ln(x+4) \Big|_0^1$

$$= \ln 5 - \ln 4$$

$$= \ln \frac{5}{4}.$$

(b) $S = kM^{\frac{2}{3}}, M = 70, S = 18\,600.$

$$18\,600 = k \times 70^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$k = \frac{18\,600}{70^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

$$= 1095.08 \text{ (2 decimal places).}$$

For $M = 60,$

$$S = k \times 60^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= 1095.08 \times 60^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= 16\,783.463 \dots$$

$$= 16\,783 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ (nearest square centimetre).}$$

(c) (i) $\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x^2 - 9)] = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 9}.$

(ii) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{e^x} \right) = \frac{e^x \cdot 1 - x e^x}{(e^x)^2}$ (using quotient rule)

$$= \frac{e^x(1-x)}{e^{2x}}$$

$$= \frac{1-x}{e^x}.$$

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

$$13^2 = 7^2 + x^2 - 2 \times 7 \times x \times \cos 60^\circ$$

$$169 = 49 + x^2 - 7x, \left(\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 7x = 120.$$

$$x^2 - 7x - 120 = 0$$

$$(x-15)(x+8) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 15 \text{ or } x = -8.$$

Since x is a length, $x > 0.$

$$\therefore x = 15.$$

QUESTION 4

(a) $3x^2 + 2x + k = 0$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= 2^2 - 4 \times 3 \times k$$

$$= 4 - 12k.$$

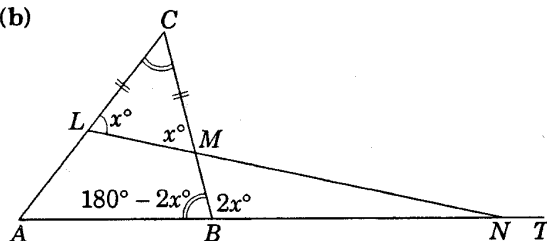
For no real roots $\Delta < 0,$

$$\therefore 4 - 12k < 0$$

$$-12k < -4$$

$$k > \frac{1}{3}.$$

(b)



(i) In $\triangle CLM$, with $CL = CM$,

$$\angle CML = \angle CLM$$

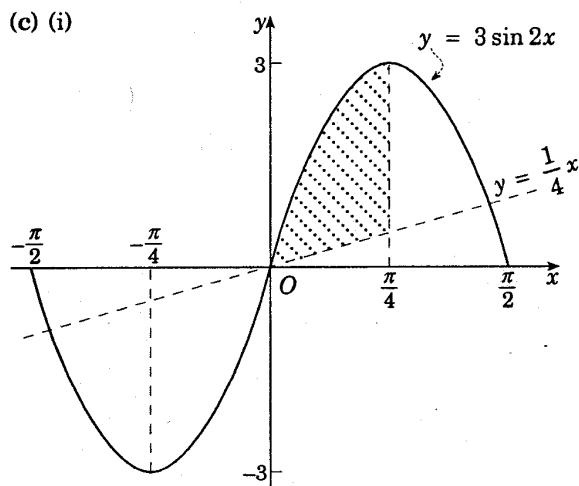
$$= x^\circ \text{ (Base } \angle \text{ s of isosceles } \triangle)$$

$$\therefore \angle LCM = 180^\circ - 2x^\circ \text{ (}\angle \text{ sum of } \triangle LCM)$$

$$\angle ABC = \angle LCM \text{ (Given, base } \angle \text{ s of } \triangle ABC)$$

$$= 180^\circ - 2x^\circ.$$

- (ii) $\angle NBM = 2x^\circ$ (Adj. \angle s on a straight line.)
 $\angle BMN = \angle MMC$ (Vertically opp. \angle s.)
 $= x^\circ$
 $\therefore \angle TNL = x^\circ + 2x^\circ$ (Ext. \angle of $\triangle MBN$)
 $= 3x^\circ$.



- (ii) See shaded region on the diagram.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad & \int_0^{\pi/4} 3 \sin 2x - \frac{1}{4} x \, dx \\ &= \left[-\frac{3}{2} \cos 2x - \frac{1}{8} x^2 \right]_0^{\pi/4} \\ &= \left[-\frac{3}{2} \cos \left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \right) - \frac{1}{8} \times \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad - \left[-\frac{3}{2} \cos(2 \times 0) - \frac{1}{8} \times 0^2 \right] \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{128} + \frac{3}{2} \cos 0 \\ &= -\frac{\pi^2}{128} + \frac{3}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 5

- (a) Domain: $-5 \leq x \leq 5$
 Range: $0 \leq y \leq 10$
- (b) (i) $\log_{10} 2^{1000} = 1000 \log_{10} 2$
 $= 301.030$ (3 decimal places).
- (ii) $10^1 = 10$ (2 digits)
 $10^2 = 100$ (3 digits)
 $10^3 = 1000$ (4 digits)
- From (i),
 $2^{1000} = 10^{301.030}$ [If $\log_a x = y$, $x = a^y$].
- \therefore From the pattern above,
 2^{1000} has 302 digits.

- (c) $\ell = r\theta$; $\ell = 8$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$
 $8 = r \times \frac{\pi}{6}$
 $r = \frac{48}{\pi}$
 $= 15.278 \dots$
 $= 15.3 \text{ cm (153 mm)}.$

(d) (i)

x	0	4	8	12
y	0	1.3	1.7	0

$$\begin{aligned} A &\div \frac{4-0}{2} (0+1.3) + \frac{8-4}{2} (1.3+1.7) \\ &\quad + \frac{12-8}{2} (1.7+0) \\ &\div 2 \times 1.3 + 2 \times 3.0 + 2 \times 1.7 \\ &\div 12 \text{ m}^2. \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) Rate = 0.5 m/s
 $= 30 \text{ m/min}$
 $= 1800 \text{ m/h}.$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Volume in 1 hour} &= 12 \times 1800 \\ &= 21\,600 \text{ m}^3. \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 6

- (a) $a = -1$, $d = 5$, $n = 60$.

(i) $T_n = a + (n-1)d$
 $T_{60} = -1 + 59 \times 5$
 $= 294.$

(ii) $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + \ell)$
 $S_{60} = \frac{60}{2}(-1 + 294)$
 $= 8790.$

- (b) $100(1.23)^t = 100e^{\alpha t}$
 $1.23^t = e^{\alpha t}$
 $\ln(1.23)^t = \ln e^{\alpha t}$
 $t \cdot \ln(1.23) = \alpha t \cdot \ln e \quad (\ln e = 1)$
 $\ln 1.23 = \alpha$
 $\therefore \alpha = 0.207\,014\,1694 \dots$
 $= 0.207 \text{ cm (3 sig. figs).}$

- (c) (i) $y = x^3 + x^2 - x + 2$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 2x - 1.$

Since A and B are turning points, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.
 $3x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$
 $(x+1)(3x-1) = 0$
 $\therefore x = -1 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{3}.$

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When $x = -1$, $y = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - (-1) + 2 = 3$.

$\therefore A$ is the point $(-1, 3)$.

When $x = \frac{1}{3}$, $y = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 2 = 1\frac{22}{27}$.

$\therefore B$ is the point $\left(\frac{1}{3}, 1\frac{22}{27}\right)$.

(ii) Concavity is shown by values of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x + 2.$$

The graph is concave up when $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$.
 $6x + 2 > 0$
 $x > -\frac{1}{3}.$

The curve is concave up for $x > -\frac{1}{3}.$

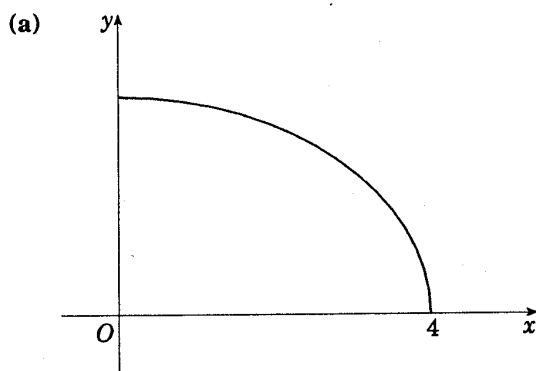
(iii) $x^3 + x^2 - x + 2 = k$ represents the intersection of $y = x^3 + x^2 - x + 2$ and $y = k$.

There will be 3 real solutions for

$$1\frac{22}{27} < k < 3.$$

N.B. If you count double roots as 2 roots, this would be $1\frac{22}{27} \leq k \leq 3$.

QUESTION 7



$$\frac{x^2}{2} + y^2 = 8$$

$$\therefore y^2 = 8 - \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

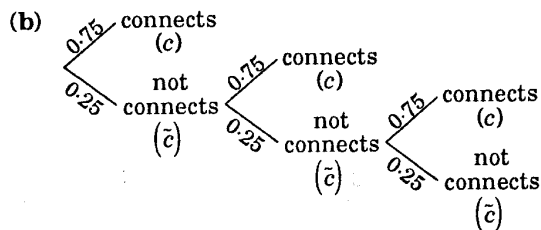
When $y = 0$, $x = 4$.

$$\text{Volume} = \pi \int_a^b y^2 dx$$

$$= \pi \int_0^4 \left(8 - \frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= \pi \left[8x - \frac{x^3}{6} \right]_0^4$$

$$= \frac{64\pi}{3} \text{ cubic units.}$$



(i) $P(\bar{c}c) = 0.25 \times 0.75 = 0.1875.$

(ii) $P(\bar{c}\bar{c}\bar{c}) = 0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.25 = 0.015625.$

(c) $x = \frac{t-2}{t+2}$

(i) When $t = 0$, $x = \frac{0-2}{0+2} = -1.$

(ii) $1 - \frac{4}{t+2} = \frac{t+2}{t+2} - \frac{4}{t+2}$
 $= \frac{t-2}{t+2}.$

$$\therefore x = 1 - \frac{4}{t+2}$$

$$= 1 - 4(t+2)^{-1}.$$

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$= 0 - 4 \times (-1) \times (t+2)^{-2}$$

$$= 4(t+2)^{-2} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$= \frac{4}{(t+2)^2}.$$

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$= 4 \times (-2) \times (t+2)^{-3}, \text{ from ①}$$

$$= \frac{-8}{(t+2)^3}.$$

(iii) No. The particle is never at rest because $v = \frac{4}{(t+2)^2}$ is always greater than zero.

(iv) $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{(t+2)^2} = 0,$
 \therefore the limiting velocity is $0 \text{ m s}^{-1}.$

QUESTION 8

(a) $N = N_0 e^{kt}$

At $t = 0$, $N = 18$

$$\therefore 18 = N_0 e^{k \times 0}$$

$$= N_0 e^0$$

$$= N_0.$$

At November 1993, $t = 70$, $N = 5000$.

$$N = 18 \times e^{kt}$$

$$5000 = 18e^{70k}$$

$$e^{70k} = \frac{5000}{18}$$

$$70k = \ln\left(\frac{5000}{18}\right)$$

$$k = \frac{1}{70} \ln\left(\frac{5000}{18}\right)$$

$$k = 0.080\ 3163.$$

At November 2001, $t = 78$.

$$N = 18e^{k \times 78}$$

$$= 18e^{0.080\ 383\ 163 \times 78}$$

$$= 9511.52.$$

\therefore There will be 9512 koalas in November 2001.

(b) (i) $P(A \text{ drawn first}) = \frac{1}{5}.$

(ii) There are $5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$ possible arrangements,

$$\therefore P(\text{one particular arrangement}) = \frac{1}{120}.$$

OR $P(A \text{ then } B \text{ then } C \text{ then } D \text{ then } E)$

$$= P(A \text{ 1st}) \times P(B \text{ 2nd}) \times P(C \text{ 3rd})$$

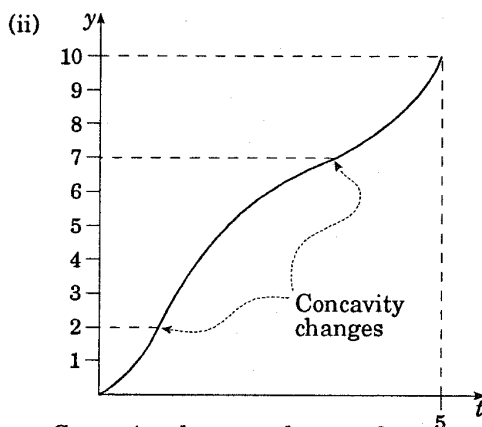
$$\times P(D \text{ 4th}) \times P(E \text{ 5th})$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{120}.$$

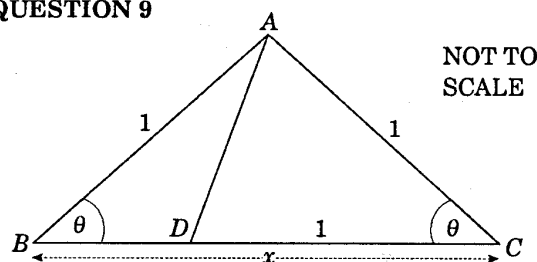
(c) (i) $\frac{dy}{dt}$ is a maximum at $y_1 = 2$ (approximately).

$$\frac{dy}{dt}$$
 is a minimum at $y_2 = 7$ (approximately).



Concavity changes when $y = 2$ and when $y = 7$.

QUESTION 9



(a) (i) In $\triangle ADC$,

$$\angle DAC = \angle ADC \text{ (Opp. equal sides)}$$

$$\therefore 2\angle ADC + \theta = \pi \text{ (}\angle \text{ sum of a } \triangle \text{ is } \pi\text{)}$$

$$\angle ADC = \frac{\pi - \theta}{2}.$$

But $\theta = \frac{\pi}{5},$

$$\therefore 5\theta = \pi$$

$$\angle ADC = \frac{5\theta - \theta}{2}$$

$$= 2\theta.$$

In $\triangle DBA$,

$$\angle BDA = \pi - 2\theta \text{ (BDC is a straight line)}$$

$$= 3\theta \text{ (Since } \pi = 5\theta\text{)}.$$

In $\triangle BAC$,

$$\angle BAC = \pi - 2\theta \text{ (}\angle \text{ sum of } \triangle ABC \text{ is } \pi\text{)}$$

$$= 3\theta.$$

\therefore In $\triangle DBA$ and $\triangle ABC$,

$$\angle DBA = \angle ABC \text{ (Common)}$$

$$\angle BDA = \angle BAC \text{ (Shown above)}$$

$$\triangle DBA \parallel \triangle ABC \text{ (Two } \angle\text{s of one } \triangle \text{ equal two } \angle\text{s of the other } \triangle\text{)}.$$

(ii) In similar triangles, corresponding sides are in the same ratio.

$$\therefore \frac{DB}{AB} = \frac{BA}{BC}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$x(x-1) = 1,$$

$$\text{that is, } x^2 - x - 1 = 0.$$

(iii) Solving the equation in (ii),

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

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

$$= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

But x is the length of a side,

$$\therefore x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ since } \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} < 0.$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABC, \angle ACB = \frac{\pi}{5}.$$

By the cosine rule in $\triangle ABC$,

$$\cos \angle ACB = \frac{1^2 + x^2 - 1^2}{2 \times 1 \times x} = \frac{x}{2}.$$

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$$\therefore \cos \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2},$$

$$\text{that is, } \cos \frac{\pi}{5} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4}.$$

$$(b) \frac{dV}{dt} = 2e^t + 2e^{-t}$$

$$(i) \text{ At } t = 0, \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 2e^0 + 2e^0 = 4.$$

\therefore The initial rate is 4 litres per hour.

$$(ii) \frac{dV}{dt} = 2e^t + 2e^{-t}$$

$$V = 2e^t - 2e^{-t} + c.$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, \quad V = 0.$$

$$\therefore 0 = 2e^0 - 2e^0 + c$$

$$c = 0$$

$$\therefore V = 2e^t - 2e^{-t}.$$

$$(iii) \text{ When } V = 3, \quad 3 = 2e^t - 2e^{-t}.$$

$$\text{Multiply by } e^t: \quad 3e^t = 2e^{2t} - 2.$$

$$\text{That is, } 2e^{2t} - 3e^t - 2 = 0.$$

$$(iv) \text{ Solve for } t, \quad 2(e^t)^2 - 3(e^t) - 2 = 0.$$

$$\text{Let } e^t = x.$$

$$2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$(2x+1)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2,$$

$$\therefore e^t = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad e^t = 2.$$

$$t = \ln\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \text{or} \quad t = \ln 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(no solution)} \quad t &= 0.693 \text{ hours} \\ &= 41.58 \text{ minutes} \\ &\doteq 42 \text{ minutes.} \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 10

$$\begin{aligned} (a) (i) \text{ Balance at the beginning of the second year} \\ &= 1000 + 6\% \text{ of } 1000 - 72 \\ &= 1000 \times 1.06 - 72 \\ &= \$988. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \quad B_1 &= 1000 \times 1.06 - 72. \\ B_2 &= (1000 \times 1.06 - 72) \times 1.06 - 72 \\ &= 1000(1.06)^2 - 72(1.06) - 72 \\ &= 1000(1.06)^2 - 72(1.06 + 1). \\ B_3 &= [1000(1.06)^2 - 72(1.06 + 1)] \times 1.06 - 72 \\ &= 1000(1.06)^3 - 72(1.06^2 + 1.06) - 72 \\ &= 1000(1.06)^3 - 72(1.06^2 + 1.06 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore B_n &= 1000(1.06)^n - 72(1.06^{n-1} + 1.06^{n-2} \\ &\quad + \dots + 1.06^2 + 1.06 + 1) \\ &= 1000(1.06)^n - 72(1 + 1.06 + 1.06^2 \\ &\quad + \dots + 1.06^{n-1}) \\ &= 1000(1.06)^n - 72 \times \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}, \\ &\quad [a = 1, r = 1.06], \\ &= 1000(1.06)^n - 72 \times 1 \times \frac{(1.06^n - 1)}{1.06 - 1} \\ &= 1000(1.06)^n - 72 \left[\frac{1.06^n - 1}{0.06} \right] \\ &= 1000(1.06)^n - 1200(1.06^n - 1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore B_n = 1200 - 200(1.06)^n.$$

(iii) Balance at the end of the 10th year:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{10} &= 1200 - 200(1.06)^{10} \\ &= \$841.83. \end{aligned}$$

At the end of 1 more year:

$$B_{11} = 841.83(1.06) - 90$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } B_{12} &= [841.83(1.06) - 90] \times 1.06 - 90 \\ &= 841.83(1.06)^2 - 90(1.06 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{10+n} &= 841.83(1.06)^n - 90(1.06^{n-1} \\ &\quad + 1.06^{n-2} + \dots + 1.06 + 1) \\ &= 841.83(1.06)^n - 90(1 + 1.06 + \dots \\ &\quad + 1.06^{n-1}) \\ &= 841.83(1.06)^n - 90 \times 1 \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{1.06^n - 1}{1.06 - 1} \right) \\ &= 841.83(1.06)^n - 90 \left(\frac{1.06^n - 1}{0.06} \right) \\ &= 841.83(1.06)^n - 1500(1.06^n - 1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore B_{10+n} = 1500 - 658.17(1.06)^n.$$

To find n , let $B_{10+n} = 0$.

$$0 = 1500 - 658.17(1.06)^n$$

$$(1.06)^n = \frac{1500}{658.17}$$

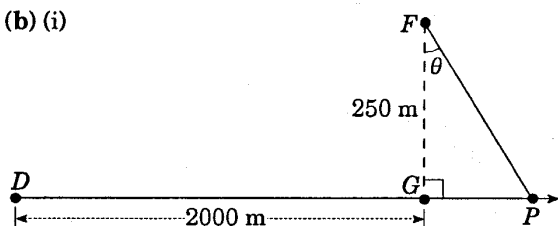
$$\ln(1.06)^n = \ln\left(\frac{1500}{658.17}\right)$$

$$n \ln(1.06) = \ln\left(\frac{1500}{658.17}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \ln\left(\frac{1500}{658.17}\right) \div \ln 1.06 \\ &= 14. \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The prize can be awarded for 14 more years.

(b) (i)



$$\frac{250}{FP} = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{FP}{250} = \sec \theta$$

$$FP = 250 \sec \theta$$

$$GP = 250 \tan \theta$$

$$DP = DG + GP$$

$$\therefore DP = 2000 + 250 \tan \theta.$$

Let T_1 be the time taken for the bus to travel from D to P .

$$T_1 = \frac{2000 + 250 \tan \theta}{15} \text{ seconds}$$

$$= \frac{250(8 + \tan \theta)}{15 \times 60} \text{ minutes}$$

$$= \frac{5(8 + \tan \theta)}{18} \text{ minutes.}$$

Let T_2 be the time taken for Claire to travel from F to P .

$$T_2 = \frac{250 \sec \theta}{4} \text{ seconds}$$

$$= \frac{250 \sec \theta}{4 \times 60} \text{ minutes}$$

$$= \frac{25 \sec \theta}{24} \text{ minutes.}$$

(ii) The time the bus arrives at P is

$$\frac{5(8 + \tan \theta)}{18} \text{ minutes past 8 am.}$$

The time that Claire can leave the farmhouse is $(T_1 - T_2)$ minutes past 8 am.

$$T_1 - T_2 = \left[\frac{5(8 + \tan \theta)}{18} - \frac{25 \sec \theta}{24} \right] \text{ minutes past 8 am.}$$

$$\text{Let } T = \frac{5}{18}(8 + \tan \theta) - \frac{25}{24}(\sec \theta).$$

$$\frac{dT}{d\theta} = 0 + \frac{5}{18} \sec^2 \theta - \frac{25}{24} \sec \theta \tan \theta$$

$$= \frac{5}{6} \sec \theta \left(\frac{1}{3} \sec \theta - \frac{5}{4} \tan \theta \right).$$

But $\frac{dT}{d\theta} = 0$ for maximum or minimum T ,

$$\therefore \frac{5}{6} \sec \theta \left(\frac{1}{3} \sec \theta - \frac{5}{4} \tan \theta \right) = 0.$$

$\therefore \sec \theta = 0$ (no solution), or

$$\frac{1}{3} \sec \theta - \frac{5}{4} \tan \theta = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{4}{15}$$

$$\theta = 0.269\,932\,759 \text{ radians.}$$

\therefore The time after 8 am. that Claire may leave the farmhouse is

$$\left[\frac{5}{18}(8 \tan 0.269\,93) - \frac{25}{24} \times \frac{1}{\cos 0.269\,93} \right] \text{ min.}$$

$$= 1.2185 \text{ min.}$$

$$= 1 \text{ minute } 13 \text{ seconds (to the nearest second).}$$

To show that this time is a maximum,

$$\frac{dT}{d\theta} = \frac{5}{18} \sec^2 \theta - \frac{25}{24} \sec \theta \tan \theta$$

$$\frac{d^2T}{d\theta^2} = \frac{10}{18} \sec \theta \cdot \sec \theta \cdot \tan \theta$$

$$- \frac{25}{24} \sec \theta \cdot \sec^2 \theta - \frac{25}{24} \sec \theta \cdot \tan^2 \theta.$$

Substitute $\theta = 0.27$ (2 decimal places):

$$\frac{d^2T}{d\theta^2} = \frac{10}{18} \times (1.04)^2 \times (0.28) - \frac{25}{24} \times (1.04)^3$$

$$- \frac{25}{24} \times (1.04) \times (0.28)^2$$

$$\div -1.09.$$

$\therefore T$ is a maximum value (latest time).

The latest time that Claire can leave home in order to catch the bus is 1 minute 13 seconds past 8 am.

END OF MATHEMATICS SOLUTIONS