

**Dr Oliver Mathematics**  
**Mathematics: Advanced Higher**  
**2009 Paper**  
**3 hours**

The total number of marks available is 100.  
You must write down all the stages in your working.

1. (a) Given

$$f(x) = (x + 1)(x - 2)^3,$$

(3)

obtain the values of  $x$  for which  $f'(x) = 0$

**Solution**

We use the product rule:

$$u = x + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 1$$
$$v = (x - 2)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 3(x - 2)^2$$

Now,

$$f'(x) = (x + 1) \cdot 3(x - 2)^2 + 1 \cdot (x - 2)^3$$
$$= (x - 2)^2 [3(x + 1) + (x - 2)]$$
$$= (4x + 1)(x - 2)^2.$$

Finally,

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow (4x + 1)(x - 2)^2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = -\frac{1}{4} \text{ or } x = 2.}}$$

(b) Calculate the gradient of the curve defined by

(4)

$$\frac{x^2}{y} + x = y - 5$$

at the point  $(3, -1)$ .

**Solution**

We use the product rule and implicit differentiation:

$$\begin{aligned}x^2y^{-1} + x = y - 5 &\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^2y^{-1} + x) = \frac{d}{dx}(y - 5) \\&\Rightarrow 2x \cdot y^{-1} + x^2 \cdot \left(-y^{-2} \frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx} \\&\Rightarrow 2xy^{-1} + 1 - x^2y^{-2} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} \\&\Rightarrow 2xy^{-1} + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2y^{-2} \frac{dy}{dx} \\&\Rightarrow 2xy^{-1} + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx}(1 + x^2y^{-2}) \\&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy^{-1} + 1}{1 + x^2y^{-2}}.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, at  $(3, -1)$ ,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot -1}{1 + 3^2 \cdot (-1)^{-2}} = \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

2. Given the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} t + 4 & 3t \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

(a) find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  in terms of  $t$  when  $\mathbf{A}$  is non-singular. (3)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\det \mathbf{A} &= 5(t + 4) - 3(3t) \\&= (5t + 20) - 9t \\&= 20 - 4t.\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{20 - 4t} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3t \\ -3 & t + 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Write down the value of  $t$  such that  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular. (1)

**Solution**

$$20 - 4t = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{t = 5}}.$$

(c) Given that the transpose of  $\mathbf{A}$  is

(1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

find  $t$ .

**Solution**

$$t + 4 = 6 \Rightarrow \underline{t = 2}.$$

3. Given that

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$$x^2 e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1,$$

and  $y = 0$  when  $x = 1$ , find  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 &\Rightarrow e^y dy = x^{-2} dx \\ &\Rightarrow \int e^y dy = \int x^{-2} dx \\ &\Rightarrow e^y = -x^{-1} + c. \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $y = 0$  when  $x = 1$ :

$$1 = -1 + c \Rightarrow c = 2$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} e^y = -x^{-1} + 2 &\Rightarrow e^y = -\frac{1}{x} + 2 \\ &\Rightarrow e^y = \frac{2x - 1}{x} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y = \ln\left(\frac{2x - 1}{x}\right)}}. \end{aligned}$$

4. Prove by induction that, for all positive integers  $n$ ,

(5)

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

**Solution**

$n = 1$ : LHS =  $\frac{1}{1 \times 2} = \frac{1}{2}$  and RHS =  $1 - \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$  and so the solution is true for  $n = 1$ .

Suppose the solution is true for  $n = k$ , i.e.,

$$\sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = 1 - \frac{1}{k+1}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^{k+1} \frac{1}{r(r+1)} &= \sum_{r=1}^k \frac{1}{r(r+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{k+1} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 - (k+2)}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= 1 + \frac{-(k+1)}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{k+2} \end{aligned}$$

and so the result is true for  $n = k + 1$ .

Hence, by mathematical induction, the expression is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , as required.

5. Show that

$$\int_{\ln \frac{3}{2}}^{\ln 2} \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} dx = \ln \left( \frac{9}{5} \right).$$

(4)

**Solution**

Notice how the bottom line is the derivative of the top line:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\ln \frac{3}{2}}^{\ln 2} \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} dx &= [\ln(e^x - e^{-x})]_{x=\ln \frac{3}{2}}^{\ln 2} \\ &= \ln(2 - \frac{1}{2}) - \ln(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{2}{3}) \\ &= \ln(\frac{3}{2}) - \ln(\frac{5}{6}) \\ &= \ln \left( \frac{9}{5} \right), \end{aligned}$$

as required

6. (a) Express

$$z = \frac{(1 + 2i)^2}{7 - i}$$

(3)

in the form  $a + ib$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.

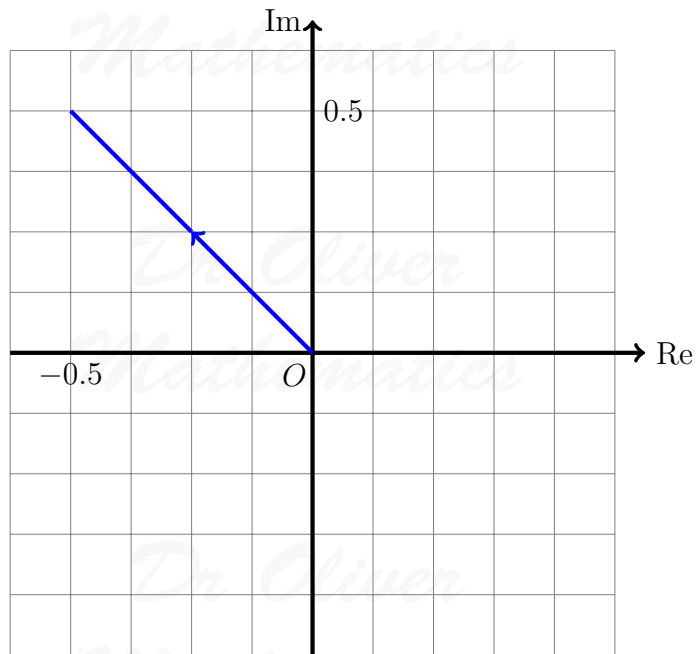
**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{(1 + 2i)^2}{7 - i} \\ &= \frac{1 + 4i + 4i^2}{7 - i} \\ &= \frac{-3 + 4i}{7 - i} \\ &= \frac{-3 + 4i}{7 - i} \times \frac{7 + i}{7 + i} \\ &= \frac{-21 - 3i + 28i + 4i^2}{49 + 1} \\ &= \frac{-25 + 25i}{50} \\ &= \underline{\underline{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i.}} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Show  $z$  on an Argand diagram and evaluate  $|z|$  and  $\arg(z)$ .

(3)

**Solution**



$$\begin{aligned}
 |z| &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \underline{\underline{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg(z) &= \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \tan^{-1}(-1) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4}\pi \text{ (no), } \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{4}\pi \text{ (yes)}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

7. Use the substitution  $x = 2 \sin \theta$  to obtain the exact value of

(6)

$$\int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx.$$

### Solution

Would it be better if we had

$$x = 2 \sin \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)?$$

(Just saying...) Now,

$$\begin{aligned} x = 2 \sin \theta &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = 2 \cos \theta \\ &\Rightarrow dx = 2 \cos \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x = 0 &\Rightarrow \theta = 0, \\ x = \sqrt{2} &\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{4}\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx &\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{(2 \sin \theta)^2}{\sqrt{4-(2 \sin \theta)^2}} 2 \cos \theta d\theta \\ &\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{8 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{4-4 \sin^2 \theta}} d\theta \\ &\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{8 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{4 \cos^2 \theta}} d\theta \\ &\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{8 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{2 \cos \theta} d\theta \\ &\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} 4 \sin^2 \theta d\theta \\ &\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} 2 \cdot 2 \sin^2 \theta d\theta \\ &\Rightarrow 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta \\ &\Rightarrow 2 \left[ \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_{x=0}^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \\ &\Rightarrow 2 \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2} \right) - (0 - 0) \right\} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}\pi - 1.}} \end{aligned}$$

8. (a) Write down the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^5$ . (1)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + x)^5 &= 1 + \binom{5}{1}x + \binom{5}{2}x^2 + \binom{5}{3}x^3 + \binom{5}{4}x^4 + x^5 \\ &= \underline{1 + 5x + 10x^2 + 10x^3 + 5x^4 + x^5}.\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Hence show that  $(0.9)^5$  is 0.590 49. (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}(0.9)^5 &= [1 + (-0.1)]^5 \\ &= 1 + 5(-0.1) + 10(-0.1)^2 + 10(-0.1)^3 + 5(-0.1)^4 + (-0.1)^5 \\ &= 1 - 0.5 + 0.1 - 0.01 + 0.0005 - 0.00001 \\ &= \underline{0.59049},\end{aligned}$$

as required.

9. Use integration by parts to obtain the exact value of (5)

$$\int_0^1 x \tan^{-1} x^2 dx.$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}u = \tan^{-1} x^2 &\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{2x}{1 + (x^2)^2} \\ \frac{dv}{dx} = x &\Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{2}x^2.\end{aligned}$$



Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 x \tan^{-1} x^2 dx &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} x^2 \tan^{-1} x^2 \right]_{x=0}^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{2x^3}{2(1+x^4)} dx \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} 1 - 0 \right) - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \frac{4x^3}{1+x^4} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \pi - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \ln |1+x^4| \right]_{x=0}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \pi - \frac{1}{4} (\ln 2 - 0) \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{8} \pi - \frac{1}{4} \ln 2}}.\end{aligned}$$

10. Use the Euclidean algorithm to obtain the greatest common divisor of 1 326 and 14 654, expressing it in the form

$$1\,326a + 14\,654b,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

**Solution**

$$14\,654 = 1\,326 \times 11 + 68$$

$$1\,326 = 68 \times 19 + 34$$

$$68 = 34 \times 2 + 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}34 &= 1\,326 - 68 \times 19 \\ &= 1\,326 - 19(14\,654 - 1\,326 \times 11) \\ &= 1\,326 - 14\,654 \times 19 + 1\,326 \times 209 \\ &= \underline{\underline{1\,326 \times 210 - 14\,654 \times 19}}.\end{aligned}$$

11. The curve

$$y = x^{2x^2+1}$$

is defined for  $x > 0$ .

Obtain the values of  $y$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at the point where  $x = 1$ .

**Solution**

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y = 1.}}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}y = x^{2x^2+1} &\Rightarrow \ln y = \ln x^{2x^2+1} \\&\Rightarrow \ln y = (2x^2 + 1) \ln x \\&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x} + 4x \ln x \\&\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = (x^{2x^2+1}) \left( \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x} + 4x \ln x \right),\end{aligned}$$

and

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\frac{dy}{dx} = 3.}}$$

12. (a) The first two terms of a geometric sequence are  $a_1 = p$  and  $a_2 = p^2$ . Obtain expressions for  $S_n$  and  $S_{2n}$  in terms of  $p$ , where (2)

$$S_k = \sum_{j=1}^k a_j.$$

**Solution**

$a = p$  and  $r = p$ :

$$\begin{aligned}S_n &= \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \\&= p + p^2 + \dots + p^n \\&= \frac{p - p^{n+1}}{\underline{\underline{1 - p}}}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$S_{2n} = \frac{p - p^{2n+1}}{\underline{\underline{1 - p}}}.$$

- (b) Given that (2)

$$S_{2n} = 65S_n$$

show that  $p^n = 64$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} S_{2n} = 65S_n &\Rightarrow \frac{p - p^{2n+1}}{1 - p} = \frac{65(p - p^{n+1})}{1 - p} \\ &\Rightarrow p - p^{2n+1} = 65(p - p^{n+1}) \\ &\Rightarrow p(1 - p^{2n}) = 65p(1 - p^n) \\ &\Rightarrow (1 - p^n)(1 + p^n) = 65(1 - p^n) \text{ (as } p > 0) \\ &\Rightarrow 1 + p^n = 65 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{p^n = 64}}, \end{aligned}$$

as required.

- (c) Given also that  $a_3 = 2p$  and that  $p > 0$ , obtain the exact value of  $p$  and hence the value of  $n$ . (2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p^2}{p} = \frac{2p}{p^2} &\Rightarrow p^4 = 2p^2 \\ &\Rightarrow p^4 - 2p^2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow p^2(p^2 - 2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and, as  $p > 0$ ,  $\underline{\underline{p = \sqrt{2}}}$ . Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2}^n = 64 &\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{1}{2}n} = 2^6 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}n = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{n = 12}}. \end{aligned}$$

13. The function  $f(x)$  is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x}{x^2 - 1}, \quad x \neq \pm 1.$$

- (a) Obtain equations for the asymptotes of the graph of  $f(x)$ . (3)

**Solution**

Horizontally:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{x^2 + 2x}{x^2 - 1} \\ &= \frac{1 + \frac{2}{x}}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1 + 0}{1 - 0} \\ &= 1 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

and the asymptote is at  $y = 1$ .

Vertically: the denominator is zero:

$$x^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = \pm 1.}}$$

(b) Show that  $f(x)$  is a strictly decreasing function.

(3)

**Solution**

We use the quotient rule:

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{(x^2 - 1) \cdot (2x + 2) - (x^2 + 2x) \cdot (2x)}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{(2x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x - 2) - (2x^3 + 4x^2)}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{-2x^2 - 2x - 2}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= -\frac{2(x^2 + x + 1)}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \\ &= -\frac{2[(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}]}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \\ &< 0,\end{aligned}$$

and, hence,  $f(x)$  is a strictly decreasing function.

(c) Find the coordinates of the points where the graph of  $f(x)$  crosses

(i) the  $x$ -axis, and

(1)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}y = 0 &\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x(x + 2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = -2 \text{ or } x = 0,\end{aligned}$$

and hence the points are  $(-2, 0)$  and  $(0, 0)$ .

(ii) the horizontal asymptote.

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**Solution**

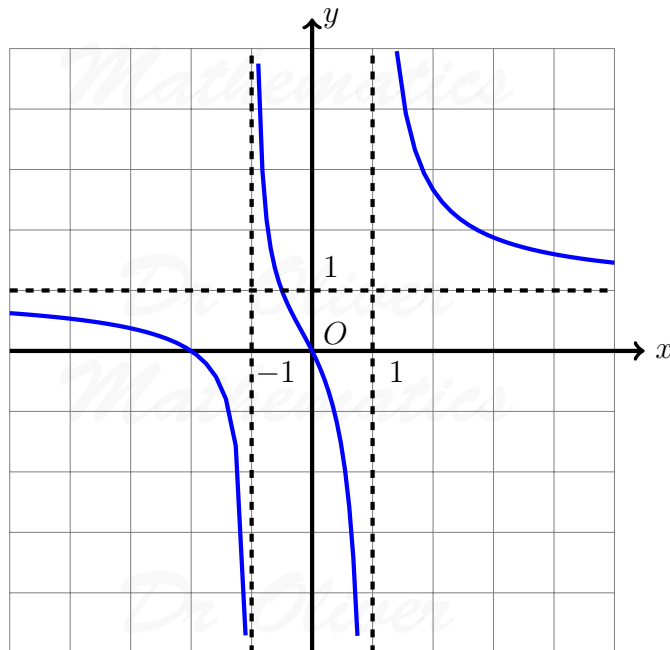
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2 + 2x}{x^2 - 1} = 1 &\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x = x^2 - 1 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x = -1 \\ &\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2},\end{aligned}$$

and hence the point is  $(-\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .

(d) Sketch the graph of  $f(x)$ , showing clearly all relevant features.

(2)

**Solution**



14. (a) Express

$$\frac{x^2 + 6x - 4}{(x + 2)^2(x - 4)}$$

(4)

in partial fractions.

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2 + 6x - 4}{(x + 2)^2(x - 4)} &\equiv \frac{A}{x + 2} + \frac{B}{(x + 2)^2} + \frac{C}{x - 4} \\ &\equiv \frac{A(x + 2)(x - 4) + B(x - 4) + C(x + 2)^2}{(x + 2)^2(x - 4)}\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$x^2 + 6x - 4 \equiv A(x + 2)(x - 4) + B(x - 4) + C(x + 2)^2.$$

$$x = -2: -12 = -6B \Rightarrow B = 2.$$

$$x = 4: 36 = 36C \Rightarrow C = 1.$$

$$x = 0: -4 = -8A - 4B + 4C \Rightarrow -8A = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0.$$

Hence,

$$\frac{x^2 + 6x - 4}{(x + 2)^2(x - 4)} \equiv \frac{2}{(x + 2)^2} + \frac{1}{x - 4}.$$

(b) Hence, or otherwise, obtain the first three non-zero terms in the Maclaurin expansion of

$$\frac{x^2 + 6x - 4}{(x + 2)^2(x - 4)}.$$

(5)

**Solution**

Let

$$f(x) = 2(x + 2)^{-2} + (x - 4)^{-1}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$f'(0) = -\frac{9}{16}$$

$$f''(x) = 12(x + 2)^{-4} + 2(x - 4)^{-3}$$

$$f''(0) = \frac{23}{32}.$$

Hence, the first three non-zero terms in the Maclaurin expansion are

$$\underline{\underline{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{9}{16}x + \frac{23}{64}x^2 + \dots}}$$

15. (a) Solve the differential equation

(6)

$$(x + 1) \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = (x + 1)^4,$$

given that  $y = 16$  when  $x = 1$ , expressing the answer in the form  $y = f(x)$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 1) \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y &= (x + 1)^4 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \left( -\frac{3}{x + 1} \right) y &= (x + 1)^3. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IF} &= e^{\int \left( -\frac{3}{x+1} \right) dx} \\ &= e^{-3 \ln(x+1)} \\ &= e^{\ln(x+1)^{-3}} \\ &= (x + 1)^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

and so the the differential equation is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} + \left( -\frac{3}{x + 1} \right) y &= (x + 1)^3 \\ \Rightarrow (x + 1)^{-3} \frac{dy}{dx} - 3(x + 1)^{-4} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} [y(x + 1)^{-3}] &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow y(x + 1)^{-3} &= x + c \\ \Rightarrow y &= (x + c)(x + 1)^3. \end{aligned}$$

Next,  $y = 16$  when  $x = 1$  so

$$16 = (1 + c) \times 2^3 \Rightarrow c = 1$$

and so the solution is

$$\underline{\underline{y = (x + 1)^4.}}$$

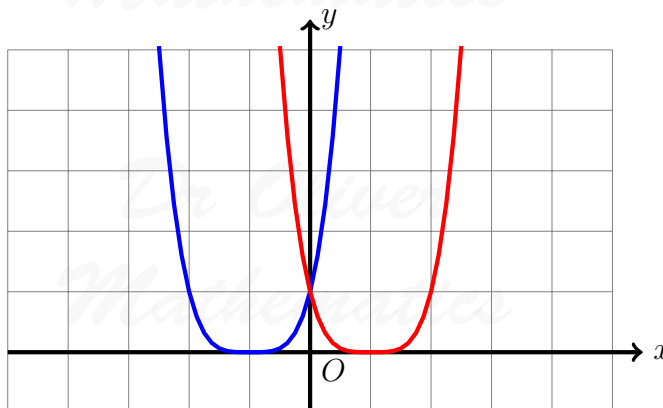
- (b) Hence, find the area enclosed by the graphs of  $y = f(x)$ ,  $y = (1 - x)^4$ , and the  $x$ -axis. (4)

**Solution**

Where do the two graphs cross?

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 1)^4 &= (1 - x)^4 \Rightarrow x + 1 = 1 - x \text{ or } x + 1 = -(1 - x) \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } 0 = 2 \text{ (no solutions!)} \end{aligned}$$

Next, a picture:



Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= \int_{-1}^0 (x + 1)^4 dx + \int_0^1 (1 - x)^4 dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{5} (x + 1)^5 \right]_{x=-1}^0 + \left[ -\frac{1}{5} (1 - x)^5 \right]_{x=0}^1 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{5} - 0 \right) + \left( 0 + \frac{1}{5} \right) \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{5}}}. \end{aligned}$$

16. (a) Use Gaussian elimination to solve the following system of equations: (5)

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - z &= 6 \\ 2x - 3y + 2z &= 2 \\ -5x + 2y - 4z &= 1. \end{aligned}$$



**Solution**

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 & -4 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Do  $R_2 - 2R_1$  and  $R_3 + 5R_1$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 & -10 \\ 0 & 7 & -9 & 31 \end{array} \right)$$

Do  $R_3 + \frac{7}{5}R_2$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{17}{5} & 17 \end{array} \right)$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{17}{5}z &= 17 \Rightarrow z = -5 \\ -5y - 20 &= -10 \Rightarrow y = -2 \\ x - 2 + 5 &= 6 \Rightarrow x = 3; \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\underline{\underline{x = 3, y = -2, z = -5.}}$$

- (b) Show that the line of intersection,  $L$ , of the planes  $x + y - z = 6$  and  $2x - 3y + 2z = 2$  has parametric equations (2)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \lambda \\ y &= 4\lambda - 14 \\ z &= 5\lambda - 20. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution**

$x + y - z = 6$ :

$$\lambda + (4\lambda - 14) - (5\lambda - 20) = 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$2x - 3y + 2z = 2$ :

$$2\lambda - 3(4\lambda - 14) + 2(5\lambda - 20) = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

So, the line does have the parametric equations.

(c) Find the acute angle between line  $L$  and the plane  $-5x + 2y - 4z = 1$ .

(4)

**Solution**

Now, re-cast the parametric equations into a straight line:

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y + 14}{4} = \frac{z + 20}{5}$$

and the direction of  $L$  is  $\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$ . Next,

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= \frac{|(\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k})|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + 5^2} \cdot \sqrt{5^2 + 2^2 + 4^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta &= \frac{|-5 + 8 - 20|}{\sqrt{42} \cdot \sqrt{45}} \\ \Rightarrow \sin \theta &= \frac{17}{\sqrt{42} \cdot \sqrt{45}} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= 23.019\,049\,32 \text{ (FCD)} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= \underline{\underline{23.0^\circ}} \text{ (1 dp)}.\end{aligned}$$