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Materials required for examination<br/>Mathematical Formulae (Pink)Items included with question papers<br/>Nil

Candidates may use any calculator allowed by the regulations of the Joint Council for Qualifications. Calculators must not have the facility for symbolic algebra manipulation or symbolic differentiation/integration, or have retrievable mathematical formulae stored in them.

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In the boxes above, write your centre number, candidate number, your surname, initials and signature. Check that you have the correct question paper.

Answer ALL the questions.

You must write your answer for each question in the space following the question.

When a calculator is used, the answer should be given to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

### **Information for Candidates**

A booklet 'Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables' is provided.

Full marks may be obtained for answers to ALL questions.

The marks for individual questions and the parts of questions are shown in round brackets: e.g. (2).

There are 9 questions in this question paper. The total mark for this paper is 75.

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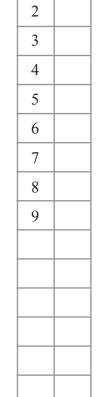
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1. Given that	
$\tan \theta^{\circ} = p$ , where p is a constant, $p \neq \pm 1$	
use standard trigonometric identities, to find in terms of $p$ ,	
(a) $\tan 2\theta^{\circ}$	(2)
(b) $\cos \theta^{\circ}$	(2)
(c) $\cot(\theta - 45)^{\circ}$	(2)
Write each answer in its simplest form.	

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
1.(a)	$\tan 2\theta^{\circ} = \frac{2\tan \theta^{\circ}}{1 - \tan^2 \theta^{\circ}} = \frac{2p}{1 - p^2}$ Final answer	M1A1 (2)
(b)	$\cos \theta^{\circ} = \frac{1}{\sec \theta^{\circ}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta^{\circ}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + p^2}}$ Final answer	M1A1
(c)	$\cot(\theta-45)^{\circ} = \frac{1}{\tan(\theta-45)^{\circ}} = \frac{1+\tan\theta^{\circ}\tan 45^{\circ}}{\tan\theta^{\circ}-\tan 45^{\circ}} = \frac{1+p}{p-1}  \text{ Final answer}$	(2) M1A1
		(2) (6 marks)

(a) M1 Attempt to use the double angle formula for tangent followed by the substitution  $\tan \theta = p$ .

For example accept 
$$\tan 2\theta^{\circ} = \frac{2 \tan \theta^{\circ}}{1 \pm \tan^2 \theta^{\circ}} = \frac{2p}{1 \pm p^2}$$

Condone unconventional notation such as  $\tan 2\theta^{\circ} = \frac{2 \tan \theta^{\circ}}{1 \pm \tan \theta^{2}}$  followed by an attempt to substitute  $\tan \theta = p$  for the M mark. Recovery from this notation is allowed for the A1.

Alternatively use  $tan(A + B) = \frac{tan A + tan B}{1 \pm tan A tan B}$  with an attempt at substituting

 $\tan A = \tan B = p$ . The unsimplified answer  $\frac{p+p}{1-p\times p}$  is evidence

It is possible to use 
$$\tan 2\theta^{\circ} = \frac{\sin 2\theta^{\circ}}{\cos 2\theta^{\circ}} = \frac{2\sin \theta^{\circ}\cos \theta^{\circ}}{2\cos^2 \theta^{\circ} - 1} = \frac{2 \times \frac{p}{\sqrt{1 \pm p^2}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 \pm p^2}}}{2 \times \frac{1}{1 \pm p^2} - 1}$$
 but it is

unlikely to succeed.

A1 Correct **simplified** answer of  $\tan 2\theta^{\circ} = \frac{2p}{1-p^2}$  or  $\frac{2p}{(1-p)(1+p)}$ .

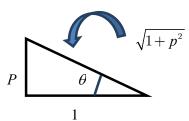
Do not allow if they "simplify" to  $\frac{2}{1-p}$ 

Allow the correct answer for both marks as long as no incorrect working is seen.

(b)

M1 Attempt to use **both**  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta}$  **and**  $1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$  with  $\tan \theta = p$  in an attempt to obtain an expression for  $\cos \theta$  in terms of p. Condone a slip in the sign of the second identity. Evidence would be  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{\pm 1 \pm p^2}$ 

Alternatively use a triangle method, attempt Pythagoras' theorem and use  $\cos \theta = \frac{adj}{hyp}$ The attempt to use Pythagoras must attempt to use the squares of the lengths.



A1  $\cos \theta^{\circ} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p^2}}$  Accept versions such as  $\cos \theta^{\circ} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1+p^2}}$ ,  $\cos \theta^{\circ} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+p^2}}$ 

Withhold this mark if the candidate goes on to write  $\cos \theta^{\circ} = \frac{1}{1+p}$ 

(c)

M1 Use the correct identity  $\cot(\theta - 45) = \frac{1}{\tan(\theta - 45)}$  and an attempt to use the  $\tan(A - B)$ 

formula with  $A=\theta$ , B=45 and  $\tan \theta = p$ .

For example accept an unsimplified answer such as  $\frac{1}{\frac{\tan \theta \pm \tan 45}{1 \pm \tan \theta \tan 45}} = \frac{1}{\frac{p \pm \tan 45}{1 \pm p \tan 45}}$ 

It is possible to use  $\cot(\theta - 45) = \frac{\cos(\theta - 45)}{\sin(\theta - 45)}$  and an attempt to use the formulae for  $\sin(A - B)$ 

and  $\cos(A - B)$  with  $A = \theta$ , B = 45.  $\sin \theta = \frac{p}{\sqrt{1 \pm p^2}}$  and  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 \pm p^2}}$ 

Sight of an expression  $\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1\pm p^2}}\cos 45 \pm \frac{p}{\sqrt{1\pm p^2}}\sin 45}{\frac{p}{\sqrt{1\pm p^2}}\cos 45 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{1\pm p^2}}\sin 45}$  is evidence.

A1 Uses  $\tan 45 = 1 \text{ or } \sin 45 = \cos 45 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} oe$  and simplifies answer.

Accept  $-\frac{1+p}{1-p}$  or  $1+\frac{2}{p-1}$ 

Note that there is no isw in any parts of this question.

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Given that

$$f(x) = 2e^x - 5, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

- (a) sketch, on separate diagrams, the curve with equation
  - (i) y = f(x)
  - (ii) y = |f(x)|

On each diagram, show the coordinates of each point at which the curve meets or cuts the axes.

On each diagram state the equation of the asymptote.

**(6)** 

(b) Deduce the set of values of x for which f(x) = |f(x)|

**(1)** 

(c) Find the exact solutions of the equation |f(x)| = 2

**(3)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
2.(ai)	Shape $\left(\ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right), 0\right) \text{ and } (0, -3)$ $y = -5$	B1 B1
		(3)
(aii)	Shape inc cusp $ \left(\ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right), 0\right) and (0,3) $ $ y = 5 $	B1ft B1ft B1ft
(b) (c)	$x \ge \ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$ $2e^{x} - 5 = -2 \Rightarrow (x) = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ $(x) = \ln\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)$	(3) B1 ft (1) M1A1 B1 (3) (10 marks)

(a)(i)

For an exponential (growth) shaped curve in any position. For this mark be tolerant on **B**1 slips of the pen at either end. See Practice and Qualification for examples.

Intersections with the axes at  $\left(\ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right),0\right)$  and (0,-3). **B**1

Allow  $\ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$  and -3 being marked on the correct axes.

Condone  $\left(0, \ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)\right)$  and  $\left(-3, 0\right)$  being marked on the *x* and *y* axes respectively.

Do not allow  $\left(\ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right), 0\right)$  appearing as awrt (0.92, 0) for this mark unless seen

elsewhere. Allow if seen in body of script. If they are given in the body of the script and differently on the curve (save for the decimal equivalent) then the ones on the curve take precedence.

**B**1 Equation of the asymptote given as y = -5. Note that the curve must appear to have an asymptote at y = -5, not necessarily drawn. It is not enough to have -5 marked on the axis or indeed x = -5. An extra asymptote with an equation gets B0

(a)(ii)

B1ft For **either** the correct shape **or** a reflection of their curve from (a)(i) in the x- axis. For this to be scored it must have appeared both above and below the x - axis. The shape must be correct including the cusp. The curve to the lhs of the cusp must appear to have the correct curvature

B1ft Score for both intersections or follow through on both the intersections given in part (a)(i), including decimals, as long as the curve appeared both above and below the x- axis. See part (a) for acceptable forms

B1ft Score for an asymptote of y = 5 or follow through on an asymptote of y = -C from part (a)(i). Note that the curve must appear to have an asymptote at v = C but do not penalise if the first mark in (a)(ii) has been withheld for incorrect curvature on the lhs.

(b)

Score for  $x \ge \ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$ ,  $x \ge \text{awrt } 0.92$  or follow through on the x intersection in part (a) B1ft

(c)

Accept  $2e^x - 5 = -2$  or  $-2e^x + 5 = 2 \implies x = ... \ln(...)$ M1

Allow squaring so  $(2e^x - 5)^2 = 4 \Rightarrow e^x = ... \text{ and } ... \Rightarrow x = \ln(..), \ln(..)$   $x = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$  or exact equivalents such as  $x = \ln 1.5$ . You do not need to see the x. **A**1

Remember to isw a subsequent decimal answer 0.405

 $x = \ln\left(\frac{7}{9}\right)$  or exact equivalents such as  $x = \ln 3.5$ . You do not need to see the x. **B**1

Remember to isw a subsequent decimal answer 1.25

If both answers are given in decimals and there is no working x = awrt 1.25, 0.405award SC 100

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Leave blank  $g(\theta) = 4\cos 2\theta + 2\sin 2\theta$ 

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Given that  $g(\theta) = R \cos(2\theta - \alpha)$ , where R > 0 and  $0 < \alpha < 90^{\circ}$ ,

(a) find the exact value of R and the value of  $\alpha$  to 2 decimal places.

(3)

(b) Hence solve, for  $-90^{\circ} < \theta < 90^{\circ}$ ,

$$4\cos 2\theta + 2\sin 2\theta = 1$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

**(5)** 

Given that k is a constant and the equation  $g(\theta) = k$  has no solutions,

(c) state the range of possible values of k.

**(2)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
3(a)	$4\cos 2\theta + 2\sin 2\theta = R\cos(2\theta - \alpha)$	
	$R = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{20} = \left(2\sqrt{5}\right)$	B1
	$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 26.565^{\circ} = \text{awrt } 26.57^{\circ}$	M1A1
		(3)
(b)	$\sqrt{20}\cos(2\theta - 26.6) = 1 \Rightarrow \cos(2\theta - 26.57) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}$	M1
	$\Rightarrow (2\theta - 26.57) = +77.1 \Rightarrow \theta =$	dM1
	$\theta = \text{awrt } 51.8^{\circ}$	A1
	$2\theta - 26.57 = '-77.1' \Rightarrow \theta = -\text{awrt } 25.3^{\circ}$	ddM1A1
		(5)
(c)	$k < -\sqrt{20}, k > \sqrt{20}$	B1ft either B1ft both
		(2)
		(10 marks)

You can marks parts (a) and (b) together as one.

(a)

B1 For 
$$R = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$$
. Condone  $R = \pm \sqrt{20}$ 

M1 For  $\alpha = \arctan\left(\pm \frac{1}{2}\right)$  or  $\alpha = \arctan\left(\pm 2\right)$  leading to a solution of  $\alpha$ 

Condone any solutions coming from  $\cos \alpha = 4$ ,  $\sin \alpha = 2$ 

Condone for this mark  $2\alpha = \arctan\left(\pm \frac{1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \alpha = ..$ 

If R has been used to find  $\alpha$  award for only  $\alpha = \arccos\left(\pm \frac{4}{R}\right) \alpha = \arcsin\left(\pm \frac{2}{R}\right)$ 

A1  $\alpha = \text{awrt } 26.57^{\circ}$ 

M1 Using part (a) and proceeding as far as  $\cos(2\theta \pm \text{their } 26.57) = \frac{1}{\text{their } R}$ .

This may be implied by 
$$(2\theta \pm \text{their } 26.57) = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\text{their } R}\right)$$

Allow this mark for 
$$\cos(\theta \pm \text{their } 26.57) = \frac{1}{\text{their } R}$$

dM1 Dependent upon the first M1- it is for a correct method to find  $\theta$  from their principal value Look for the correct order of operations, that is dealing with the "26.57" before the "2". Condone subtracting 26.57 instead of adding.

$$\cos(2\theta \pm \text{their } 26.57) = ... \Rightarrow 2\theta \pm \text{their } 26.57 = \beta \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\beta \pm \text{their } 26.57}{2}$$

A1 awrt 
$$\theta = 51.8^{\circ}$$

ddM1For a correct method to find a secondary value of  $\theta$ in the range

Either 
$$2\theta \pm 26.57 = '-\beta' \Rightarrow \theta = OR \ 2\theta \pm 26.57 = 360 - '\beta' \Rightarrow \theta = THEN MINUS \ 180$$

A1 awrt 
$$\theta = -25.3^{\circ}$$

Withhold this mark if there are extra solutions in the range.

Radian solution: Only lose the first time it occurs.

FYI. In radians desired accuracy is awrt 2 dp (a)  $\alpha = 0.46$  and (b)  $\theta_1 = 0.90, \theta_2 = -0.44$ 

Mixing degrees and radians only scores the first M

(c)

B1ft Follow through on their R. Accept decimals here including  $\sqrt{20} \approx \text{awrt } 4.5$ .

Score for one of the ends 
$$k > \sqrt{20}$$
,  $k < -\sqrt{20}$ 

Condone versions such as 
$$g(\theta) > \sqrt{20}$$
,  $y > \sqrt{20}$ 

or both ends including the boundaries 
$$k \ge \sqrt{20}$$
,  $k \le -\sqrt{20}$ 

B1 ft For both intervals in terms of *k*.

Accept 
$$k > \sqrt{20}$$
 or  $k < -\sqrt{20}$ . Accept  $|k| > \sqrt{20}$  Accept  $k \in (\sqrt{20}, \infty)(-\infty, -\sqrt{20})$ 

Condone 
$$k > \sqrt{20}, k < \sqrt{20}$$
  $k > \sqrt{20}$  and  $k < \sqrt{20}$  for both marks

but 
$$\sqrt{20} > k > \sqrt{20}$$
 is B1 B0

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**4.** Water is being heated in an electric kettle. The temperature,  $\theta$  °C, of the water t seconds after the kettle is switched on, is modelled by the equation

 $\theta = 120 - 100e^{-\lambda t}, \qquad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant T$ 

(a) State the value of  $\theta$  when t = 0

**(1)** 

Given that the temperature of the water in the kettle is 70 °C when t = 40,

(b) find the exact value of  $\lambda$ , giving your answer in the form  $\frac{\ln a}{b}$ , where a and b are integers.

**(4)** 

When t = T, the temperature of the water reaches 100 °C and the kettle switches off.

(c) Calculate the value of *T* to the nearest whole number.

**(2)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
4(a)	$(\theta =)20$	B1 (1)
(b)	Sub $t = 40$ , $\theta = 70 \Rightarrow 70 = 120 - 100 e^{-40 \lambda}$	
	$\Rightarrow e^{-40\lambda} = 0.5$	M1A1
	$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{40}$	M1A1
		(4)
(c)	$\theta = 100 \Rightarrow T = \frac{\ln 0.2}{-\text{their'}\lambda'}$	M1
	T = awrt 93	A1
		(2)
		(7 marks)
Alt (b)	Sub $t = 40$ , $\theta = 70 \Rightarrow 100 e^{-40\lambda} = 50$	
	$\Rightarrow \ln 100 - 40\lambda = \ln 50$	M1A1
	$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\ln 100 - \ln 50}{40} = \frac{\ln 2}{40}$	M1A1
		(4)

B1 Sight of 
$$(\theta =)20$$

M1 Sub t = 40,  $\theta = 70 \Rightarrow 70 = 120 - 100e^{-40\lambda}$  and proceed to  $e^{\pm 40\lambda} = A$  where A is a constant. Allow sign slips and copying errors.

A1 
$$e^{40\lambda} = 05$$
 or  $e^{40\lambda} = 2$  or exact equivalent

M1 For undoing the e's by taking ln's and proceeding to  $\lambda = ...$ May be implied by the correct decimal answer awrt 0.017 or  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 0.5}{-40}$ 

A1 cso 
$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{40}$$

Accept equivalents in the form  $\frac{\ln a}{b}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such as  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 4}{80}$ 

M1 Substitutes  $\theta = 100$  and their numerical value of  $\lambda$  into  $\theta = 120 - 100e^{-\lambda t}$  and proceed to  $T = \pm \frac{\ln 0.2}{\text{their'}\lambda'}$  or  $T = \pm \frac{\ln 5}{\text{their'}\lambda'}$  Allow inequalities here.

### A1 awrt T = 93

Watch for candidates who lose the minus sign in (b) and use  $\lambda = \frac{\ln \frac{1}{2}}{40}$  in (c). Many then reach T = -93 and ignore the minus. This is M1 A0

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5.	The point P	lies o	on the	curve	with	equation
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$$x = (4y - \sin 2y)^2$$

Given that *P* has (x, y) coordinates  $\left(p, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , where *p* is a constant,

(a) find the exact value of p.

**(1)** 

The tangent to the curve at P cuts the y-axis at the point A.

(b) Use calculus to find the coordinate	tes of $A$ .
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**(6)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
5.(a)	$p = 4\pi^2 \text{ or } (2\pi)^2$	B1
		(1)
(b)	$x = (4y - \sin 2y)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = 2(4y - \sin 2y)(4 - 2\cos 2y)$	M1A1
	Sub $y = \frac{\pi}{2}$ into $\frac{dx}{dy} = 2(4y - \sin 2y)(4 - 2\cos 2y)$	
	$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = 24\pi  (=75.4) \ / \ \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{24\pi} (=0.013)$	M1
	Equation of tangent $y - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{24\pi} (x - 4\pi^2)$	M1
	Using $y - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{24\pi} (x - 4\pi^2)$ with $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{\pi}{3}$ cso	M1, A1
		(6)
		(7 marks)
Alt (b)	$x = (4y - \sin 2y)^2 \Rightarrow x^{0.5} = 4y - \sin 2y$ $\Rightarrow 0.5x^{-0.5} \frac{dx}{dy} = 4 - 2\cos 2y$	M1A1
Alt (b)	$x = \left(16y^2 - 8y\sin 2y + \sin^2 2y\right)$ $\Rightarrow 1 = 32y\frac{dy}{dx} - 8\sin 2y\frac{dy}{dx} - 16y\cos 2y\frac{dy}{dx} + 4\sin 2y\cos 2y\frac{dy}{dx}$ Or $1dx = 32y dy - 8\sin 2y dy - 16y\cos 2y dy + 4\sin 2y\cos 2y dy$	M1A1

(a)

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B1  $p = 4\pi^2$  or exact equivalent  $(2\pi)^2$ Also allow  $x = 4\pi^2$ 

(b)

M1 Uses the chain rule of differentiation to get a form

 $A(4y - \sin 2y)(B \pm C \cos 2y)$ ,  $A, B, C \neq 0$  on the right hand side

Alternatively attempts to expand and then differentiate using product rule and chain rule to a  $\frac{dx}{dx}$ 

$$form x = \left(16y^2 - 8y\sin 2y + \sin^2 2y\right) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = Py \pm Q\sin 2y \pm Ry\cos 2y \pm S\sin 2y\cos 2y \quad P, Q, R, S \neq 0$$

A second method is to take the square root first. To score the method look for a differentiated expression of the form  $Px^{-0.5}...=4-Q\cos 2y$ 

A third method is to multiply out and use implicit differentiation. Look for the correct terms, condoning errors on just the constants.

A1  $\frac{dx}{dy} = 2(4y - \sin 2y)(4 - 2\cos 2y) \text{ or } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2(4y - \sin 2y)(4 - 2\cos 2y)} \text{ with both sides}$ 

correct. The lhs may be seen elsewhere if clearly linked to the rhs.

In the alternative  $\frac{dx}{dy} = 32y - 8\sin 2y - 16y\cos 2y + 4\sin 2y\cos 2y$ 

M1 Sub  $y = \frac{\pi}{2}$  into their  $\frac{dx}{dy}$  or inverted  $\frac{dx}{dy}$ . Evidence could be minimal, eg  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = ...$ 

It is not dependent upon the previous M1 but it must be a changed  $x = (4y - \sin 2y)^2$ 

M1 Score for a correct method for finding the equation of the tangent at  $\left( {}^{1}4\pi^{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ .

Allow for 
$$y - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{\text{their numerical } \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)} \left(x - \text{their } 4\pi^2\right)$$

Allow for  $\left(y - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \times \text{their numerical } \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right) = \left(x - \text{their } 4\pi^2\right)$ 

Even allow for  $y - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{\text{their numerical } \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)} (x - p)$ 

It is possible to score this by stating the equation  $y = \frac{1}{24\pi}x + c$  as long as  $(4\pi^2, \frac{\pi}{2})$  is used in a subsequent line.

M1 Score for writing their equation in the form y = mx + c and stating the value of 'c'

Or setting x = 0 in their  $y - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{24\pi} (x - 4\pi^2)$  and solving for y.

Alternatively using the gradient of the line segment AP = gradient of tangent.

Look for  $\frac{\frac{\pi}{2} - y}{4\pi^2} = \frac{1}{24\pi} \Rightarrow y = ..$  Such a method scores the previous M mark as well.

At this stage all of the constants must be numerical. It is not dependent and it is possible to score this using the "incorrect" gradient.

A1 cso  $y = \frac{\pi}{3}$ . You do not have to see  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ 

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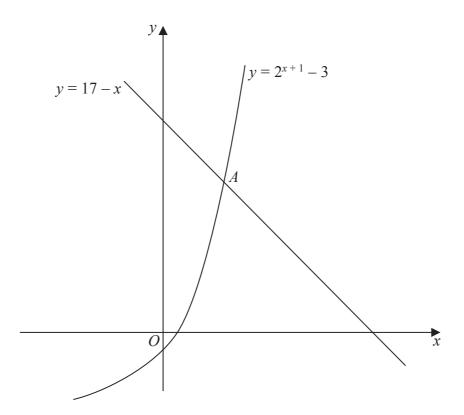


Figure 1

Figure 1 is a sketch showing part of the curve with equation  $y = 2^{x+1} - 3$  and part of the line with equation y = 17 - x.

The curve and the line intersect at the point A.

(a) Show that the x coordinate of A satisfies the equation

$$x = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} - 1$$

**(3)** 

(b) Use the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{\ln(20 - x_n)}{\ln 2} - 1, \quad x_0 = 3$$

to calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , giving your answers to 3 decimal places.

**(3)** 

(c) Use your answer to part (b) to deduce the coordinates of the point A, giving your answers to one decimal place.

**(2)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
6.(a)	$2^{x+1} - 3 = 17 - x \Rightarrow 2^{x+1} = 20 - x$	M1
	$(x+1)\ln 2 = \ln(20-x) \Rightarrow x = \dots$	dM1
	$x = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} - 1$	A1*
		(3)
<b>(b)</b>	Sub $x_0 = 3$ into $x_{n+1} = \frac{\ln(20 - x_n)}{\ln 2} - 1, \Rightarrow x_1 = 3.087$ (awrt)	M1A1
	$x_2 = 3.080, x_3 = 3.081$ (awrt)	A1
		(3)
(c)	A = (3.1, 13.9) cao	M1,A1
		(2) (8 marks)
6.(a)Alt	$2^{x+1} - 3 = 17 - x \Rightarrow 2^x = \frac{20 - x}{2}$	M1
	$x \ln 2 = \ln \frac{20 - x}{2} \Rightarrow x = \dots$	dM1
	$x = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} - 1$	A1*
		(3)
6.(a)	$x = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} - 1 \Rightarrow (x + 1)\ln 2 = \ln(20 - x)$	M1
backwards	$\Rightarrow 2^{x+1} = 20 - x$	dM1
	Hence $y = 2^{x+1} - 3$ meets $y = 17 - x$	A1*
		(3)

(a)

M1 Setting equations in x equal to each other and proceeding to make  $2^{x+1}$  the subject

dM1 Take ln's or logs of both sides, use the power law and proceed to x = ...

A1\* This is a given answer and all aspects must be correct including  $ln\ or\ log_e$  rather than  $log_{10}$ 

Bracketing on both (x+1) and ln(20-x) must be correct.

Eg 
$$x + 1 \ln 2 = \ln(20 - x) \Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln(20 - x)}{\ln 2} - 1$$
 is A0\*

Special case: Students who start from the point  $2^{x+1} = 20 - x$  can score M1 dM1A0\*

(b)

M1 Sub  $x_0 = 3$  into  $x_{n+1} = \frac{\ln(20 - x_n)}{\ln 2} - 1$  to find  $x_1 = ...$ 

Accept as evidence  $x_1 = \frac{\ln(20-3)}{\ln 2} - 1$ , awrt  $x_1 = 3.1$ 

Allow  $x_0 = 3$  into the miscopied iterative equation  $x_1 = \frac{\ln(20-3)}{\ln 2}$  to find  $x_1 = ...$ 

Note that the answer to this, 4.087, on its own without sight of  $\frac{\ln(20-3)}{\ln 2}$  is M0

- A1 awrt 3 dp  $x_1 = 3.087$
- A1 awrt  $x_2 = 3.080$ ,  $x_3 = 3.081$ . Tolerate 3.08 for 3.080

Note that the subscripts are not important, just mark in the order seen

- (c) Note that this appears as B1B1 on e pen. It is marked M1A1
- M1 For sight of 3.1

Alternatively it can be scored for substituting their value of x or a rounded value of x from (b) into either  $2^{x+1} - 3$  or 17 - x to find the y coordinate.

A1 (3.1,13.9)

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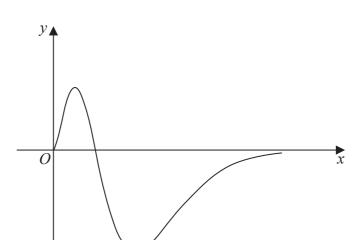


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation

$$g(x) = x^2(1-x)e^{-2x}, \quad x \geqslant 0$$

(a) Show that  $g'(x) = f(x)e^{-2x}$ , where f(x) is a cubic function to be found.

**(3)** 

(b) Hence find the range of g.

**(6)** 

(c) State a reason why the function  $g^{-1}(x)$  does not exist.

**(1)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
7.(a)	Applies $vu'+uv'$ to $(x^2-x^3)e^{-2x}$	
	$g'(x) = (x^2 - x^3) \times -2e^{-2x} + (2x - 3x^2) \times e^{-2x}$	M1 A1
	$g'(x) = (2x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x)e^{-2x}$	A1
		(3)
<b>(b)</b>	Sets $(2x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x)e^{-2x} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x = 0$	M1
	$x(2x^2 - 5x + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = (0), \frac{1}{2}, 2$	M1,A1
	Sub $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , 2 into $g(x) = (x^2 - x^3)e^{-2x} \Rightarrow g(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{8e}$ , $g(2) = -\frac{4}{e^4}$	dM1,A1
	Range $-\frac{4}{e^4} \leqslant g(x) \leqslant \frac{1}{8e}$	A1 (6)
(c)	Accept $g(x)$ is NOT a ONE to ONE function	
	Accept $g(x)$ is a MANY to ONE function	B1
	Accept $g^{-1}(x)$ would be ONE to MANY	(1)
		(10 marks)

Note that parts (a) and (b) can be scored together. Eg accept work in part (b) for part (a)

(a)

M1 Uses the product rule vu' + uv' with  $u = x^2 - x^3$  and  $v = e^{-2x}$  or vice versa. If the rule is quoted it must be correct. It may be implied by their u = ...v = ...u' = ...v' = ... followed by their vu' + uv'. If the rule is not quoted nor implied only accept expressions of the form  $(x^2 - x^3) \times \pm Ae^{-2x} + (Bx \pm Cx^2) \times e^{-2x}$  condoning bracketing issues

Method 2: multiplies out and **uses the product rule** on each term of  $x^2e^{-2x} - x^3e^{-2x}$ Condone issues in the signs of the last two terms for the method mark Uses the product rule for uvw = u'vw + uv'w + uvw' applied as in method 1

Method 3:Uses **the quotient rule** with  $u = x^2 - x^3$  and  $v = e^{2x}$ . If the rule is quoted it must be correct. It may be implied by their u = ..v = ..u' = ..v' = .. followed by their  $\frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$  If the

rule is not quoted nor implied accept expressions of the form  $\frac{e^{2x} \left(Ax - Bx^2\right) - \left(x^2 - x^3\right) \times Ce^{2x}}{\left(e^{2x}\right)^2}$ 

condoning missing brackets on the numerator and  $e^{2x^2}$  on the denominator.

Method 4: Apply implicit differentiation to  $ye^{2x} = x^2 - x^3 \Rightarrow e^{2x} \times \frac{dy}{dx} + y \times 2e^{2x} = 2x - 3x^2$ Condone errors on coefficients and signs

- A1 A correct (unsimplified form) of the answer  $g'(x) = \left(x^2 x^3\right) \times -2e^{-2x} + \left(2x 3x^2\right) \times e^{-2x} \text{ by one use of the product rule}$ or  $g'(x) = x^2 \times -2e^{-2x} + 2xe^{-2x} x^3 \times -2e^{-2x} 3x^2 \times e^{-2x} \text{ using the first alternative}$ or  $g'(x) = 2x(1-x)e^{-2x} + x^2 \times -1 \times e^{-2x} + x^2(1-x) \times -2e^{-2x} \text{ using the product rule on 3 terms}$ or  $g'(x) = \frac{e^{2x}\left(2x 3x^2\right) \left(x^2 x^3\right) \times 2e^{2x}}{\left(e^{2x}\right)^2} \text{ using the quotient rule.}$
- A1 Writes  $g'(x) = (2x^3 5x^2 + 2x)e^{-2x}$ . You do not need to see f(x) stated and award even if a correct g'(x) is followed by an incorrect f(x). If the f(x) is not simplified at this stage you need to see it simplified later for this to be awarded.
- (b) Note: The last mark in e-pen has been changed from a 'B' to an A mark
- M1 For setting their f(x) = 0. The = 0 may be implied by subsequent working. Allow even if the candidate has failed to reach a 3TC for f(x). Allow for  $f(x) \ge 0$  or  $f(x) \le 0$  as they can use this to pick out the relevant sections of the curve
- M1 For solving their 3TC = 0 by ANY correct method. Allow for division of x or factorising out the x followed by factorisation of 3TQ. Check first and last terms of the 3TQ. Allow for solutions from either  $f(x) \ge 0$  or  $f(x) \le 0$ Allow solutions **from the cubic equation** just appearing from a Graphical Calculator
- A1  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , 2. Correct answers from a correct g'(x) would imply all 3 marks so far in (b)
- dM1 Dependent upon both previous M's being scored. For substituting their **two** (non zero) values of x into g(x) to find both y values. Minimal evidence is required  $x = ... \Rightarrow y = ...$  is OK.
- A1 Accept decimal answers for this mark.  $g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8e} = \text{awrt } 0.046$  AND  $g(2) = -\frac{4}{e^4} = \text{awrt } -0.073$
- A1 CSO Allow  $-\frac{4}{e^4} \leqslant \text{Range} \leqslant \frac{1}{8e}$ ,  $-\frac{4}{e^4} \leqslant y \leqslant \frac{1}{8e}$ ,  $\left[ -\frac{4}{e^4}, \frac{1}{8e} \right]$ . Condone  $y \geqslant -\frac{4}{e^4}$   $y \leqslant \frac{1}{8e}$

Note that the question states hence and part (a) must have been used for all marks. Some students will just write down the answers for the range from a graphical calculator.

Seeing just  $-\frac{4}{e^4} \le g(x) \le \frac{1}{8e}$  or  $-0.073 \le g(x) \le 0.046$  special case 100000.

They know what a range is!

(c)

B1 If the candidate states 'NOT ONE TO ONE' then accept unless the explicitly link it to  $g^{-1}(x)$ . So accept 'It is not a one to one function'. 'The function is not one to one' g(x) is not one to one'

If the candidate states 'IT IS MANY TO ONE' then accept unless the candidate explicitly links it to  $g^{-1}(x)$ . So accept 'It is a many to one function.' 'The function is many to one' g(x) is many to one'

If the candidate states 'IT IS ONE TO MANY' then accept unless the candidate explicitly links it to g(x)

Accept an explanation like "one value of x would map/go to more than one value of y" Incorrect statements scoring B0 would be  $g^{-1}(x)$  is not one to one,  $g^{-1}(x)$  is many to one and g(x) is one to many.

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**8.** (a) Prove that

$$\sec 2A + \tan 2A \equiv \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}, \qquad A \neq \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**(5)** 

(b) Hence solve, for  $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$ ,

$$\sec 2\theta + \tan 2\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

Give your answers to 3 decimal places.

**(4)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
8(a)	$\sec 2A + \tan 2A = \frac{1}{\cos 2A} + \frac{\sin 2A}{\cos 2A}$	B1
	$=\frac{1+\sin 2A}{\cos 2A}$	M1
	$= \frac{1 + 2\sin A \cos A}{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}$	M1
	$=\frac{\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A + 2\sin A\cos A}{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}$	
	$= \frac{(\cos A + \sin A)(\cos A + \sin A)}{(\cos A + \sin A)(\cos A - \sin A)}$	M1
	$= \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}$	A1*
		(5)
(b)	$\sec 2\theta + \tan 2\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - \sin \theta} = \frac{1}{2}$	
	$\Rightarrow 2\cos\theta + 2\sin\theta = \cos\theta - \sin\theta$	
	$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = -\frac{1}{3}$	M1 A1
	$\Rightarrow \theta = awrt \ 2.820, 5.961$	dM1A1 (4)
		(9 marks)

(a)

B1 A correct identity for 
$$\sec 2A = \frac{1}{\cos 2A}$$
 **OR**  $\tan 2A = \frac{\sin 2A}{\cos 2A}$ .

It need not be in the proof and it could be implied by the sight of  $\sec 2A = \frac{1}{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}$ 

M1 For setting their expression as a single fraction. The denominator must be correct for their fractions and at least two terms on the numerator.

This is usually scored for 
$$\frac{1+\cos 2A \tan 2A}{\cos 2A}$$
 or  $\frac{1+\sin 2A}{\cos 2A}$ 

For getting an expression in just  $\sin A$  and  $\cos A$  by using the double angle identities  $\sin 2A = 2\sin A\cos A$  and  $\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ ,  $2\cos^2 A - 1$  or  $1 - 2\sin^2 A$ . Alternatively for getting an expression in just  $\sin A$  and  $\cos A$  by using the double angle identities  $\sin 2A = 2\sin A\cos A$  and  $\tan 2A = \frac{2\tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$  with  $\tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$ .

For example = 
$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A} + \frac{2\sin A/\cos A}{1 - \sin^2 A/\cos^2 A}$$
 is B1M0M1 so far

M1 In the main scheme it is for replacing 1 by  $\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A$  and factorising both numerator and denominator

- A1\* Cancelling to produce given answer with no errors. Allow a consistent use of another variable such as  $\theta$ , but mixing up variables will lose the A1\*.
- (b)
  M1 For using part (a), cross multiplying, dividing by  $\cos \theta$  to reach  $\tan \theta = k$ Condone  $\tan 2\theta = k$  for this mark only
- A1  $\tan \theta = -\frac{1}{3}$
- dM1 Scored for  $\tan \theta = k$  leading to at least one value (with 1 dp accuracy) for  $\theta$  between 0 and  $2\pi$ . You may have to use a calculator to check. Allow answers in degrees for this mark.
- A1  $\theta = \text{awrt } 2.820, 5.961$  with no extra solutions within the range. Condone 2.82 for 2.820. You may condone different/ mixed variables in part (b)

There are some long winded methods. Eg. M1, dM1 applied as in main scheme

$$\Rightarrow (2\cos\theta + 2\sin\theta)^2 = (\cos\theta - \sin\theta)^2 \Rightarrow 4 + 4\sin2\theta = 1 - \sin2\theta$$
$$\Rightarrow \sin 2\theta = -\frac{3}{5} \text{ is M1 (for } \sin2\theta = k) \text{ A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 2.820, 5.961 \text{ for dM1 (for } \theta = \frac{\arcsin k}{2}) \text{ A1}$$

$$\cos\theta + 3\sin\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \left(\sqrt{10}\right)\cos\left(\theta - 1.25\right) = 0 \quad \text{M1 for..}\cos\left(\theta - \alpha\right) = 0, \alpha = \arctan\left(\pm\frac{3}{1}\text{ or }\pm\frac{1}{3}\right)) \text{ A1}$$
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 2.820, 5.961 \quad \text{dM1 A1}$$

$$\cos \theta + 3\sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow (\sqrt{10})\sin(\theta + 0.32) = 0 \quad M1 \text{ A1}$$
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 2.820, 5.961 \text{ dM1 A1}$$

$$\cos \theta = -3\sin \theta \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = 9\sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{10} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = (\pm)\sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} \text{ M1 A1}$$
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 2.820, 5.961 \text{ dM1 A1}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \theta = 2.820, 5.961 \text{ dM1 A1}$$

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Question Number	Scheme	Marks
Alt I From RHS	$\frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A} = \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A} \times \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A + \sin A}$ $= \frac{\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A + 2\sin A \cos A}{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}$ $= \frac{1 + \sin 2A}{\cos 2A}$ $= \frac{1}{\cos 2A} + \frac{\sin 2A}{\cos 2A}$	(Pythagoras) M1  - (Double Angle) M1  (Single Fraction) M1
	$= \sec 2A + \tan 2A$	B1(Identity), A1*
Alt II Both sides	Assume true $\sec 2A + \tan 2A = \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}$ $\frac{1}{\cos 2A} + \frac{\sin 2A}{\cos 2A} = \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}$ $\frac{1 + \sin 2A}{\cos 2A} = \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}$ $\frac{1 + 2\sin A \cos A}{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A} = \frac{\cos A + \sin A}{\cos A - \sin A}$ $\times (\cos A - \sin A) \Rightarrow \frac{1 + 2\sin A \cos A}{\cos A + \sin A} = \cos A + \sin A$	B1 (identity)  M1 (single fraction)  M1(double angles)
	$1+2\sin A\cos A = \cos^2 A + 2\sin A\cos A + \sin^2 A = 1+2\sin A\cos A$ <b>True</b>	M1(Pythagoras)A1*
Alt 111  Very difficult	$\sec 2A + \tan 2A = \frac{1}{\cos 2A} + \tan 2A$ $= \frac{1}{\cos 2A} + \frac{2\tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$ $= \frac{1 - \tan^2 A + 2\tan A\cos 2A}{\cos 2A(1 - \tan^2 A)}$ $= 1 - \tan^2 A + 2\tan A(\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A)$	(Identity) <b>B1</b> (Single fraction) <b>M1</b>
	$= \frac{1 - \tan^{2} A + 2 \tan A(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)}{(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)(1 - \tan^{2} A)}$ $= \frac{1 - \frac{\sin^{2} A}{\cos^{2} A} + 2 \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)}{(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)\left(1 - \frac{\sin^{2} A}{\cos^{2} A}\right)}$ $\times \cos^{2} A = \frac{\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A + 2 \sin A \cos A(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)}{(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)}$ $= \frac{(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)(1 + 2 \sin A \cos A)}{(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)(\cos^{2} A - \sin^{2} A)}$	(Double Angle and in just sin and $\cos$ ) $M1$
	Final two marks as in main scheme	M1A1*

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**9.** Given that k is a **negative** constant and that the function f(x) is defined by

$$f(x) = 2 - \frac{(x - 5k)(x - k)}{x^2 - 3kx + 2k^2}, \quad x \ge 0$$

(a) show that  $f(x) = \frac{x+k}{x-2k}$ 

**(3)** 

(b) Hence find f'(x), giving your answer in its simplest form.

**(3)** 

(c) State, with a reason, whether f(x) is an increasing or a decreasing function. Justify your answer.

**(2)** 

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
9.(a)	$x^2 - 3kx + 2k^2 = (x - 2k)(x - k)$	B1
	$2 - \frac{(x-5k)(x-k)}{(x-2k)(x-k)} = 2 - \frac{(x-5k)}{(x-2k)} = \frac{2(x-2k) - (x-5k)}{(x-2k)}$	M1
	$=\frac{x+k}{(x-2k)}$	A1*
		(3)
(b)	Applies $\frac{vu'-uv'}{v^2}$ to $y = \frac{x+k}{x-2k}$ with $u = x+k$ and $v = x-2k$ $\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(x-2k)\times 1 - (x+k)\times 1}{(x-2k)^2}$ $\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{-3k}{(x-2k)^2}$	M1, A1
		(3)
(c)	If $f'(x) = \frac{-Ck}{(x-2k)^2} \Rightarrow f(x)$ is an increasing function as $f'(x) > 0$ ,	M1
	$f'(x) = \frac{-3k}{(x-2k)^2} > 0$ for all values of x as $\frac{\text{negative} \times \text{negative}}{\text{positive}} = \text{positive}$	A1
		(2)
		(8 marks)

(a)

B1 For seeing  $x^2 - 3kx + 2k^2 = (x - 2k)(x - k)$  anywhere in the solution

M1 For writing as a single term or two terms with the same denominator

Score for 
$$2 - \frac{(x-5k)}{(x-2k)} = \frac{2(x-2k) - (x-5k)}{(x-2k)}$$
 or

$$2 - \frac{(x - 5k)(x - k)}{(x - 2k)(x - k)} = \frac{2(x - 2k)(x - k) - (x - 5k)(x - k)}{(x - 2k)(x - k)} \qquad \left( = \frac{x^2 - k^2}{x^2 - 3kx + 2k^2} \right)$$

A1\* Proceeds without any errors (including bracketing) to  $=\frac{x+k}{(x-2k)}$ 

M1 Applies  $\frac{vu'-uv'}{v^2}$  to  $y = \frac{x+k}{x-2k}$  with u = x+k and v = x-2k.

If the rule it is stated it must be correct. It can be implied by u = x + k and v = x - 2k with their u', v' and  $\frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$ 

If it is neither stated nor implied only accept expressions of the form  $f'(x) = \frac{x - 2k - x \pm k}{(x - 2k)^2}$ 

The mark can be scored for applying the product rule to  $y = (x + k)(x - 2k)^{-1}$  If the rule it is stated it must be correct. It can be implied by u = x + k and  $v = (x - 2k)^{-1}$  with their u', v' and vu' + uv'

If it is neither stated nor implied only accept expressions of the form

$$f'(x) = (x-2k)^{-1} \pm (x+k)(x-2k)^{-2}$$

Alternatively writes  $y = \frac{x+k}{x-2k}$  as  $y = 1 + \frac{3k}{x-2k}$  and differentiates to  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{A}{(x-2k)^2}$ 

A1 Any correct form (unsimplified) form of f'(x).

f'(x) = 
$$\frac{(x-2k)\times 1 - (x+k)\times 1}{(x-2k)^2}$$
 by quotient rule

f'(x) = 
$$(x-2k)^{-1} - (x+k)(x-2k)^{-2}$$
 by product rule

and 
$$f'(x) = \frac{-3k}{(x-2k)^2}$$
 by the third method

A1 cao f'(x) =  $\frac{-3k}{(x-2k)^2}$ . Allow f'(x) =  $\frac{-3k}{x^2 - 4kx + 4k^2}$ 

As this answer is not given candidates you may allow recovery from missing brackets

- (c) Note that this is B1 B1 on e pen. We are scoring it M1 A1
- M1 If in part (b)  $f'(x) = \frac{-Ck}{(x-2k)^2}$ , look for f(x) is an increasing function as f'(x) / gradient > 0

Accept a version that states as  $k < 0 \Rightarrow -Ck > 0$  hence increasing

If in part (b)  $f'(x) = \frac{(+)Ck}{(x-2k)^2}$ , look for f(x) is an decreasing function as f'(x) / gradient< 0

Similarly accept a version that states as  $k < 0 \Rightarrow (+)Ck < 0$  hence decreasing

A1 Must have  $f'(x) = \frac{-3k}{(x-2k)^2}$  and give a reason that links the gradient with its sign.

There must have been reference to the sign of both numerator and denominator to justify the overall positive sign.