

**St George Girls High School**

**Year 12**

**Common Test 3**

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# **Mathematics Extension 2**

*Time Allowed: 75 Minutes*

**Instructions to Candidates**

1. Both questions may be attempted.
2. All necessary working must be shown.
3. Start each question on a new page.

**Question 1** – (25 marks) – Start a New Page

**Marks**

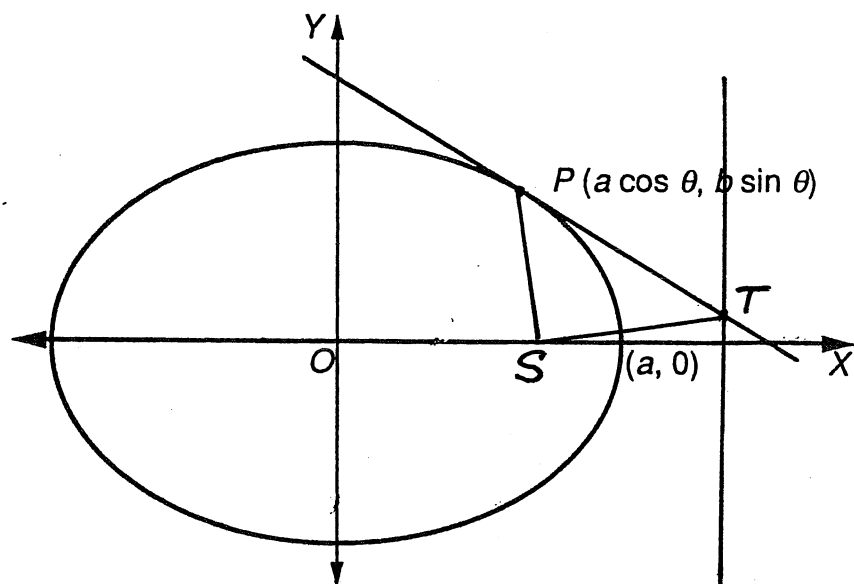
- a) Show that the curves  $x^2 - y^2 = c^2$  and  $xy = c^2$  intersect at right angles.  
Do not attempt to solve these equations simultaneously. 3
- b) For the hyperbola  $xy = 16$ , write down the:
- (i) eccentricity 1
  - (ii) coordinates of the vertices 2
  - (iii) coordinates of the foci 2
  - (iv) equations of the directrices 2
- c) (i) Prove that the equation of the tangent to the curve  $xy = c^2$  at the point  $P\left(ct, \frac{c}{t}\right)$  is  $x + t^2y = 2ct$ . 2
- (ii) Hence, prove that for the rectangular hyperbola  $xy = c^2$ , the area of the triangle bounded by a tangent and the asymptotes is a constant. 3
- d)  $P$  and  $Q$  are the points on the rectangular hyperbola  $H : xy = c^2$  with parameters  $p$  and  $q$  respectively ( $p > 0, q > 0$ ).
- (i) Find the point of intersection,  $T$ , of the tangents to  $H$  at  $P$  and  $Q$  (you may use the result from c(i)). 2
  - (ii) Find the locus of  $T$  as  $P$  and  $Q$  vary if  $pq = k$  ( $k$  constant). 3

Question 1 (cont'd)

Marks

e)

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The tangent to the ellipse  $E: \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  at  $P(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta)$  meets the directrix at  $T$  as shown above. If  $S$  is the corresponding focus, show that  $PT$  subtends a right angle at  $S$ .

[NOTE: The equation of the tangent to  $E$  at  $P$  is  $\frac{x \cos \theta}{a} + \frac{y \sin \theta}{b} = 1$ ]

**Question 2** – (25 marks) – Start a new page

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a) The roots of  $x^3 + 2x - 1 = 0$  are  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

(i) Find the polynomial equation with roots:

( $\alpha$ )  $-\alpha, -\beta, -\gamma$

1

( $\beta$ )  $\alpha, -\alpha, \beta, -\beta, \gamma, -\gamma$

1

( $\gamma$ )  $\alpha^2, \beta^2, \gamma^2$

2

( $\delta$ )  $\alpha - 1, \beta - 1, \gamma - 1$

1

(ii) Show the  $(\alpha + \beta - \gamma)(\beta + \gamma - \alpha)(\gamma + \alpha - \beta) = -8$

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b) It is given that  $\cos 4\theta = 8\cos^4 \theta - 8\cos^2 \theta + 1$

(i) Use  $x = \cos \theta$  to find the solutions of  $16x^4 - 16x^2 + 1 = 0$

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(ii) Hence evaluate  $\cos \frac{\pi}{12}$  and  $\cos \frac{5\pi}{12}$  leaving the answers in surd form.

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c) Consider the polynomial equation  $x^3 + ax + b = 0$

(i) Show that if  $a > 0$  then the equation has only one real root.

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(ii) What condition must 'a' and 'b' satisfy if the equation has three real roots?

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### QUESTION I:

$$(a) \quad x^2 - y^2 = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) - \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x - 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If  $(x_1, y_1)$  is point of intersection then

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x_1}{y_1} = m_1$$

$$\text{also } xy = c$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c x^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c}{x^2}$$

$$\text{at } (x_1, y_1) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c}{x_1^2} = m_2$$

$$\text{Then } m_1 \times m_2 = \frac{x_1}{y_1} \times -\frac{c}{x_1^2}$$

$$= -\frac{c}{x_1 y_1}$$

$$= -\frac{c}{c} \text{ since } (x_1, y_1) \text{ lies on } xy = c$$

$$= -1$$

$\therefore$  At points of intersection the curves are perpendicular.

(b)

$$xy = 16$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 32$$

$$\therefore a = 4\sqrt{2} \quad (a > 0)$$

(i)  $e = \sqrt{2}$

(ii) Vertices are at  $(\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$  and  $(-\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}})$

$$= (4, 4) \text{ and } (-4, -4)$$

(iii) Foci are at  $(a, a)$  and  $(-a, -a)$

$$= (4\sqrt{2}, 4\sqrt{2}) \text{ and } (-4\sqrt{2}, -4\sqrt{2})$$

(iv) Directrices are  $x + y = a$ ,  $x + y = -a$

ie  $x + y = 4\sqrt{2}$ ,  $x + y = -4\sqrt{2}$

(c)

$$xy = c^2$$
$$\Rightarrow y = c^2 x^{-1}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -c^2 x^{-2}$$
$$= -\frac{c^2}{x^2}$$

at  $P(ct, \frac{c}{t})$   $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{c^2}{c^2 t^2}$

$$= -\frac{1}{t^2}$$

$\therefore$  Tangent at  $P$  is :

$$y - \frac{c}{t} = -\frac{1}{t^2}(x - ct)$$

$$t^2 y - ct = -x + ct$$

ie  $x + t^2 y = 2ct$

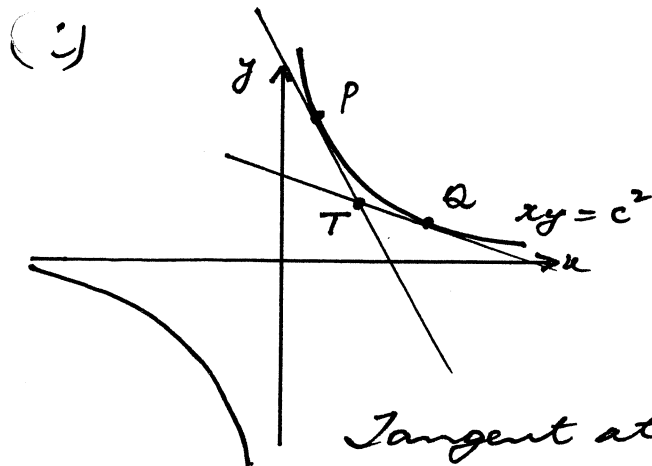
(ii) Tangent at P crosses  
 x axis at  $A(2ct, 0)$   
 y axis at  $B(0, \frac{2c}{t})$

$\therefore$  Area of triangle ABO is

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2ct \cdot \frac{2c}{t}$$

$$= 2c^2$$

$$= \text{constant.}$$



$$\text{Tangent at P: } x + py^2 = 2cp \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Tangent at Q: } x + q^2y = 2cq \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{(1) - (2): } y(p^2 - q^2) = 2c(p - q)$$

$$y(p+q)(p-q) = 2c(p-q)$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{2c}{p+q}, \quad p \neq q$$

sub in (1)

$$\therefore x + \frac{2cp^2}{p+q} = 2cp$$

$$x = 2cp - \frac{2cp^2}{p+q}$$

$$= \frac{2cp^2 + 2cpq - 2cp^2}{p+q}$$

$$= \frac{2cpq}{p+q}$$

$$\therefore T \equiv \left( \frac{2cpq}{p+q}, \frac{2c}{p+q} \right)$$

(ii) If  $pq = k$  (constant)

$$\text{Then } T \Rightarrow \left( \frac{2ck}{p+q}, \frac{2c}{p+q} \right)$$

$$\text{ie } x = \frac{2ck}{p+q}, \quad y = \frac{2c}{p+q}$$

$$\therefore \frac{y}{x} = \frac{\frac{2c}{p+q}}{\frac{2ck}{p+q}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\text{ie } y = \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) x$$

$$\text{sub } y = \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) x \text{ in } xy = c^2$$

$$\therefore x \cdot \frac{x}{k} = c^2$$

$$x^2 = c^2 k$$

$$x = c\sqrt{k} \quad (x > 0 \text{ since } p > 0, q > 0)$$

$\therefore$  Locus of  $T$  is the line  $y = \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) x$

with  $0 < x < c\sqrt{k}$

(since  $\frac{2ck}{p+q} \neq 0$ )

(e) Tangent at P is:

$$\frac{x \cos \theta}{a} + \frac{y \sin \theta}{b} = 1$$

Tangent intersects directrix  $x = \frac{a}{e}$  at  $T(\frac{a}{e}, y_1)$

$$\therefore \frac{\cos \theta}{e} + \frac{y_1 \sin \theta}{b} = 1$$

$$b \cos \theta + y_1 \cdot e \sin \theta = be$$

$$\therefore y_1 = \frac{be - b \cos \theta}{e \sin \theta}$$

$$\therefore T \equiv \left( \frac{a}{e}, \frac{be - b \cos \theta}{e \sin \theta} \right)$$

$$m_{TS} = \frac{\frac{be - b \cos \theta}{e \sin \theta} - 0}{\frac{a}{e} - ae}$$

$$m_{PS} = \frac{b \sin \theta - 0}{a \cos \theta - ae}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m_{TS} \times m_{PS} &= \left( \frac{\frac{be - b \cos \theta}{e \sin \theta}}{\left( \frac{a - ae^2}{e} \right)} \right) \times \frac{b \sin \theta}{a(\cos \theta - e)} \\ &= \frac{b(e - \cos \theta)}{\cancel{e \sin \theta}} \times \frac{\cancel{e}}{a(1 - e^2)} \times \frac{b \sin \theta}{a(\cos \theta - e)} \\ &= \frac{b^2(e - \cos \theta)}{a^2(1 - e^2) \cdot (\cos \theta - e)} \\ &= -1 \text{ since } b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2). \end{aligned}$$

∴ m<sub>TS</sub> × m<sub>PS</sub> = -1 ∴ TS ⊥ PS at S

## QUESTION 2:

$$(a) \quad (i) \quad (2) \quad p(-x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-x)^3 + 2(-x) - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } -x^3 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^3 + 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(3) \quad (x^3 + 2x + 1)(x^3 + 2x - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^6 + 2x^4 - x^3 + 2x^4 + 4x^2 - 2x + x^3 + 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^6 + 4x^4 + 4x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$(4) \quad p(\sqrt{x}) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (\sqrt{x})^3 + 2(\sqrt{x}) - 1 = 0$$

$$x\sqrt{x} + 2\sqrt{x} = 1$$

$$\sqrt{x}(x+2) = 1$$

squaring

$$\Rightarrow x(x+2)^2 = 1$$

$$x(x^2 + 4x + 4) - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$(5) \quad p(x+1) = 0$$

$$(x+1)^3 + 2(x+1) - 1 = 0$$

$$x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1 + 2x + 2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$$

(ii) Roots of  $x^3 + 2x - 1 = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Then } (\alpha + \beta - \gamma)(\beta + \gamma - \alpha)(\gamma + \alpha - \beta)$$

$$= (-\gamma - \gamma)(-\alpha - \alpha)(-\beta - \beta) \text{ from (1)}$$

$$= (-2\gamma)(-2\alpha)(-2\beta)$$

$$= -8\alpha\beta\gamma$$

$$0 \quad \therefore \alpha\beta\gamma = 1$$

$$(b) \quad \cos 4\theta = 8\cos^4\theta - 8\cos^2\theta + 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$(i) \quad 16x^4 - 16x^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{let } x = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 16\cos^4\theta - 16\cos^2\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\cos^4\theta - 8\cos^2\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 4\theta - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \cos 4\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore 4\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{3}, \frac{11\pi}{3}, \frac{13\pi}{3}, \frac{17\pi}{3}, \dots$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{11\pi}{12}, \frac{13\pi}{12}, \frac{17\pi}{12}, \dots$$

$$\therefore x = \cos \frac{\pi}{12}, \cos \frac{5\pi}{12}, \cos \frac{7\pi}{12}, \cos \frac{11\pi}{12}, \dots$$

$$= \cos \frac{\pi}{12}, \cos \frac{5\pi}{12}, -\cos \frac{5\pi}{12}, -\cos \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$(ii) \text{ From (2): } x^2 = \frac{16 \pm \sqrt{192}}{32}$$

$$= \frac{16 \pm 8\sqrt{3}}{32}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4}, \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

Since  $\cos \frac{\pi}{12} > \cos \frac{5\pi}{12}$  it follows that

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{12} = \left( \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} = \left( \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(c) \quad p(x) = x^3 + ax + b = 0$$

$$(i) \quad p'(x) = 3x^2 + a$$

stationary points when  $p'(x) = 0$

$$\text{ie } 3x^2 = -a$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{a}{3}$$

If  $a > 0$  Then there are NO stationary [1]  
points.

BUT  $p(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

and  $p(x) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  [1]

$\therefore$  There must be one value of  $x$  for which  $p(x) = 0$

(ii) Three real roots

$\Rightarrow$  2 stationary points whose  $y$ -values have opposite signs. [1]

$$p'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = -\frac{a}{3}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x_2 = -\left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$p(x_1) = \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} + a\left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + b$$

$$= \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[-\frac{a}{3} + a\right] + b$$

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

[1]

$$P(x_2) = -\left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - a\left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + b$$

$$= \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{a}{3} - a\right] + b$$

$$= \left(-\frac{2a}{3}\right) \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + b \quad [1]$$

we must have  $P(x_1) \cdot P(x_2) < 0$

$$\text{ie } \left[b + \frac{2a}{3} \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right] \left[b - \left(\frac{2a}{3}\right) \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right] < 0 \quad [1]$$

$$\text{ie } b^2 - \frac{4a^2}{9} \left(-\frac{a}{3}\right) < 0$$

$$27b^2 + 4a^3 < 0 \quad [1]$$


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