



# MATHS AA HL

June Exam

PAPER 2

Friday 13 June 2025

Duration : 90 min

7 questions

Total : / 53 marks

Calculator allowed !



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## Problem 1 (HL nov 2023)

[ /9 marks ]

Three points are given by  $A(0, p, 2)$ ,  $B(1, 1, 1)$  and  $C(p, 0, 4)$ , where  $p$  is a positive constant.

(a) Show that  $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-3p \\ -2-p \\ p^2-2p \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 1-p & -1 \\ p & -p & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (2-3p)\vec{i} + \dots$  [4]

(b) Hence, find the smallest possible value of  $|\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}|^2 = (2-3p)^2 + (-2-p)^2 + (p^2-2p)^2$  [3]  
 $= p^4 - 4p^3 + 14p^2 - 8p + 8$

(c) Hence, find the smallest possible area of triangle ABC.  $\frac{\sqrt{6.75}}{2} \cong 1.3$  min for  $p = 0.3264\dots$  [2]

## Problem 2 (HL may 2025 !)

[ /7 marks ]

Consider the planes  $\Pi_1$ ,  $\Pi_2$  and  $\Pi_3$  with the following equations.

$$\Pi_1 : x - y + z = -4$$

$$\Pi_2 : 2x + y - z = -1$$

$$\Pi_3 : -x + y + kz = -3$$

Where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & k \end{vmatrix} = 3k + 3$$

The system of equations that represents the three planes is inconsistent.

(a) (i) Find  $k$ .

$$k = -1$$

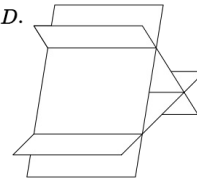
Inconsistent means singular ( $\det=0$ )

(ii) Describe the geometrical relationship of the three planes. The 3 planes have no common intersection [3]

$L$  is the line of intersection between  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$  and it crosses the  $xy$ -plane at point  $D$ .

(b) (i) Verify that the vector equation of  $L$  can be written as

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ pass by } \left(-\frac{5}{3}, 0, \frac{-7}{3}\right) \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{3} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{7}{3} \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

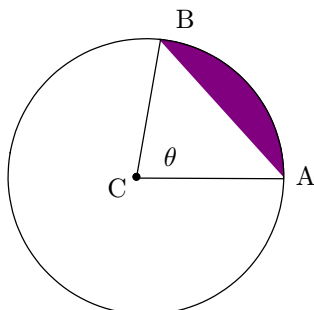


(ii) Hence find the coordinates of point  $D$ .  $-\frac{7}{3} + \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{7}{3} \Rightarrow D: \left(-\frac{5}{3}, \frac{7}{3}, 0\right)$  [4]

**Problem 3**

[ /8 marks ]

- 1) The area of the shaded region is the difference between the area of the triangle ABC and the area of the circular sector of angle  $\theta$ .  $\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta - \frac{1}{2}r^2\sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}r^2(\theta - \sin(\theta))$  [4]



where  $\theta = \widehat{ACB}$  in rad  
C is the center of the circle or  $r$   
 $r = 2\text{cm}$ .

- 2) solve  $(\frac{1}{2}2^2(x - \sin(x)) - 3.4, x, 1)$  gives 2.26717 rad  $\Rightarrow$   $\theta = 129.9^\circ$  [4]

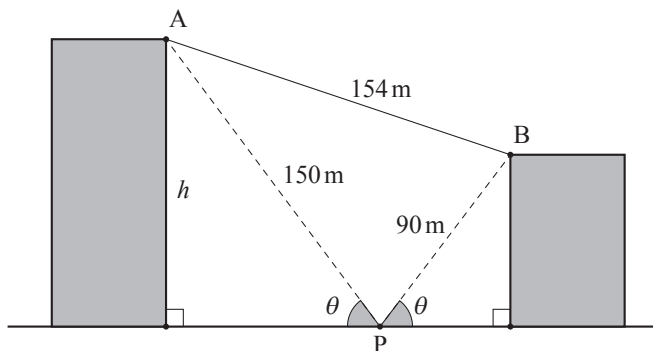
**Problem 4 (SL)**

[ /6 marks ]

The following diagram shows two buildings situated on level ground.

From point P on the ground directly between the two buildings, the angle of elevation to the top of each building is  $\theta$ .

**diagram not to scale**



The distance from point P to point A at the top of the taller building is 150 metres.

The distance from point P to point B at the top of the shorter building is 90 metres.

The distance between A and B is 154 metres.

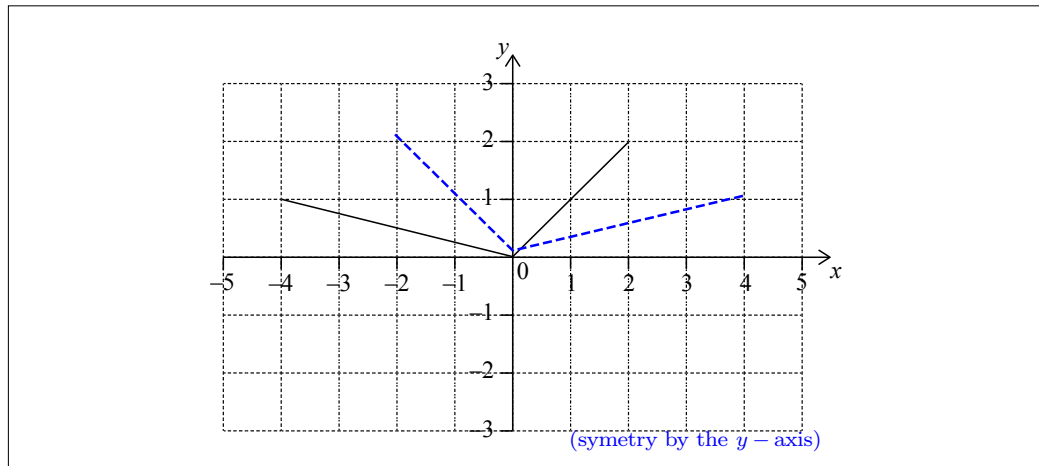
- (a) Find the measure of  $\widehat{APB}$ .  
By cosine rule:  $\widehat{APB} = \arccos\left(\frac{154^2 - 150^2 - 90^2}{-2 \times 150 \times 90}\right) = \text{72.23}^\circ$  [3]

- (b) Find the height,  $h$ , of the taller building.  
Then  $\theta = \frac{180 - 72.23}{2} = 52.30^\circ$   
 $h = 150 \sin(\theta) = \text{118.8m}$  [3]

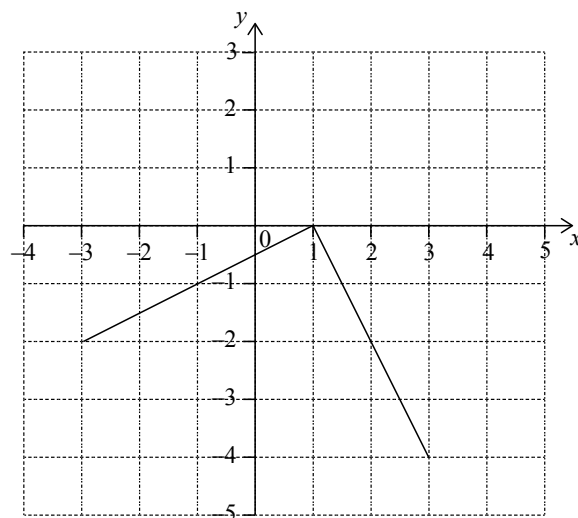
Problem 5 (SL)

[ /6 marks ]

The following diagram shows the graph of a function  $f$ , for  $-4 \leq x \leq 2$ .



- (a) On the same axes, sketch the graph of  $f(-x)$ . [2]
- (b) Another function,  $g$ , can be written in the form  $g(x) = a \times f(x + b)$ . The following diagram shows the graph of  $g$ .



Write down the value of  $a$  and of  $b$ .  $a = -2$      $b = -1$

[4]

Problem 6 (SL)

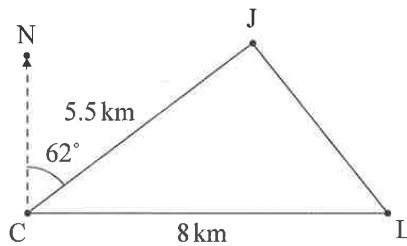
[ /9 marks ]

A lighthouse, L, is located 8 kilometres due East of a coastguard station, C, on a straight stretch of coastline.

The coastguard station sees a Jet Ski, J, on a bearing of  $062^\circ$  and at a distance of 5.5 kilometres. This is shown on the following diagram.

La estación de guardacostas ve una moto acuática J
沿岸警備隊がジェットスキーを発見。
С поста береговой охраны виден гидроцикл (J)

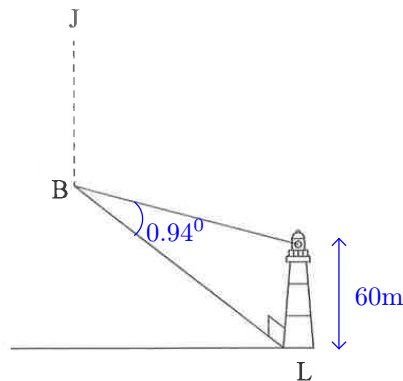
diagram not to scale



(a) Find JL.  $JL = \sqrt{5.5^2 + 8^2 - 2 \times 5.5 \times 8 \times \sin(90 - 62)} = \sqrt{94.25 - 41.32} = 7.28 \text{ km}$  [4]

While travelling due South, the Jet Ski breaks down at point B, before it reaches the coastline. The position of the Jet Ski at B and the lighthouse are shown in the following diagram.

diagram not to scale



From the top of the 60-metre-tall lighthouse, the angle of depression to the Jet Ski at B, is measured to be  $0.94^\circ$ .

(b) Find BL.  $\frac{60}{BL} = \sin(0.94) \Rightarrow \boxed{BL = 3675 \text{ m}}$  [3]

The bearing from the Jet Ski at B to the lighthouse is  $121^\circ$ .

(c) Find the bearing from L to B.  $380 - 121 = 750^\circ$  [2]

**Problem 7** (SL)

[ /8 marks ]

Let  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2x+1}$  and  $g(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{x}$

(a) Find the *domain* of  $f$  and the *domain* of  $g$  [1]

(b) Give the expression of  $(f \circ g)(x)$  [3]

(c) Give the expression of  $(g \circ f)(x)$  [2]

(d) Solve  $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x)$  [2]

(a) The *domain* of  $f$  is:  $D_f = \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \right\}$  and the *domain* of  $g$  is:  $D_g = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} = \mathbb{R}^*$

(b) 
$$(f \circ g)(x) = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{x} - 2}{2\left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right) + 1} = \frac{\frac{x}{x} - 1}{\frac{2}{x} + 3} = \frac{2 - x}{4 + 3x}$$

(c) 
$$(g \circ f)(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{\frac{x-2}{2x+1}} = 1 + \frac{4x+2}{x-2} = \frac{5x}{x-2}$$

(d)  $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x) \Leftrightarrow \frac{2-x}{4+3x} = \frac{5x}{x-2} \Leftrightarrow -x^2 + 4x - 4 = 20x + 15x^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16x^2 + 16x + 4 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow 4x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0 \quad \Delta = 0 \quad \boxed{x = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

**Bonus:**

[ max +7 ]

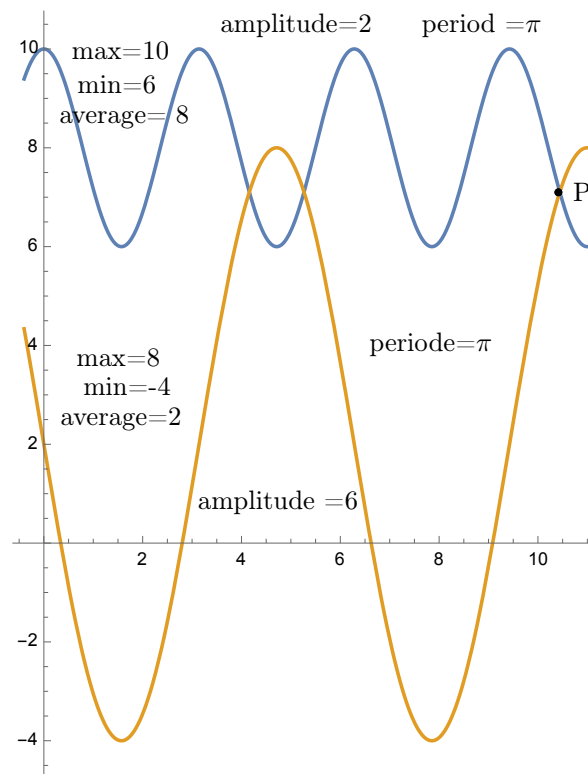
The picture below show two curves

One has equation  $y = \pm A \cos(kx) + h$  (where  $A, k$ , and  $h$  are *integers*)

The other one has equation  $y = \pm B \cos(nx) + j$  (where  $B, n$ , and  $j$  are *integers*)

1) Find the equation for each of the two curve [ +4 ]

2) Using *solve* (🧮), find the  $x$ -coordinate of P the point of intersection shown [ +3 ]  
on the picture. (you will have chose a smart *guess value*)



1) For each curve, find the *minimum*, the *maximum*, the *range* and the *period*. [ +2 ]

2) Give the values of  $A, B, k, n, h$  and  $j$  [ +3 ]

3) The *equation* of each curve are :  $y = 2\cos(2x) + 8$  and  $y = -6\sin(x) + 2$

4) 🧮 Solve  $(2\cos(2x) + 6\sin(x) + 6, x, 10) \Rightarrow x = 10.4422$  [ +3 ]