


4E AM Prelim 2024 P2 Solutions

1.		The Singapore government issued a savings bond in January 2024 with a yield of 2.75% per year. Mr Tan invested \$15 000 in the bond. The total amount he will receive, after t years, is given by $A = 15000(1.0275)^t$.
	(a)	Calculate the total amount he will receive in January 2030, correct to the nearest dollar.
		$A = 15000(1.0275)^6$ $= 17651.52$ $\text{Amount} = \$ 17652$
	(b)	In which year will the amount first exceed \$22 000?
		$22000 = 15000(1.0275)^t$ $1.0275^t = \frac{22}{15}$ $t = \ln\left(\frac{22}{15}\right) / \ln 1.0275$ $t = 14.117$ <p>Year 2039.</p>

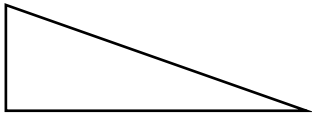
2.	(a)	Without using a calculator, evaluate the value of 6^x given that $2^{2x+6} \times 3^{5x-1} = 27^{x+1}$
		$2^{2x+6} \times 3^{5x-1} = 3^{3x+3}$ $2^{2x} \times 2^6 \times 3^{5x} \times 3^{-1} = 3^{3x} \times 3^3$ $\frac{2^{2x} \times 3^{5x}}{3^{3x}} = \frac{3^3}{2^6 \times 3^{-1}}$ $2^{2x} \times 3^{2x} = \frac{3^4}{2^6}$ $6^{2x} = \frac{81}{64}$ $6^x = \frac{9}{8}$
	(b)	Solve the equation $\log_x 9 = 5 \log_3 x$, giving your answers correct to 2 significant figures.
		$\log_x 9 = 5 \log_3 x$ $\frac{\log_3 9}{\log_3 x} = 5 \log_3 x$ $2 \log_3 3 = 5 (\log_3 x)^2$ $(\log_3 x)^2 = \frac{2}{5}$ $\log_3 x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$ $x = 3^{\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}} \text{ or } 3^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}}$ $x = 2.0 \text{ or } 0.50$

3.	(a)	<p>A curve has the equation $y = (p - 1)x^2 + 2(p - 3)$, where p is a constant. A line has the equation $y = 6x + 3$. Find the range of values of p if the curve lies completely above the line.</p>
		$(p - 1)x^2 + 2p - 6 = 6x + 3$ $(p - 1)x^2 - 6x + 2p - 9 = 0$ $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ $(-6)^2 - 4(p - 1)(2p - 9) < 0$ $36 - (4p - 4)(2p - 9) < 0$ $36 - 8p^2 + 8p + 36p - 36 < 0$ $-8p^2 + 44p < 0$ $8p^2 - 44p > 0$ $4p(2p - 11) > 0$  $p < 0 \text{ or } p > 5.5$ <p>(rejected)</p>
	(b)	<p>By expressing $y = -2x^2 + 10x - 5$ in the form $y = a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a, b and c are constants, find the maximum value of y.</p>
		$y = -2(x^2 - 5x) - 5$ $= -2 \left[x^2 - 5x + \left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 \right] - 5$ $= -2[(x - 2.5)^2 - 2.5^2] - 5$ $= -2(x - 2.5)^2 + 7.5$ <p>Max value of $y = 7.5$</p>

4.	(a)	<p>In the binomial expansion of $\left(1 - \frac{2}{7}x\right)^n$, the sum of the coefficient of the second and third term is zero. Calculate the value of n and hence, find the sixth term.</p>
		$T_2 = \binom{n}{1} (1)^{n-1} \left(-\frac{2}{7}x\right)^1 = -\frac{2}{7}nx$ $T_3 = \binom{n}{2} (1)^{n-2} \left(-\frac{2}{7}x\right)^2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left(\frac{4}{49}x^2\right)$ $-\frac{2}{7}n + \frac{2n(n-1)}{49} = 0$ $-14n + 2n^2 - 2n = 0$ $2n^2 - 16n = 0$ $2n(n-8) = 0$ $n = 0 \text{ or } n = 8$ <p>(rejected)</p> $T_6 = \binom{8}{5} (1)^{8-5} \left(-\frac{2}{7}x\right)^5 = -\frac{256}{2401}x^5$

	(b)	<p>Write down the general term in the binomial expansion of $\left(\frac{1}{x^3} - 2x\right)^8$.</p> <p>Hence, find the value of the constant term in the expansion of $\left(3 + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{x^3} - 2x\right)^8$.</p>
		$T_{r+1} = \binom{8}{r} \left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{8-r} (-2x)^r$ $= \binom{8}{r} x^{-24+3r} (-2)^r x^r$ $= \binom{8}{r} (-2)^r x^{4r-24}$ $\left(3 + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)^2 = 9 + 3x^2 + \frac{x^4}{4}$ $x^{4r-24} = x^0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^{4r-24} = x^{-2} \quad \text{or} \quad x^{4r-24} = x^{-4}$ $r = 6 \quad \text{or no integer value} \quad \text{or} \quad r = 5$ $T_7 = \binom{8}{6} (-2)^6 = 1792$ $T_6 = \binom{8}{5} (-2)^5 = -1792$ <p>Constant term = $(1792 \times 9) + \left(\frac{1}{4} \times -1792\right) = 15680$</p>

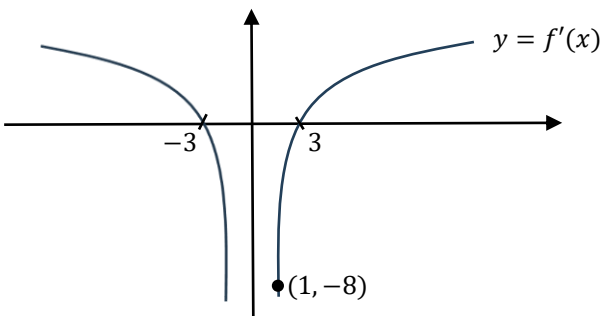
5.	(a)	The function f is defined as $f(x) = p - q \sin(rx)$, for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$, where p , q and r are positive integers. Given that the amplitude of the function is 6, the period is π and the maximum value of is 9.
	(i)	State the values of p , q and r .
		$p = 3$ $q = 6$ $r = 2$
	(ii)	Hence, sketch the graph of $f(x)$.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shape of curve and range - Points plotted correctly

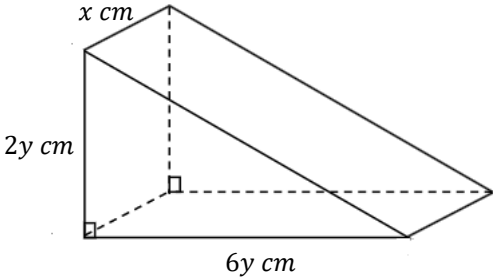
	(b)	<p>The acute angles A and B are such that $\cot(A - B) = \frac{1}{3}$ and $\cot A = \frac{1}{5}$.</p> <p>Without using a calculator, find the exact value of $\cos B$.</p>
		$\cot A = \frac{1}{5}$ $\tan A = 5$ $\cot(A - B) = \frac{1}{3}$ $\tan(A - B) = 3$ $\frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B} = 3$ $\tan A - \tan B = 3 + 3 \tan A \tan B$ $5 - \tan B = 3 + 15 \tan B$ $16 \tan B = 2$ $\tan B = \frac{1}{8}$  $\cos B = \frac{8}{\sqrt{65}} = \frac{8\sqrt{65}}{65}$

6.		A circle passes through the points $(-5, 12)$ and $(9, 14)$. The centre of the circle lies on the line $2y + x = 15$.
	(a)	Find the equation of the circle.
		$m = \frac{14 - 12}{9 - (-5)} = \frac{1}{7}$ $m_{\perp} = -7$ $midpoint = \left(\frac{-5 + 9}{2}, \frac{12 + 14}{2} \right) = (2, 13)$ $13 = -7(2) + c$ $c = 27$ <p>Eqn of perpendicular bisector $y = -7x + 27$</p> $2(-7x + 27) + x = 15$ $-14x + 54 + x = 15$ $-13x = -39$ $x = 3$ $y = 6$ <p>Centre of circle $(3, 6)$</p> $Radius = \sqrt{(9 - 3)^2 + (14 - 6)^2} = 10 \text{ units}$ <p>Equation of circle</p> $(x - 3)^2 + (y - 6)^2 = 100$ <p>Or $x^2 - 6x + y^2 - 12y - 55 = 0$</p>

	(b)	Explain why the line $y = mx + 6$ intersects the circle at 2 distinct points for all values of m .
		$(x - 3)^2 + (mx + 6 - 6)^2 = 100$ $x^2 - 6x + 9 + m^2x^2 - 100 = 0$ $(1 + m^2)x^2 - 6x - 91 = 0$ $b^2 - 4ac = (-6)^2 - 4(1 + m^2)(-91)$ $= 400 + 364m^2$ $400 + 364m^2 > 0$ for all values of m \therefore line cuts circle at 2 distinct points
7.	(a)	A curve has the equation $y = \frac{3x-5}{4x+1}$ for $x > 0$. Explain, with working, why the curve has no stationary points.
		$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3(4x + 1) - 4(3x - 5)}{(4x + 1)^2}$ $= \frac{12x + 3 - 12x + 20}{(4x + 1)^2}$ $= \frac{23}{(4x + 1)^2}$ Since $(4x + 1)^2 \geq 0$ for all x , $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ Curve has no stationary point as $\frac{dy}{dx} \neq 0$.

	(b) It is given that $f(x)$ is such that $f'(x) = \cos 4x - 3 \sin 2x$. Given also that $f(\pi) = 0$, show that $f''(x) + 4f(x) = -3(\sin 4x + 2)$.
	$f(x) = \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x + \frac{3}{2} \cos 2x + c$ $f(\pi) = 0$ $\frac{3}{2} + c = 0$ $c = -\frac{3}{2}$ $f(x) = \frac{1}{4} \sin 4x + \frac{3}{2} \cos 2x - \frac{3}{2}$ $f''(x) = -4 \sin 4x - 6 \cos 2x$ $f''(x) + 4f(x) = -4 \sin 4x - 6 \cos 2x + 4 \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin 4x + \frac{3}{2} \cos 2x - \frac{3}{2} \right)$ $= -4 \sin 4x - 6 \cos 2x + \sin 4x + 6 \cos 2x - 6$ $= -3 \sin 4x - 6$ $= -3(\sin 4x + 2) \text{ (shown)}$
	(c) Given that $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{2-x}{\sqrt{1-2x}} \right) = \frac{ax+b}{\sqrt{(1-2x)^3}}$, find the value of a and b .
	$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{2-x}{\sqrt{1-2x}} \right) = \frac{(1-2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(-1) - (2-x) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (1-2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-2)}{(1-2x)}$ $= \frac{(1-2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}[(-1)(1-2x) - (2-x) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (-2)]}{(1-2x)}$ $= \frac{(1-2x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}[-1 + 2x + 2 - x]}{(1-2x)}$ $= \frac{1+x}{(1-2x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ $a = 1, \quad b = 1$

8.		<p>A curve $y = f(x)$ passes through the point $(1, 10)$.</p> 																
		The graph shown above is $y = f'(x)$.																
	(a)	State the x -coordinates of the stationary points of the curve $y = f(x)$ and hence, determine their nature.																
		<div><div>$x = -3$</div><div>and</div><div>$x = 3$</div></div> <table border="1"><tr><td>x</td><td>-3.1</td><td>-3</td><td>-2.9</td><td></td><td>2.9</td><td>3</td><td>3.1</td></tr><tr><td>$f'(x)$</td><td>+</td><td>0</td><td>-</td><td></td><td>-</td><td>0</td><td>+</td></tr></table> <div><div>Maximum point</div><div>Minimum point</div></div>	x	-3.1	-3	-2.9		2.9	3	3.1	$f'(x)$	+	0	-		-	0	+
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	(b)	Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point $(1, 10)$.																
		<div>$x = 1, f'(x) = -8$</div> <div>Gradient of tangent = -8</div> <div>Gradient of normal = $\frac{1}{8}$</div> <div>$10 = \frac{1}{8}(1) + c$</div> <div>$c = \frac{79}{8}$</div> <div>$y = \frac{1}{8}x + \frac{79}{8}$ or $8y = x + 79$</div>																

9.	<p>The diagram below shows a wooden door stopper in the shape of a right prism with a volume of 60 cm^3. The cross-section of the prism is a triangle, with side lengths of $2y$ and $6y$ cm respectively, with a width of x cm.</p> 
(a)	<p>Express x in terms of y and show that the total surface area of the door stopper A, is given as $A = 12y^2 + \frac{20}{y}(\sqrt{10} + 4) \text{ cm}^2$.</p>
	$\frac{1}{2} \times 2y \times 6y \times x = 60$ $x = \frac{10}{y^2}$ <p>Total S.A = $2\left(\frac{1}{2} \times 2y \times 6y\right) + 2xy + 6xy + (\sqrt{(2y)^2 + (6y)^2})x$</p> $= 12y^2 + 8xy + (\sqrt{40y^2})x$ $= 12y^2 + 8y\left(\frac{10}{y^2}\right) + 2y\sqrt{10}\left(\frac{10}{y^2}\right)$ $= 12y^2 + \frac{80}{y} + \frac{20\sqrt{10}}{y}$ $= 12y^2 + \frac{20}{y}(\sqrt{10} + 4) \text{ cm}^2$

	(b)	Given that y can vary, find the value of y for which A has a minimum value.
		$\frac{dA}{dy} = 24y - \left(\frac{20}{y^2}\right)(\sqrt{10} + 4)$ $24y - \left(\frac{20}{y^2}\right)(\sqrt{10} + 4) = 0$ $24y^3 = 20(\sqrt{10} + 4)$ $y^3 = \frac{5}{6}(\sqrt{10} + 4)$ $y = 1.8139$ $\frac{d^2A}{dy^2} = 24 + \frac{40}{y^3}(\sqrt{10} + 4)$ $= 72 > 0$ <p>Value of A is at a minimum.</p>
10.	(a)	Find all angles between 0 and 2π which satisfy $3 \cos 2x + 4 \sin x = 3$.
		$3 \cos 2x + 4 \sin x = 3$ $3(1 - 2 \sin^2 x) + 4 \sin x - 3 = 0$ $3 - 6 \sin^2 x + 4 \sin x - 3 = 0$ $-6 \sin^2 x + 4 \sin x = 0$ $-2 \sin x(3 \sin x - 2) = 0$ $-2 \sin x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 3 \sin x - 2 = 0$ $\sin x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin x = \frac{2}{3}$ $\text{Basic angle} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 0.72972$ $x = \pi \quad \text{or} \quad x = 0.72972 \text{ or } 2.4118$ $x = 0.730, 2.41, \pi$ <p>(minus 1 mark for each wrong value)</p>

	(b)	Without using a calculator,
	(i)	Show that $\cos \frac{7\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6}}{4}$.
		$\begin{aligned} \cos \frac{7\pi}{12} &= \cos \left(\frac{3\pi}{12} + \frac{4\pi}{12} \right) \\ &= \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} \right) - \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4} \quad (\text{shown}) \end{aligned}$
	(ii)	Hence, find the exact value of $\sin^2 \frac{7\pi}{12}$.
		$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \frac{7\pi}{12} &= 1 - \cos^2 \frac{7\pi}{12} \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4} \right)^2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{2 - 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{6} + 6}{16} \\ &= \frac{16 - (2 - 2\sqrt{12} + 6)}{16} \\ &= \frac{16 - 2 + 4\sqrt{3} - 6}{16} \\ &= \frac{8 + 4\sqrt{3}}{16} \\ &= \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{4} \end{aligned}$

12.		
		<p>Points A, B, C and D is inscribed in a circle such that $AB = AD$. A tangent to the circle at point A meets the line CD produced at E. The lines AC and BD intersect at point F.</p>
	(i)	<p>Prove that the line BFD is parallel to line AE.</p>
		$\angle ABD = \angle DAE \text{ (alt. seg. thm)}$ $\angle ABD = \angle ADB \text{ (base angle of iso } \Delta)$ $\angle ABD = \angle DAE$ <p>BFD is parallel to AE as $\angle ABD$ and $\angle DAE$ are equal, alternate angles in parallel lines.</p>
	(ii)	<p>Show that triangle ABC is similar to triangle EDA.</p>
		$\angle BCA = \angle BDA \text{ (}\angle \text{ in same segment)}$ $\angle BCA = \angle DAE \text{ (part (i))}$ $\angle ABC + \angle CDA = 180 \text{ (}\angle \text{ in opp segment)}$ $\angle CDA + \angle EDA = 180 \text{ (adj. } \angle \text{ on a str. line)}$ $\angle ABC = \angle EDA$ <p>ΔABC is similar to ΔEDA (angle-angle theorem).</p>