

## Practice paper, AS Level

1  $\frac{1}{x+1} < \frac{x}{x+3}$   
 $(x+1)(x+3)^2 < x(x+1)^2(x+3)$   
 $(x+3)(x+1)[x(x+1) - (x+3)] > 0$   
 $(x+3)(x+1)(x^2 - 3) > 0$   
 $f(x) = (x+3)(x+\sqrt{3})(x+1)(x-\sqrt{3}) > 0$   
 Critical points are  $x = -3, -\sqrt{3}, -1, \sqrt{3}$   
 $x > \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow f(x) > 0$   
 Similarly for other intervals to give solution  
 $\{x : x < -3\} \cup \{x : -\sqrt{3} < x < -1\} \cup \{x : x > \sqrt{3}\}$

2 a  $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$   
 $\cos x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$   
 $2 \sin x - 5 \cos x = 2$   
 $2 \frac{2t}{1+t^2} - 5 \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} = 2$   
 $4t - 5 + 5t^2 = 2 + 2t^2$   
 $3t^2 + 4t - 7 = 0$

b  $(3t+7)(t-1) = 0$   
 $t = -\frac{7}{3}, t = 1$   
 $\tan \frac{x}{2} = -\frac{7}{3}, \tan \frac{x}{2} = 1$   
 $0 < x < 2\pi$   
 $x = 2 \arctan\left(-\frac{7}{3}\right) + 2\pi = 3.95$  (2 d.p.)  
 $x = 2 \arctan 1 = 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

3  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^{xy} - \frac{dy}{dx}$   
 $y_0 = 1, \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_0 = 2, h = 0.1$   
 $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_0 = e^{0 \times y_0} - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_0$   
 $= e^0 - 2 = -1$   
 $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_0 = 2 \approx \frac{y_1 - y_{-1}}{2h}$   
 $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_0 = -1 \approx \frac{y_1 - 2y_0 + y_{-1}}{h^2}$   
 $y_{-1} = y_1 - 4h = y_1 - 0.4$   
 $y_1 + y_{-1} = 2 - h^2 = 1.99$   
 $2y_1 - 0.4 = 1.99, y_1 = 1.195$

4 a  $y^2 = 40x$  intersects  $x = k$  at  $P, Q$   
 tangent to curve at  $P$  intersects  
 $y$ -axis at  $(0, 2\sqrt{10})$   
 $P: y = \sqrt{40k} = 2\sqrt{10k}, x = k$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{20}{y} = \frac{20}{2\sqrt{10k}} = \sqrt{\frac{10}{k}}$   
 tangent to curve at  $P$ :  
 $y - 2\sqrt{10k} = \sqrt{\frac{10}{k}}(x - k)$   
 $y = \sqrt{\frac{10}{k}}x + \sqrt{10k}$   
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{10k} = 2\sqrt{10}, k = 4$

b Two tangents intersect at  $y = 0$   
 by symmetry  
 $y = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{10}x + 2\sqrt{10}$   
 $y = 0 \Rightarrow x = -4$

- 4 c Let  $A$  be the point of intersection of the two tangents,  $(-4, 0)$  and  $B$  be the point  $(4, 0)$

The triangle  $PAB$  has area  $\frac{8 \times 4\sqrt{10}}{2}$

By symmetry,  $\frac{R}{2} = \text{Area}_{PAB} - \int_0^4 \sqrt{40x} dx$

$$\int_0^4 \sqrt{40x} dx = \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{10} \left[ x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^4 = \frac{32}{3} \sqrt{10}$$

$$R = 2 \left( 16\sqrt{10} - \frac{32}{3} \sqrt{10} \right) = \frac{32}{3} \sqrt{10} \\ = 33.7 \quad (1 \text{ d.p.})$$

- 5 d The answer is an overestimate as we are assuming there is no waste.

5 a  $\vec{OA} = 6\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$

$$\vec{OB} = -2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\vec{OC} = -\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

$$\vec{OB} \times \vec{OC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -2 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{i}(-2-12) + \mathbf{j}(-3-2) + \mathbf{k}(-8+2) \\ = -14\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$$

b  $\text{Area}_{OBC} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{OB} \times \vec{OC}|$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-14)^2 + (-5)^2 + (-6)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{257} = 8.02 \quad (2 \text{ d.p.})$$

c Volume of dice is  $\frac{1}{6} |\vec{OA} \cdot (\vec{OB} \times \vec{OC})|$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left| \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -14 \\ -5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{6} |-84 - 20 - 12|$$

$$= \frac{116}{6} = \frac{58}{3} \text{ cm}^3$$

Volume of filament available is  $\frac{1000\text{g}}{1.35\text{g/cm}^3}$

$$\frac{1000\text{g}}{1.35\text{g/cm}^3} \times \frac{1}{\frac{58}{3} \text{ cm}^3} = \frac{10000}{263} = 38.02$$

Maximum number of dice that can be made is 38