

Edexcel International AS/A Level

Maths

Getting Ready to Teach

Event Code:

First teaching in 2018, first assessment 2019



Session Agenda

10:00 Introduction – outline – housekeeping

P1 and start of P2

11:20 – 11:35 Break

P2 continued

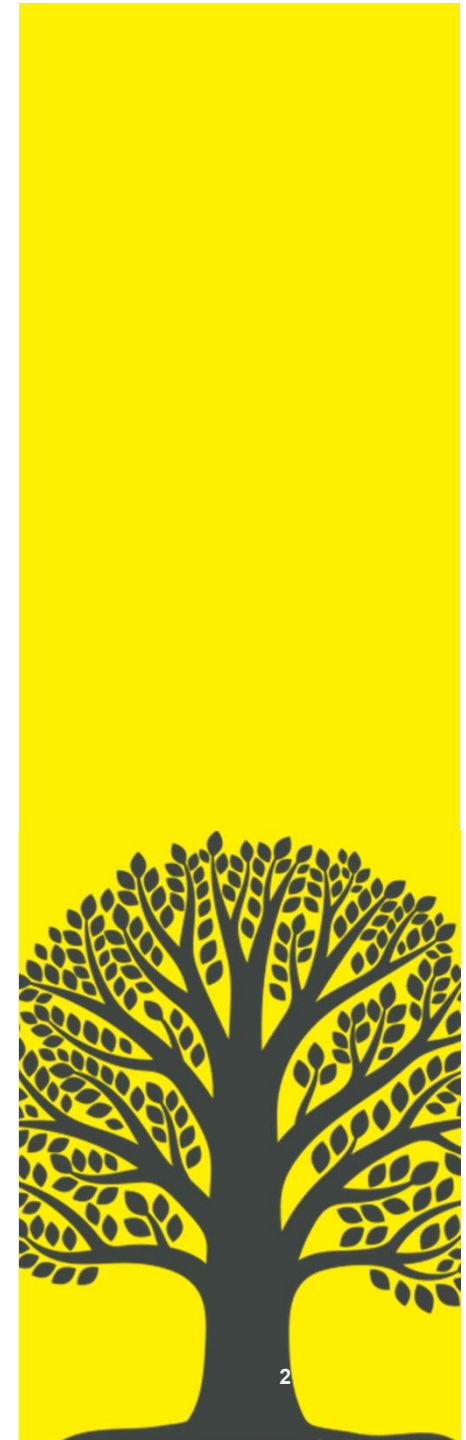
13:00 – 13:45 Lunch

P3

14:45 – 15:00 Tea

P4

16:00 Finish



Aims and Objectives

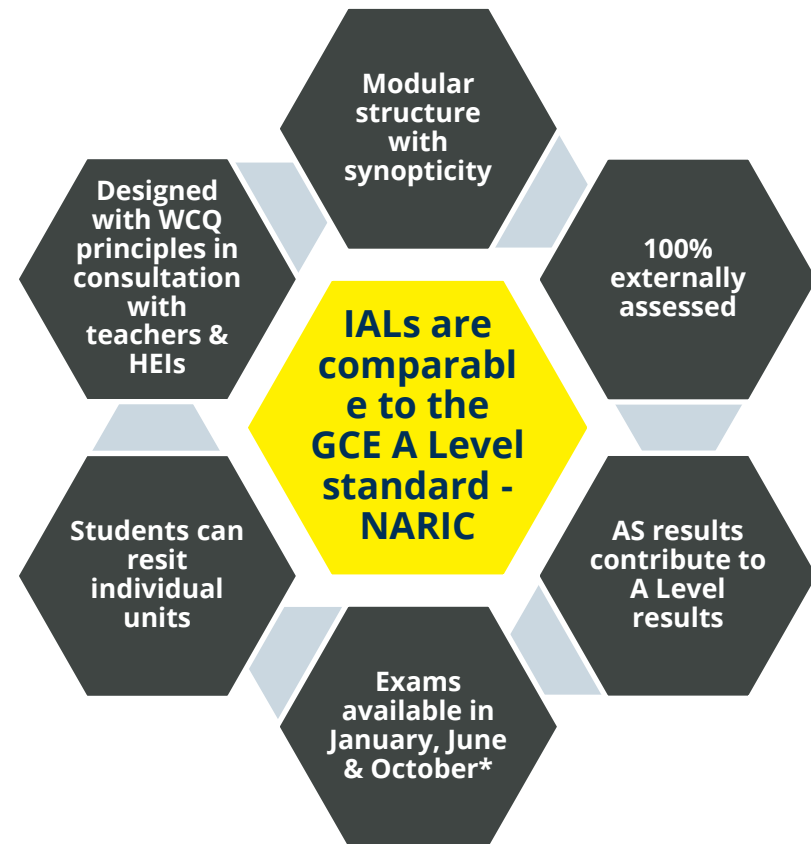
During the day you will:

- Get an overview of the main changes in the new specification
- Explore possible teaching and learning strategies that may be employed for the new specification
- Look at Sample Assessments and Mark Schemes - Look at planning and organisation for the new specification
- Explore the support and resources available from Pearson to guide you through teaching the new specification
- Have the opportunity to network, discuss best practice and share ideas with other teachers.



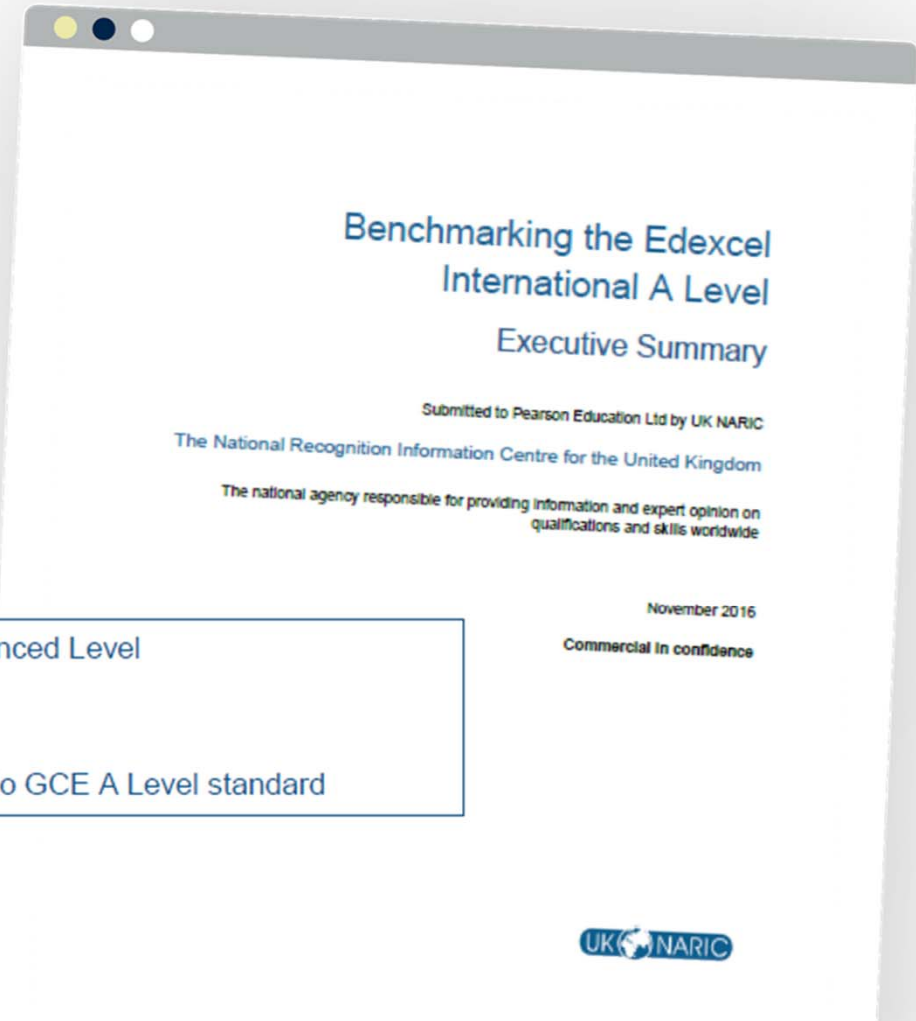
IAL Features

- International A Levels and AS Levels are created for International Students
- Globally recognised.



Updated NARIC report for Edexcel IAL

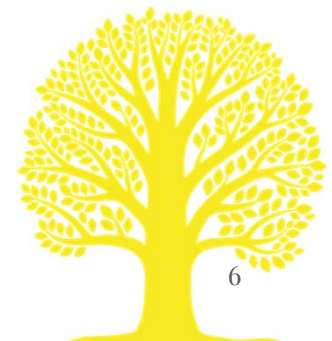
The executive summary confirms that Edexcel IALs are considered comparable to the GCE A Level standard following reforms to the UK regulated qualifications.



Qualification:	Edexcel International Advanced Level
Awarding Institution:	Pearson Education Ltd
Comparability:	Is considered comparable to GCE A Level standard

IAS & IAL subjects

Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Mathematics	Further Mathematics
Pure Mathematics	Information Technology	Business	Economics	Accounting
English Language	English Literature	History	Geography	Psychology
Arabic	French	German	Greek	Spanish
		Law (IAL only)		



World-class qualifications

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Developed using an understanding and benchmarking of **all educational systems**

Qualifications that support young people to **develop the capabilities** they need to **progress** and prosper in their lives

IAL 2018 Mathematics

Mathematics | Further Mathematics | Pure Mathematics

Reviewed and
updated in light
of GCE A level
changes

Pure Mathematics
content in 4 units

5 optional routes
to achieve
qualification

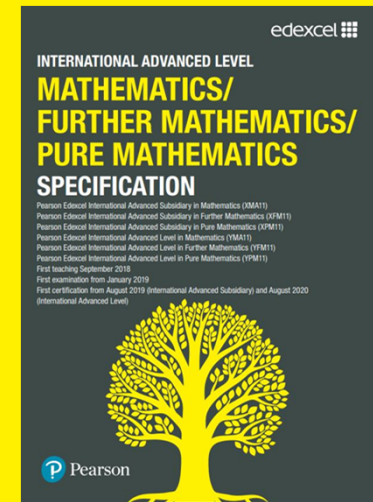
14 equally
weighted units

Transferable Skills
embedded

Fully modular
Examinations
three times a year
AS contributes to
A level

Dedicated
textbooks are
currently in
production

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Important information

- The Statistics, Mechanics and Further Pure Maths unit codes in the

Unit name	2018 Code
P1	WMA11
P2	WMA12
P3	WMA13
P4	WMA14
D1	WDM11
M1	No change
M2	No change
M3	No change
S1	No change
S2	No change
S3	No change
FP1	No change
FP2	No change
FP3	No change



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Structure of the qualification

- IAL AS Mathematics
 - Compulsory units
 - P1 (WMA11/01) P2 (WMA12/01)
 - (each 90 minutes) (each 75 marks)
 - Plus **one** of the following:
 - D1 (WDM11/01), M1 (WME01/01),
S1(WST01/01)
 - (each 90 minutes) (each 75 marks)
- Requires knowledge of P1, P2 and 2D vectors



Structure of the qualification

- IAL A2 Mathematics
 - Compulsory modules
 - P1 (WMA11/01) P2 (WMA12/01)
 - P3 (WMA13/01) P4 (WMA14/01)
 - (each 90 minutes) (each 75 marks)
 - Plus **one** of the following combinations:
 - D1 + M1 or D1 + S1 or M1 + S1
 - or M1 + M2 or S1 + S2
 - (each 90 minutes) (each 75 marks)



Structure of the qualification

The course of study can be taught and assessed as:

- Distinct units with assessments taken at appropriate stage.

OR

- A linear course assessed in its entirety at the end.

Assessments will be available in Jan & June plus October in these units
(Pure Maths, Mechanics 1 & 2 and Statistics 1 & 2)

First assessment of new units:

P1	Jan 2019
P2	June 2019
D1	June 2019
P3	Jan 2020
P4	June 2020



Structure of the qualification

- All units allow the use of a suitable calculator.

Calculators must not:

- be designed or adapted to offer any of these facilities:
 - language translators
 - symbolic algebraic manipulation
 - symbolic differentiation or integration
 - communication with other machines or the internet
- be borrowed from another candidate during an examination for any reason*
- have retrievable information stored in them. This includes:
 - databanks
 - dictionaries
 - mathematical formulae
 - text.

However, an
invigilator
can give a
candidate a
calculator →



Structure of the qualification

- Why has the course changed?

The **content** has changed **slightly** in response to new thinking in the UK, especially in terms of:

Realising the importance of proof in mathematics

Realising the importance of problem solving skills in mathematics

Using mathematics in a more sophisticated way in modelling



With a significant impact on GCE A level

The assessment design has changed in **response to our centres**

Centres can decide whether to treat the course as linear or modular.

There are now 3 opportunities in the year to take most units.



P2 assumes P1 etc

Structure of the qualification

- Proof lies at the very heart of 'pure' mathematics. Students should be taught to appreciate what a proof means in mathematics.
- The 2018 course now allows all students to experience the power of deductive proof.
- P2 – Section 1 - AS
- P4 – Section 1 - A

Who could not have their interest raised by the story of the (very) young Gauss finding the sum of the first 100 natural numbers in his head?



Structure of the qualification

Modelling is the essence of 'applied' mathematics.

In the spirit of understanding by doing and by analysing, the course contains opportunities for both, especially in well-known and important contexts such as population change and differential equations. **The new course will address this in the same way as the current course.**

Much of the previous course with C12 and C34 did address all the aspects on this slide and the previous two and as such the amount of change in content of the new, 2018, course is **relatively modest**.

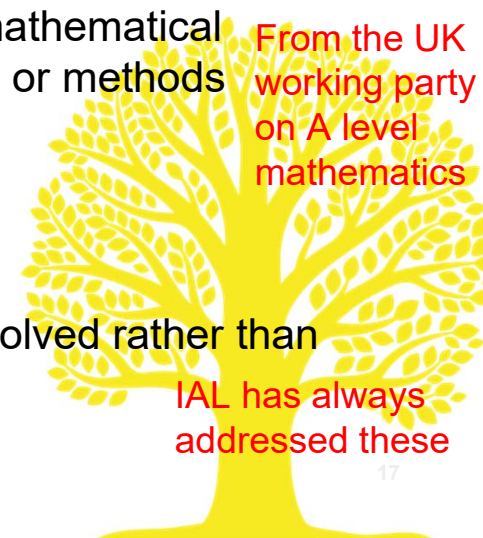
There are NO changes in the content of M1, S1, M2 and S2.

There are a **small number** of changes in the content of D1.



Structure of the qualification

- Mathematics is about solving problems.
Some of these 'problems' are relatively straightforward to solve, whilst others, either because of unfamiliarity, or complexity are very difficult.
- The following characteristics appear in problems (although not all in the same problem!)
 - A. Tasks that have little or no scaffolding: there is little guidance given to the student beyond a start point and a finish point. Questions do not explicitly state the mathematical process(es) required for the solution.
 - B. Tasks that provide for multiple representations, such as the use of a sketch or a diagram as well as calculations.
 - C. The information is not given in mathematical form or in mathematical language; or there is a need for the results to be interpreted or methods evaluated, for example, in a real-world context.
 - D. Tasks have a variety of techniques that could be used.
 - E. The solution requires understanding of the processes involved rather than just application of the techniques.



Problems and examples in this presentation

Edexcel exam questions undergo a rigorous process before any student sees the examination paper.

In several slides in this presentation the language and style are not fully that of the exams – indeed there are some problems that would not do at all as exam questions but do have a use as a teaching application.

The questions themselves are indicative also of the range that students should see in class. They are not intended in any way as a ‘pointer’ to examination questions.

The Edexcel team will be producing material which teachers will be able to use to support their teaching – especially of the new topics.



Exercises and activities in this presentation

There are several activities in this presentation.

Some are as material for delegates to engage with some mathematics, which may be unfamiliar.

In all of the activities delegates are encouraged to discuss with colleagues such issues as:

- Alternative methods of solution
- Teaching implications
Demand
- How activities/tasks/questions could be adapted to suit a delegate's students.



P1



Introduction to the Assessment P1

Content

Algebra and functions
Coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane
Trigonometry
Differentiation
Integration

Assessment Objectives / Skills Tested

AO1 recall, select and use mathematics
AO2 construct rigorous mathematical arguments and proofs.
AO3 recall select and use standard mathematical models
AO4 comprehend mathematical contexts and arguments
AO5 use calculators and other resources

Structure of Assessment

One end of unit test
All questions compulsory
90 minutes
75 marks

P1 Content

- What's new:

1.5 Solution of quadratic equations by calculator

Where working has to be shown, this will be signalled

1.7 Interpret linear* and quadratic inequalities graphically.

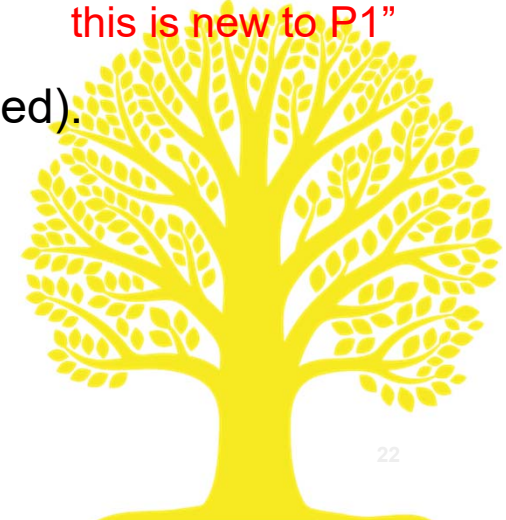
1.8 Represent linear* and quadratic inequalities graphically.

Also, clarification about:

3.1 The ambiguous case of the sine rule. (Included).

5.2 Integration of x^{-1} (specifically excluded.)

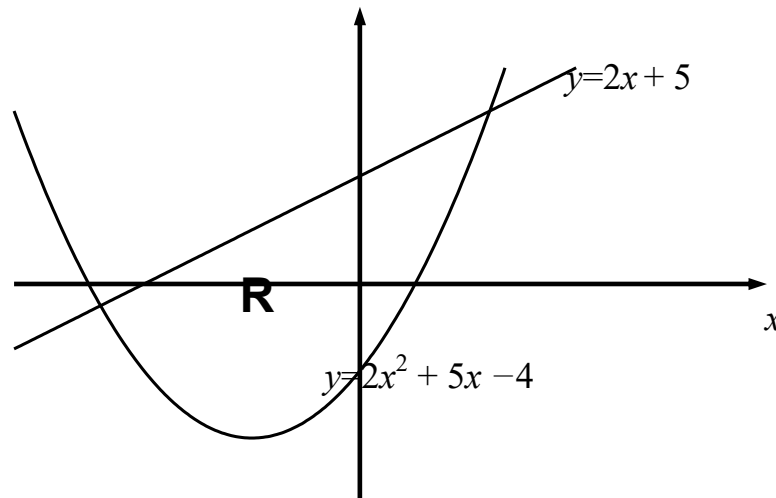
*Linear inequalities have always been assessed in D1, but this is new to P1”



P1 Content

- What's new

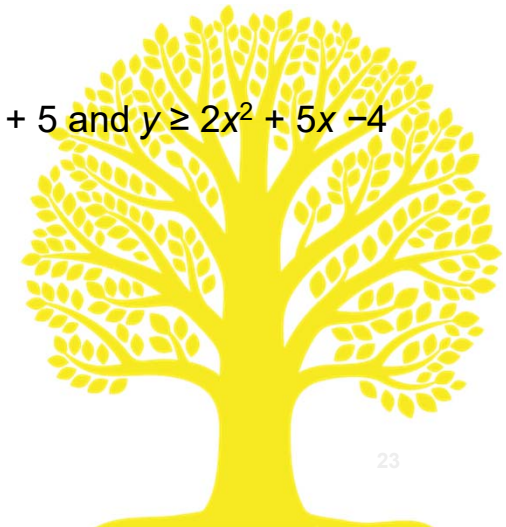
1.7 Interpret linear and quadratic inequalities graphically.



R is the region bounded by the line $y = 2x + 5$ and the curve $y = 2x^2 + 5x - 4$ where the solid lines indicate that the inequalities are not strict

So $y \leq 2x + 5$ and $y \geq 2x^2 + 5x - 4$

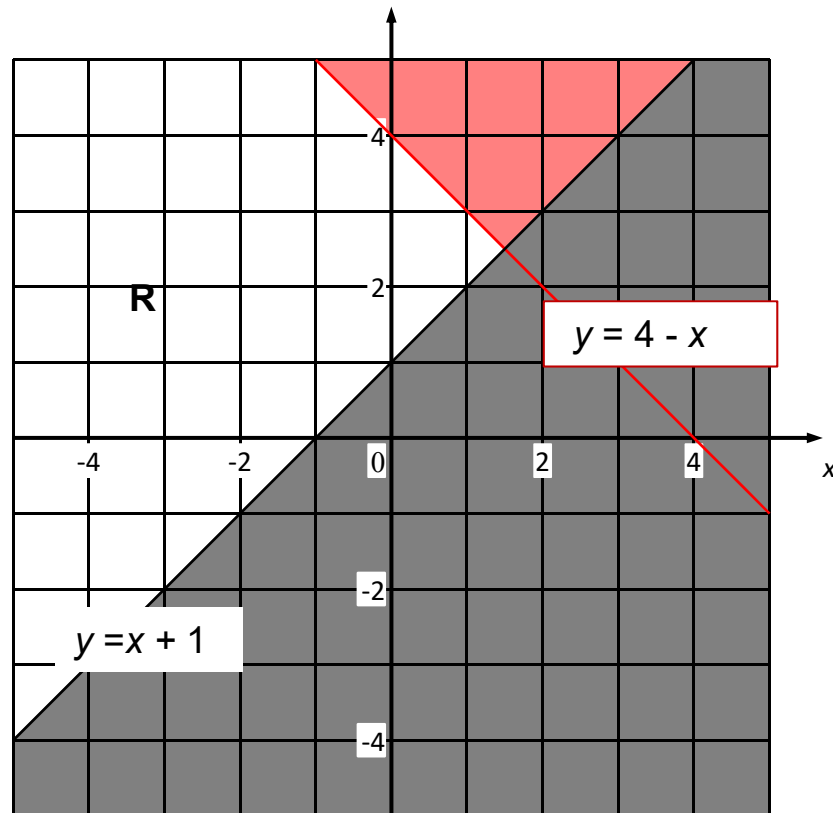
Relate this to the solution of $2x^2 + 5x - 4 \leq 2x + 5$



P1 Content

- What's new

1.8 Represent linear and quadratic inequalities graphically.



To be consistent with D1, a required region should be shown by shading out

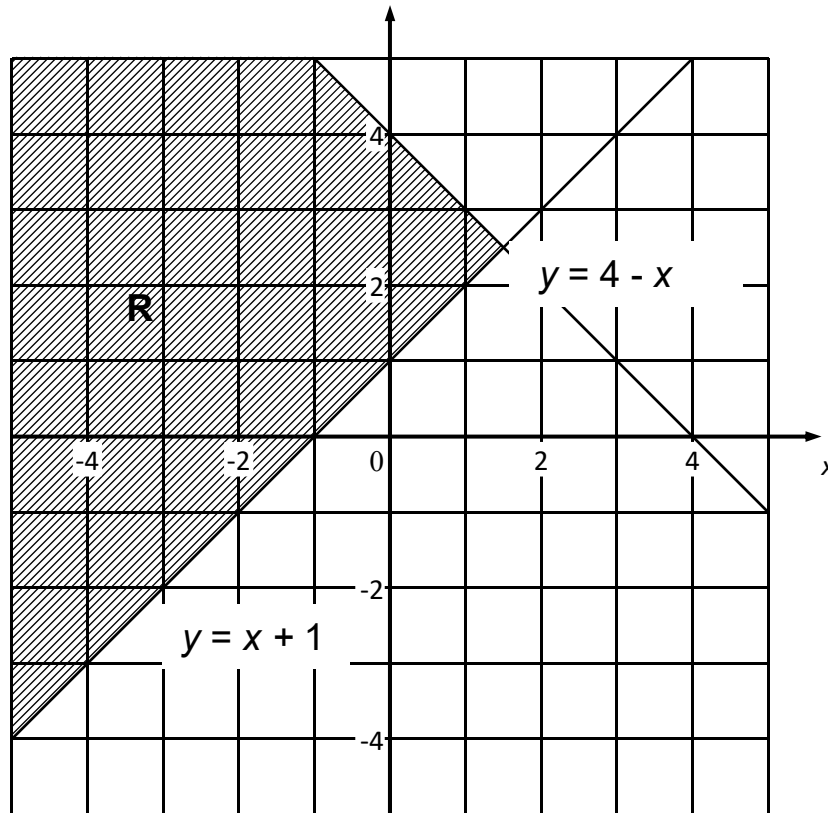
e.g. Show and label the region **R** that has all points (x, y) satisfying both the inequalities
 $y \leq 4 - x$ and
 $y \geq x + 1$



P1 Content

- What's new

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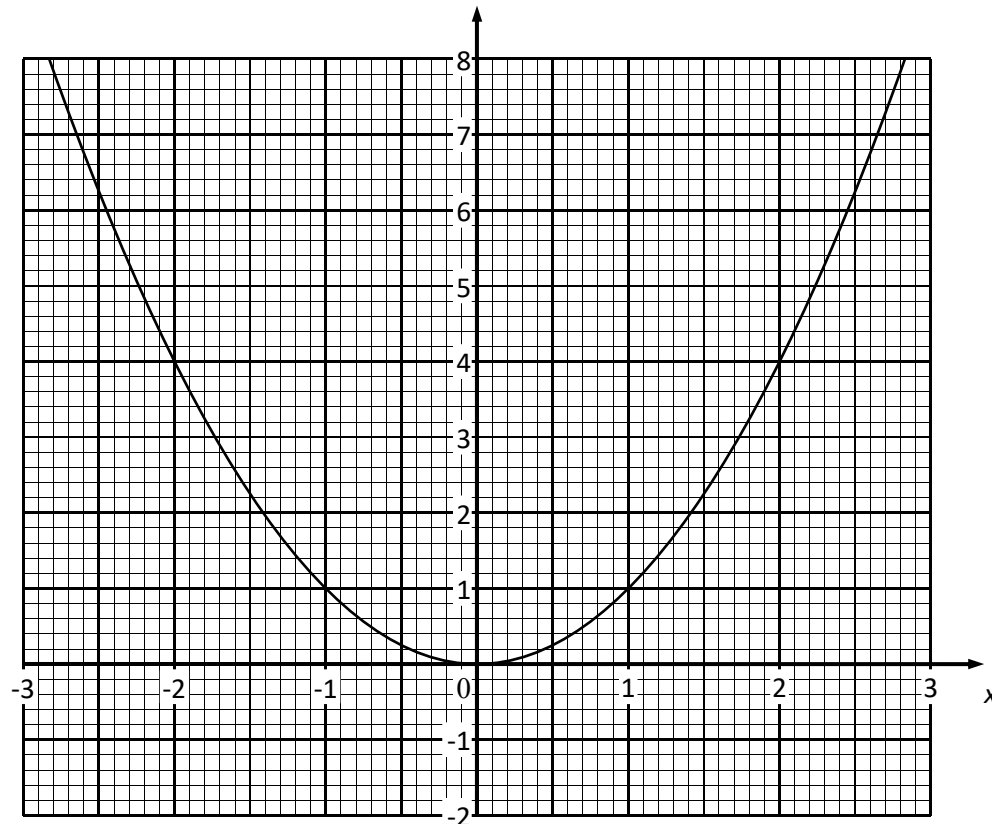
However, shading in would also be acceptable.

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P1 Content

- 1.8 Represent linear and quadratic inequalities graphically.



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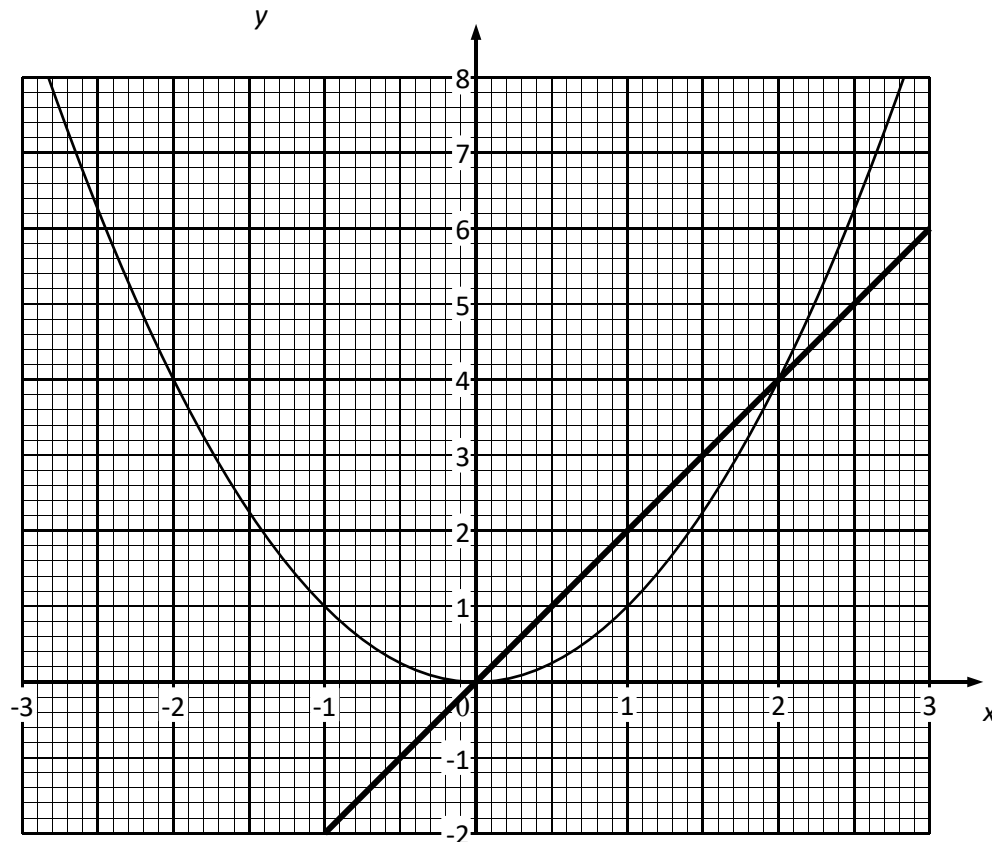
An accurate graph of the curve $y = x^2$ has been drawn on the grid.

By drawing a suitable straight line on the grid solve

$$\frac{2}{x} < 1$$

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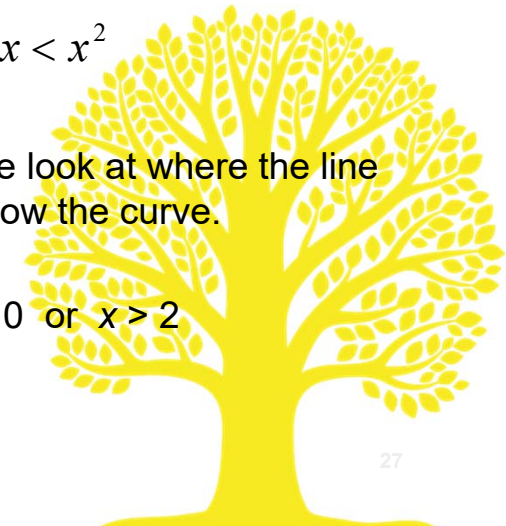
$$\frac{2}{x} < 1$$

Multiply both sides by x^2

$$2x < x^2$$

So we look at where the line is below the curve.

$$x < 0 \text{ or } x > 2$$



P1 Content

- Any comments on the previous slide(s)?



P1 Content

Activity 1 Questions to discuss – issues

Graphs and quadratic and linear inequalities

- resources
- teaching implications

You can summarise on the response sheet.



P2



Introduction to the Assessment P2

Content

Proof
Algebra and functions
Coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane
Sequences and series
Exponentials and logarithms
Trigonometry
Differentiation
Integration

Assessment Objectives / Skills Tested

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P2 Content

- Knowledge of the contents of P1 is required and may be tested



P2 Content

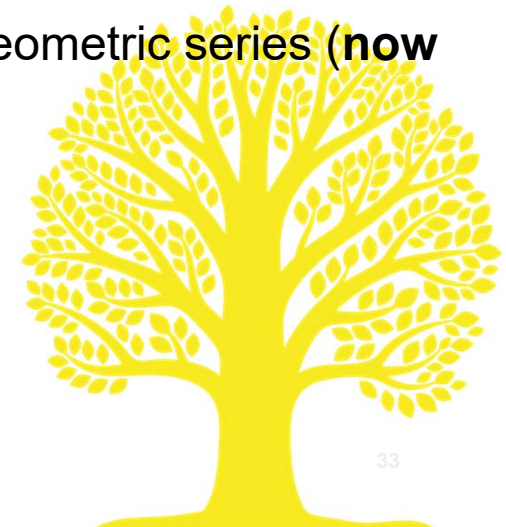
- **What's new**

2.1 Simple algebraic division, use of Factor Theorem and Remainder Theorem.

Now extended to divisors of the form $(ax + b)$ and $(ax - b)$

4.3 Increasing sequences, decreasing sequences and periodic sequences

4.4 Use of logs to find the value of n given the sum of a geometric series (**now explicit**)



P2 Content

- **What's new – Content moved from C34 into P2**

1.1 Proof; understand and use the structure of mathematical proof proceeding from given assumptions through a series of logical steps to a conclusion.

1.2 Proof by exhaustion

1.3 Disproof by counter example.

8.3 Use of increasing number of trapezia to improve accuracy and an estimate of the error may be required.

8.2 Find, using integration, the area between two curves.



P2 Content

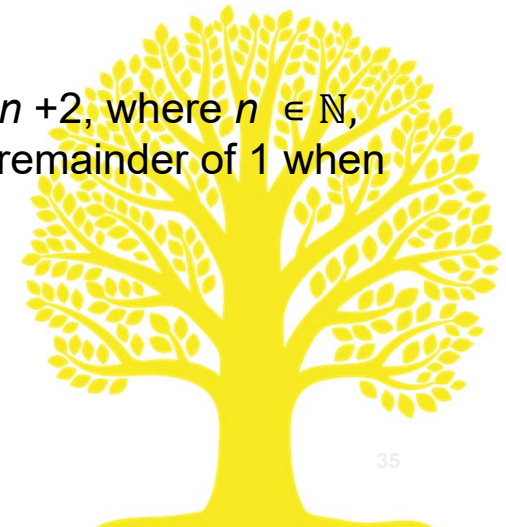
- Exploring the proof section
1.1 Proof; understand and use the structure of mathematical proof proceeding from given assumptions through a series of logical steps to a conclusion.

Both the proof of the sum of an arithmetic series and the sum of a geometric series have always been explicitly mentioned in the C12specification.....

Proof of the Factor Theorem, the Remainder Theorem are not – so should the proofs be taught?

Proofs that build on work done for IGCSE, for example

Given that any natural number can be written as $3n$ or $3n + 1$ or $3n + 2$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, show that any square number is either a multiple of 3 or leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 3



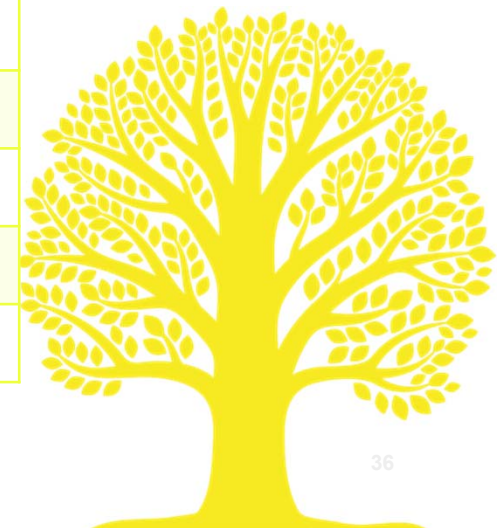
P2 Content

- Exploring the proof section
1.2 Proof by exhaustion.

Usually, but not always deals with trying all the options explicitly.

Given that x, y are odd positive integers less than 7, show their sum is always even

x	y	$x + y$	Even?
1	1	2	✓
1	3	4	✓
1	5	6	✓
3	3	6	✓
3	5	8	✓
5	5	10	✓



P2 Content

- Exploring the proof section
1.2 Proof by exhaustion.

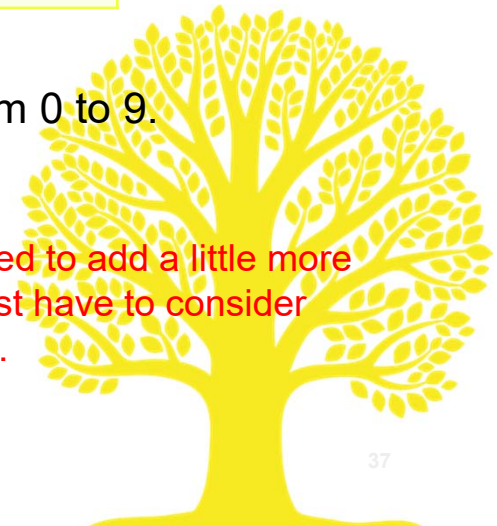
Here is a more sophisticated example.

Show that no square number has a units digit of 3

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
n^2	0	1	4	9	(1)6	(2)5	(3)6	(4)9	(6)4	(8)1

The table shows the units digit of the squares of the numbers from 0 to 9.
We can use this to prove the statement.

We would need to add a little more
on why we just have to consider
the units digit.

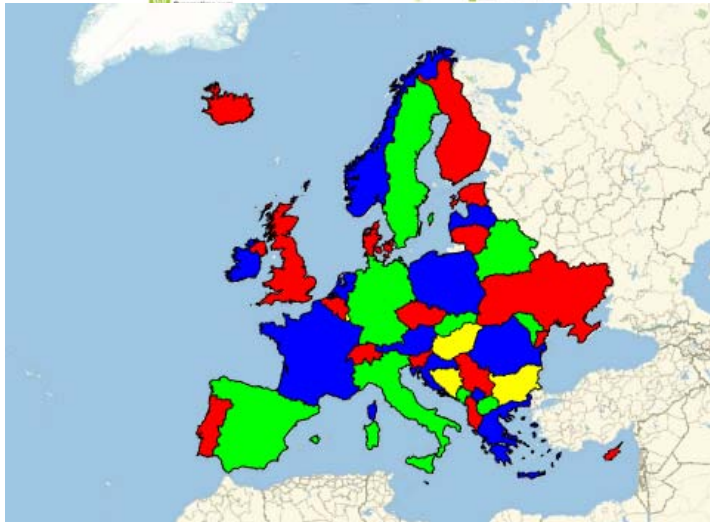


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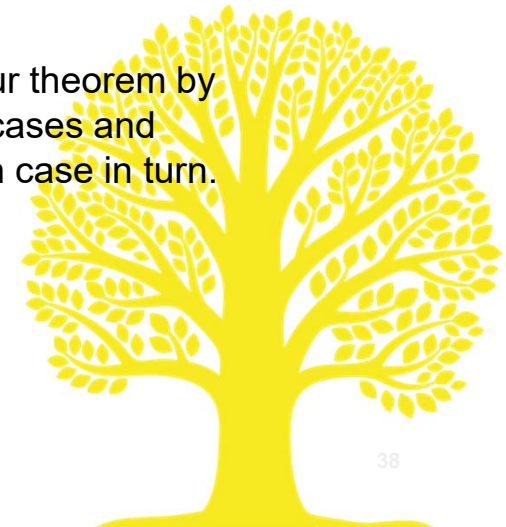
- Exploring the proof section (just for interest)
1.2 Proof by exhaustion has been used in some recent remarkable proofs (using computers to do the brute force checking).



Hales showed that the most efficient way to stack oranges is what greengrocer's know already.



Appel et al proved the 4 colour theorem by reducing maps to over 1000 cases and writing a program to test each case in turn.



P2 Content

- Exploring the proof section (just for interest)
- 1.2 Disproof by counter example..

This involves disproving a 'theorem' by providing at least one case where the theorem is shown to be untrue.

Consider $P(n) = n^2 + n + 41$

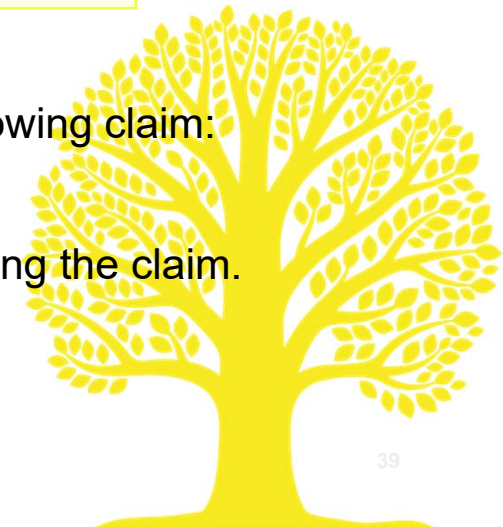
n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
P(n)	41	43	47	53	61	71	83	97	113	131

All the values of $P(n)$ in the table are prime. So we make the following claim:

$P(n)$ is a prime number for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Give an obvious value of n for which $P(n)$ is not prime, thus refuting the claim.

Now give a not so quite obvious value.



P2 Content

- Exploring the proof section (just for interest)
1.2 Disproof by counter example..

Fermat's Last Theorem

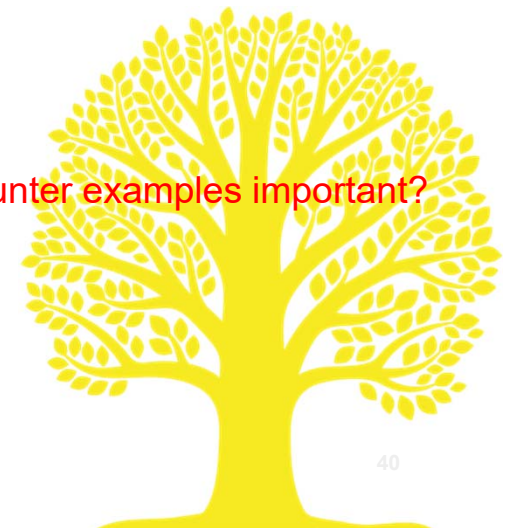
$x^n + y^n = z^n$ has no non-trivial integer solutions

A conjecture of the great Euler was that the correct generalisation of Fermat's last theorem was $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = w^3$ has solutions in integers, but $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = w^4$ does not.

However, this monster was found in 1988:
(and is the smallest possible counterexample)

$$95800^4 + 217519^4 + 414560^4 = 422481^4$$

Why are counter examples important?



P2 Content

- Exploring the proof section (just for discussion)
1.2 Disproof by counter example.

Find a counter example to the conjecture that all natural numbers can be written as the sum of natural numbers.

Can you then modify the conjecture so that you are (more) confident it is a theorem?



P2 Content – An example or two to work on

- The hand out has some examples for you to work through and discuss.
- Which, if any, would you use to motivate/engage your class?
- Which are the best exemplars?
- Which are too easy/ too hard?

Activity 2 Work on the proofs



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Activity 2 Work on the proofs

$$3 \quad (x - y)(x + y)$$

$$(x - y)(x + y) = 1 \times p \text{ so } x - y = 1, \quad x + y = p$$

$$x = \frac{p+1}{2}, \quad y = \frac{p-1}{2}$$

Since p is odd, both x and y are integers

What about writing even numbers as a difference of squares?



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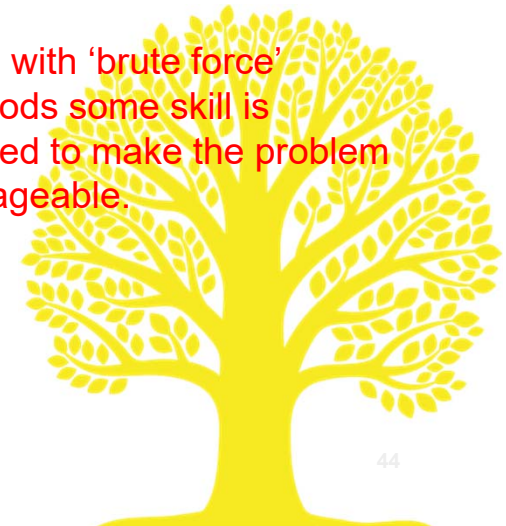
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x	$y = \sqrt{24 - x^2}$	
1	$\sqrt{23}$	×
2	$\sqrt{20}$	×
3	$\sqrt{15}$	×
4	$\sqrt{8}$	×
5	×	×

The x values have been listed systematically.

Even with 'brute force' methods some skill is needed to make the problem manageable.



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Activity 2 Conclusions so far?



P2 Content

2.1 Simple algebraic division, use of Factor Theorem and Remainder Theorem.
Now extended to divisors of the form $(ax + b)$ and $(ax - b)$

Show that $(3x - 4)$ is a factor of $P(x) = 3x^3 - 10x^2 - x + 12$

$$P\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = 3 \times \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3 - 10 \times \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{3} + 12$$

$$P\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{64 - 160 - 12}{9} + 12 = 0$$

Therefore, $(3x - 4)$ is a factor

Without any further statement
this could be done by the Factor
Theorem or by division

What interesting things could
students then go on to do?



P2 Content

2.1 Simple algebraic division, use of Factor Theorem and Remainder Theorem.
Now extended to divisors of the form $(ax + b)$ and $(ax - b)$

Show that $(3x - 4)$ is a factor of $P(x) = 3x^3 - 10x^2 - x + 12$

$$P(x) = (3x - 4)(x^2 \dots - 3)$$

$$P(x) = (3x - 4)(x^2 - 2x - 3)$$

$$P(x) = (3x - 4)(x - 3)(x + 1)$$

Full factorisation can then be
done by inspection



P2 Content

4.3 Increasing sequences, decreasing sequences and periodic sequences

A sequence u_n is increasing if $u_{n+1} > u_n$ for all n

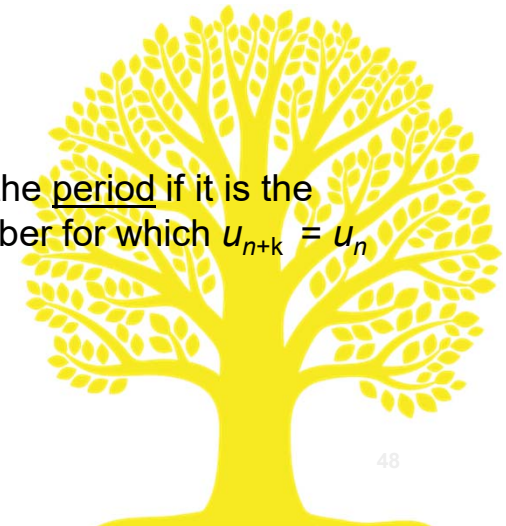
So 1, 3, 5,

A sequence u_n is decreasing if $u_{n+1} < u_n$ for all n

So 100, 50, 25,

A sequence u_n is periodic if $u_{n+k} = u_n$ for all n

k will be the period if it is the least number for which $u_{n+k} = u_n$



P2 Content

4.3 Increasing sequences, decreasing sequences and periodic sequences

A sequence u_n is periodic (of period k) if $u_{n+k} = u_n$ for all n

The sequence $u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{u_n}$ with $u_1 = u \neq 0$ has $u, 1/u, u, \dots$ is periodic ($k = 2$)

The sequence $u_{n+1} = 7 - u_n$ is periodic ($k = 2$) when $u_1 = u$

Show that the sequence $u_{n+1} = a - u_n$ is periodic



P2 Content

4.4 Use of logs to find the value of n given the sum of a geometric series (now explicit)

This is not so much new as an important use of logs that has been a weakness – see previous examiner reports and Edexcel feedbacks.

The first term of a geometric series is 6 and the common ratio is 0.92.

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The sum to n terms of this series is greater than 72.

(b) Calculate the smallest possible value of n . (4)

$$6 \frac{(1 - 0.92^n)}{1 - 0.92} > 72 \Rightarrow 0.92^n < 0.04$$

$$n \log 0.92 < \log 0.04$$

$$n > \frac{\log 0.04}{\log 0.92} = 39$$



P2 Content

The new specification has $(a + bx)^n$ as its main heading

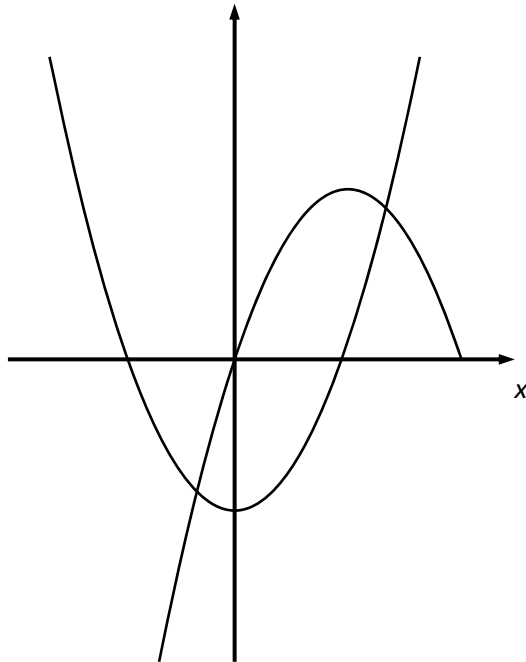
Again this is essentially a clarification

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$



P2 Content

8.2 Find, using integration, the area between two curves



The sketch shows parts of the graphs of
 $y = 3x - x^2$ and
 $y = x^2 - 2$

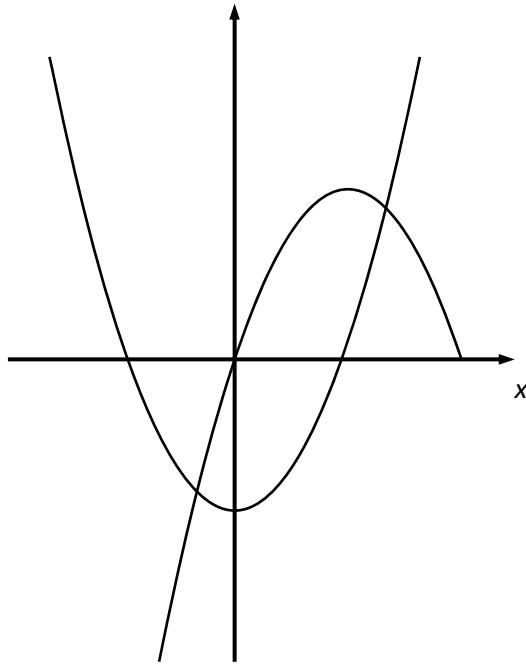
Find, using calculus, the area of the
finite region bounded by the two curves.

How could we structure this question to
make it more accessible?



P2 Content

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How could we structure this question to make it more accessible/less accessible?

The curves intersect at the solutions

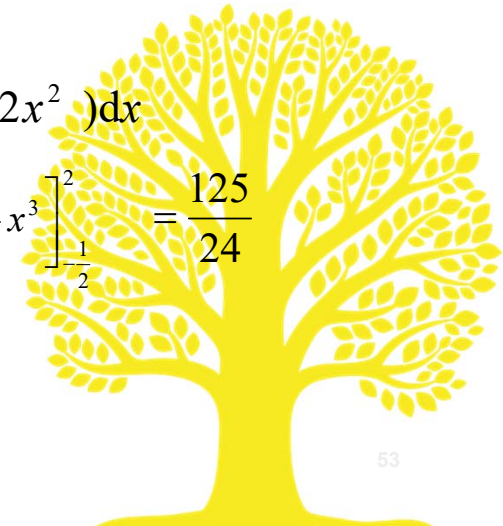
$$3x - x^2 = x^2 - 2 = y$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^2 (3x - x^2 - [x^2 - 2]) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^2 (2 + 3x - 2x^2) dx$$

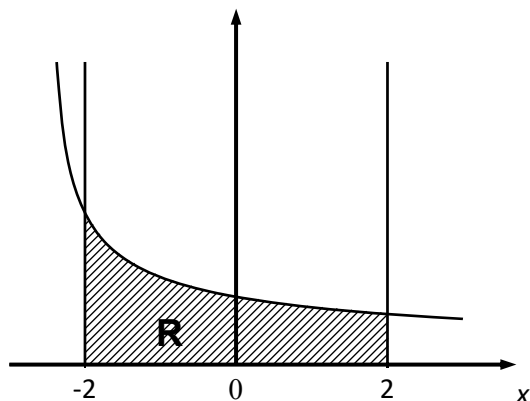
$$= \left[2x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right]_{-\frac{1}{2}}^2 = \frac{125}{24}$$



P2 Content

8.3 Use of increasing number of trapezia to improve accuracy and an estimate of the error may be required.

This was in C34



The figure shows a sketch of part of the curve C, with equation

$$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+5}}$$

The finite region **R** shown shaded is bounded by C, the x-axis and the lines $x = \pm 2$

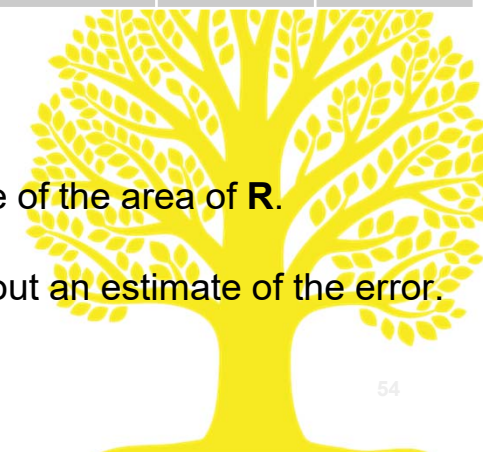
x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+5}}$	1		0.4472		0.3333

In the exam the language is much more precise!

(a) Complete the table.

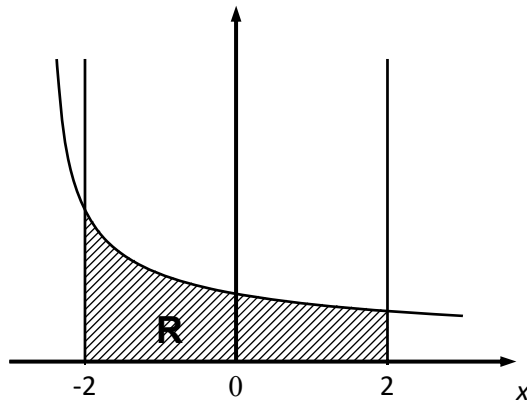
(b) Use the trapezium rule to find an estimate of the area of **R**.

(c) Given that the exact area of **R** is 2, work out an estimate of the error.



P2 Content

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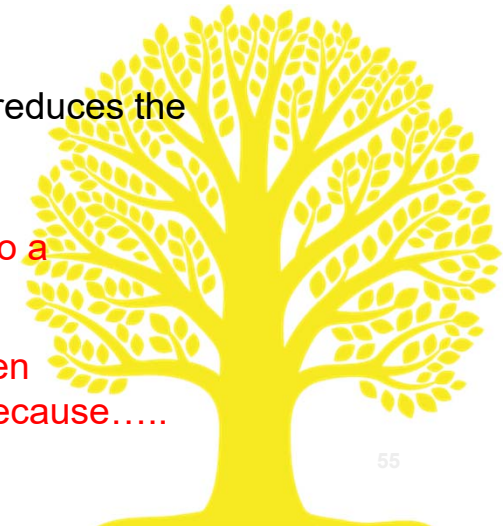
x	y	x	y
-2	1	-2	1
-1	0.57735	-1.5	0.707107
0	0.447214	-1	0.57735
1	0.377964	-0.5	0.5
2	0.333333	0	0.447214
	2.069195	0.5	0.408248
		1	0.377964
		1.5	0.353553
		2	0.333333
			2.019052

In this case doubling the number of strips reduces the error from about 3½% to about 2%

If you are faced with the question does doubling the number of strips half the error, how would you answer it?

Geometrically more strips leads to a lower error because

However, we must be careful when increasing the number of strips because.....



P2 Content

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Avoid this question!

For Q4, please write a suitable mark scheme.



P2 Content

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Please think about the following:

$$\mathbf{3} \quad P(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \qquad P(n) = an^3 + bn^2 + cn + d = 0$$

$$d = -n(an^2 + bn + c) \quad \text{QED}$$



P2 Content

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Please think about the following:

6 (a) Sequence is 5 3 5 3 5.....

(b) Suppose $x_1 = x$ $x_2 = 2 + \frac{3}{x-2}$ $x_3 = 2 + \frac{3}{x_2-2} = 2 + \frac{3}{2 + \frac{3}{x-2} - 2}$

$$x_3 = 2 + \frac{3}{\frac{3}{x-2}} = 2 + x - 2 = x \quad \text{QED}$$

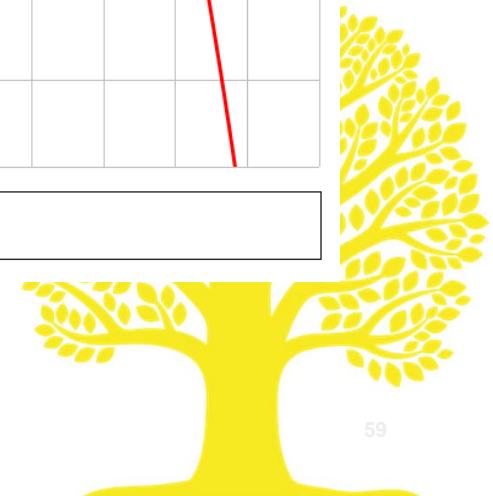
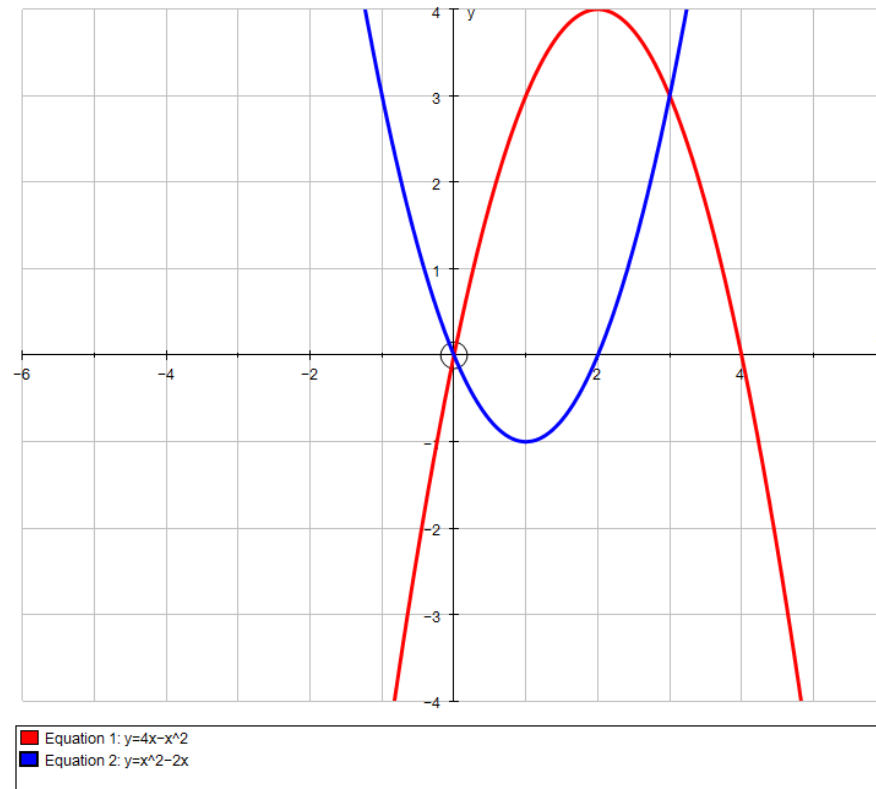


P2 Content

Area between two curves.

Are there any issues in a case such as the one shown?

Find, by integration, the area of the finite region between $y = 4x - x^2$ and $y = x^2 - 2x$



P3



Introduction to the Assessment P3

Content

Algebra and functions
Trigonometry
Exponentials and logarithms
Differentiation
Integration
Numerical methods

Assessment Objectives / Skills Tested

AO1 recall, select and use mathematics
AO2 construct rigorous mathematical arguments and proofs.
AO3 recall select and use standard mathematical models
AO4 comprehend mathematical contexts and arguments
AO5 use calculators and other resources

Structure of Assessment

One end of unit test
All questions compulsory
90 minutes
75 marks

P₃ Content

Knowledge of the contents of P₁ and P₂ is required and may be tested.

The content of C₁₂ was always required for C₃₄, so the fact that the knowledge of P₁ and P₂ is needed for P₃ follows the same philosophy.



P3 Content

- What's new

1.3 The modulus function. The use of sketch graphs as an aid to solving equations of the form $|f(x)| = g(x)$ and inequalities of the form $|f(x)| > g(x)$ where f and g are linear.

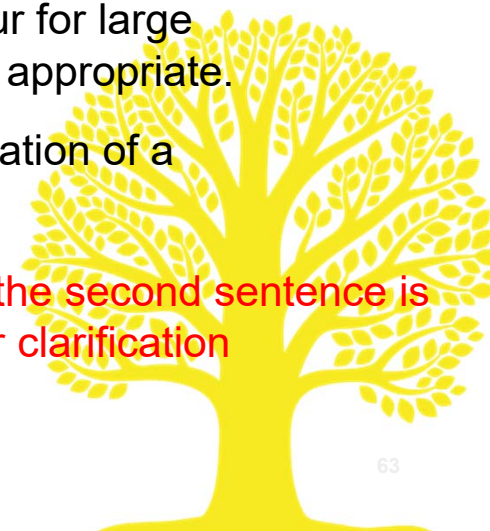
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For 4.4 the second sentence is there for clarification



P3 Content

- What's new

5.1 Integration of e^{kx} , $\sin kx$, $\cos kx$ and $1/x^n$ **explicitly** given

5.2 Integration by recognition of known derivatives

$$\int f'(x)[f(x)]^n dx = \frac{[f(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$$



P3 Content

- What's new

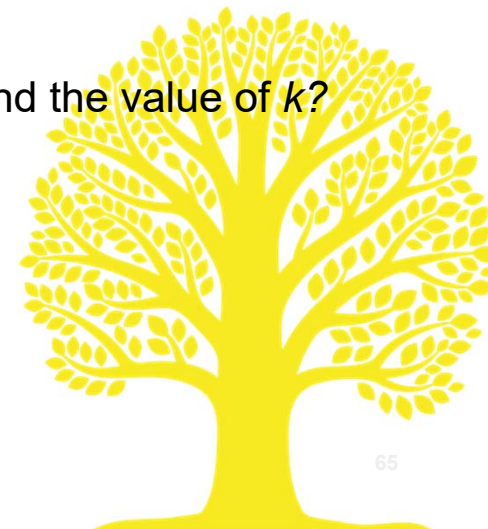
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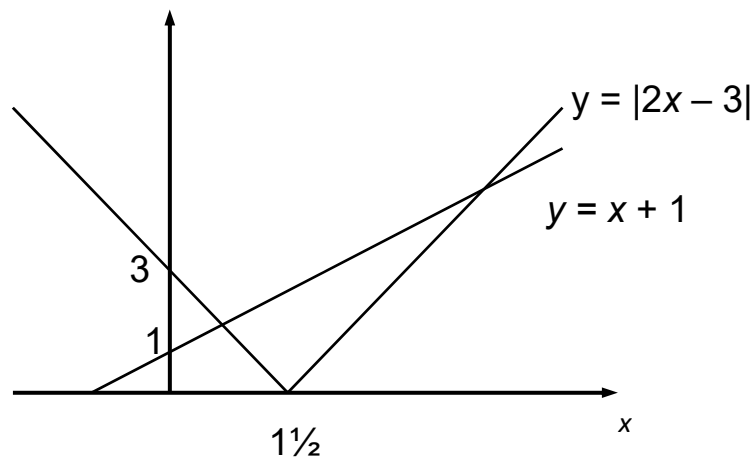
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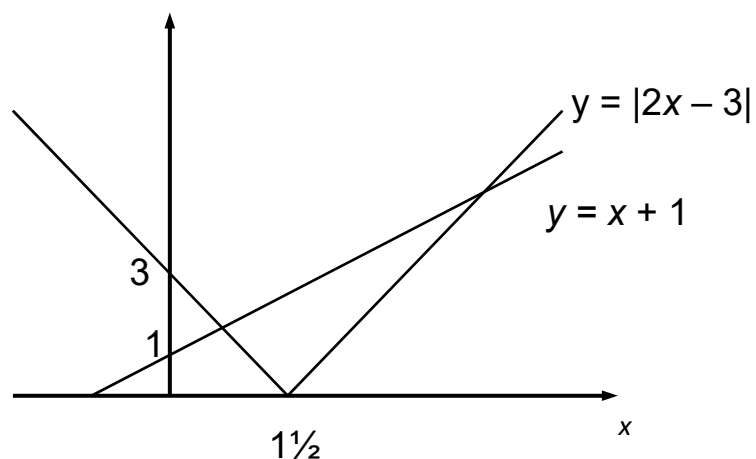


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P3 Content

- What's new



Possible approaches for (b)?

Mine is for $x > 1.5$ we consider

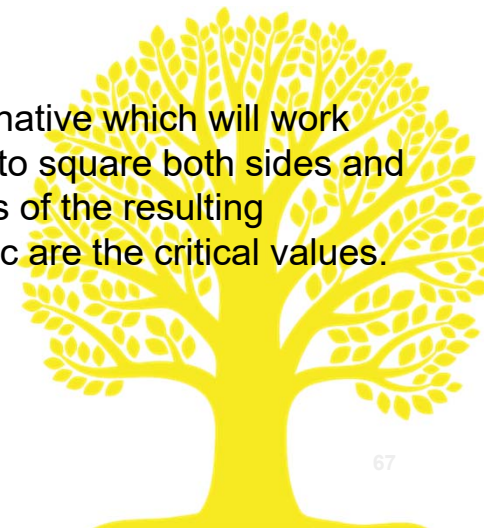
$$x + 1 = 2x - 3 \Rightarrow x = 4 \quad \checkmark$$

For $x < 1.5$ we consider

$$x + 1 = -(2x - 3) \Rightarrow x = 2/3 \quad \checkmark$$

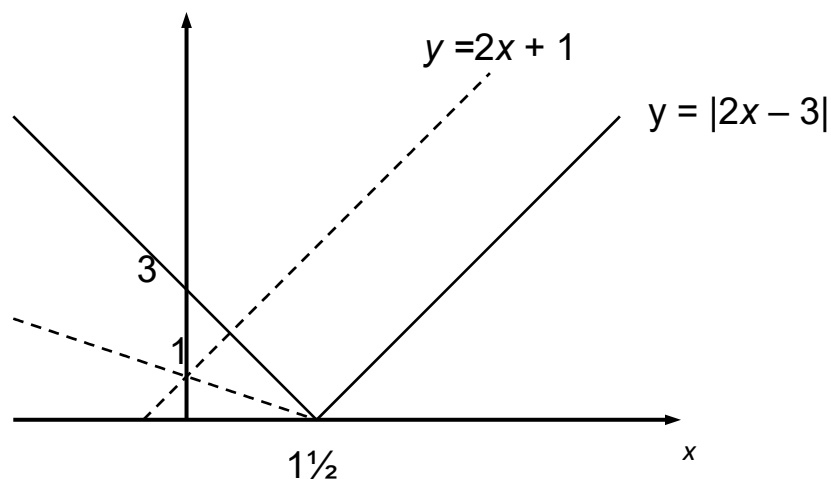
So $2/3 < x < 4$

An alternative which will work here is to square both sides and the roots of the resulting quadratic are the critical values.



P3 Content

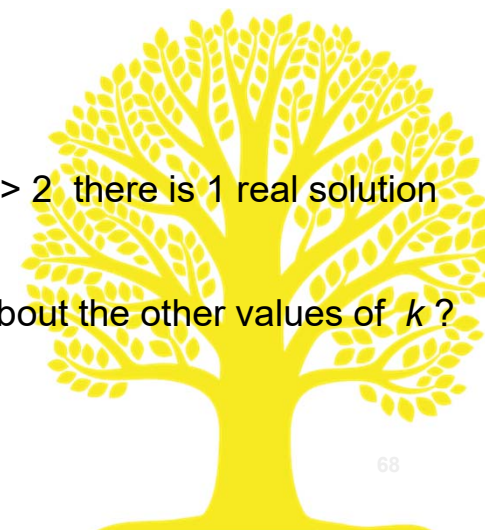
- What's new
- (c) For the equation $|2x - 3| = kx + 1$ $k \in \mathbb{R}$
what is the relationship between the number of real solutions and the value of k ?



I've marked some relevant straight lines which have a bearing on the question.

So for $k > 2$ there is 1 real solution

What about the other values of k ?



P3 Content

- What's new

3.3 Use logarithmic graphs to estimate parameters in relationships of the form

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$$\log y = \log a + n \log x$$

$$Y = \log a + nX$$

Gives a straight line graph in the (X, Y) plane with gradient n and intercept on the Y -axis of $\log a$

What are the teaching issues, if any, with using common instead of natural logarithms?

My scientist colleagues seem to prefer common to natural logs

$$y = ab^x$$

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Of course, the points could be plotted directly onto semilog graph paper – but this is not required for the exam or tested.



P3 Content

Power laws are common
in nature

- What's new
- 3.3 Use logarithmic graphs to estimate parameters in relationships of the form $y = ax^n$

A company make models in different sizes of an iconic building.

The table gives information about the costs and heights of the models.

Height(h cm)	10	15	20	30	50
Cost (\$ y)	3	8	20	70	300

Assuming the relationship between cost (\$ y) and height (h cm) is $y = ah^n$

- draw a suitable straight line graph
- Use your graph to find an estimate for n and an estimate for a .



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P3 Content

- What's new

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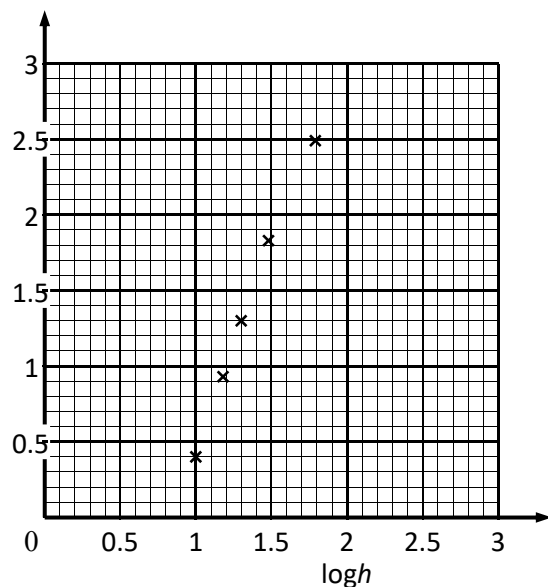


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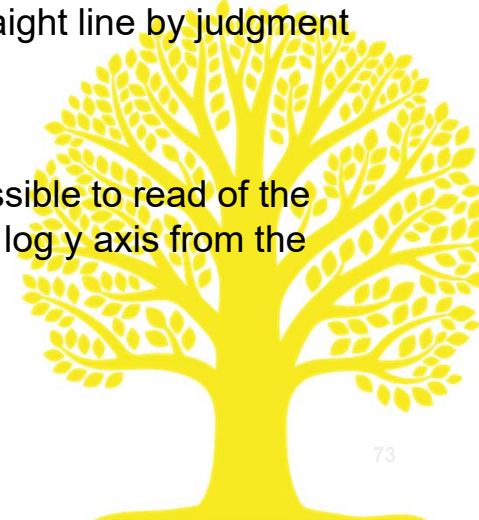
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The points lie near to straight line.
Draw the best straight line by judgment

It will not be possible to read of the intercept on the log y axis from the graph.....



P3 Content

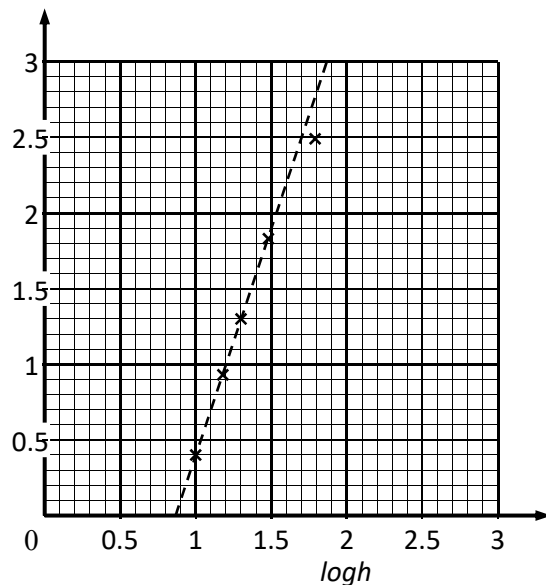
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$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{2.5 - 0.1}{1.7 - 0.9} = 3$$



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This will happen when $0 < a < 1$

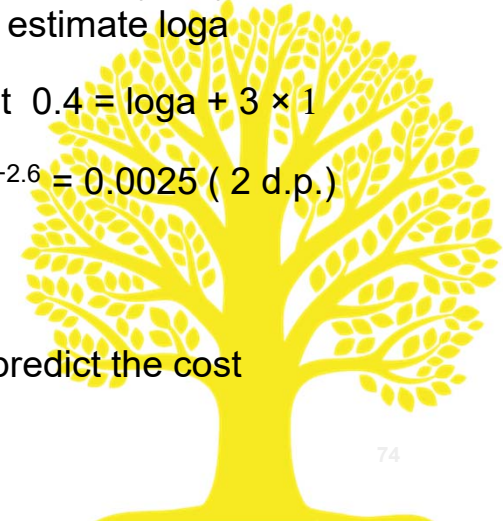
So pick a suitable value of (X, Y) on the line to calculate an estimate $\log a$

I chose $(1, 0.4)$ so that $0.4 = \log a + 3 \times 1$

$\log a = -2.6$ so $a = 10^{-2.6} = 0.0025$ (2 d.p.)

$$\text{So } y = 0.0025h^3$$

We then could (but shouldn't) predict the cost of a one metre tower



P3 Content

- What's new

3.3 Use logarithmic graphs to estimate parameters in relationships of the form $y = ab^x$

These are essentially exponential
increase and decrease laws

t (hours)	20	40	60	80	100	120
Mass (grams)	8.11	6.57	5.33	4.32	3.50	2.84

The table shows the mass (m grams) of radioactive molybdenum 99 in a container after t hours.

Given that the relationship is thought to be of the form $m = ab^t$
draw a suitable graph to confirm this and estimate the values of a and b

Estimate the initial mass of molybdenum 99

This is a group exercise



P3 Content

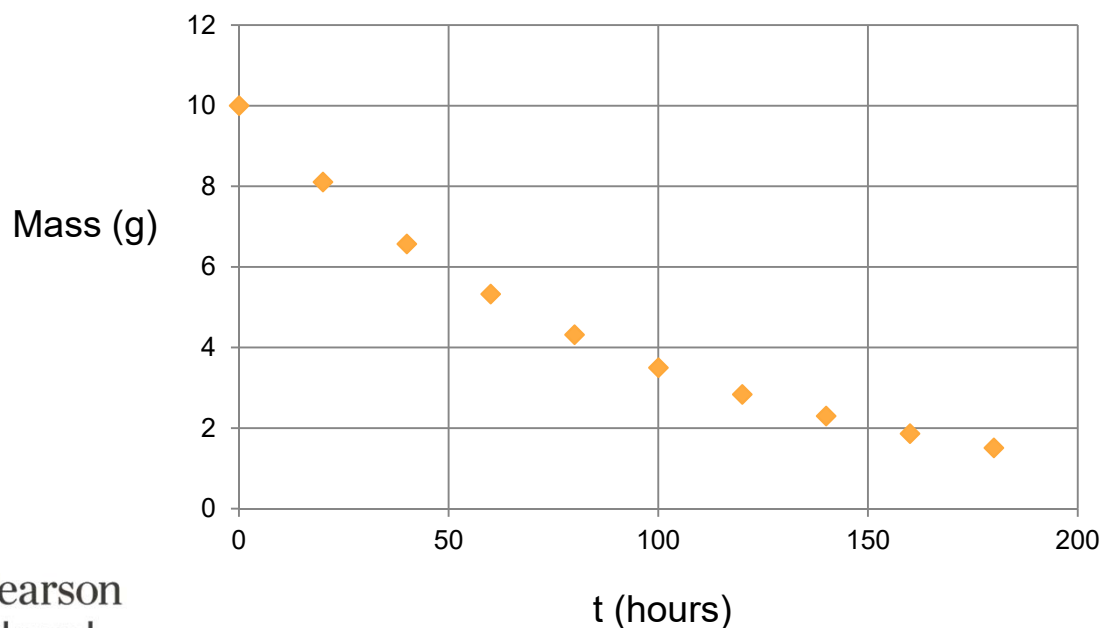
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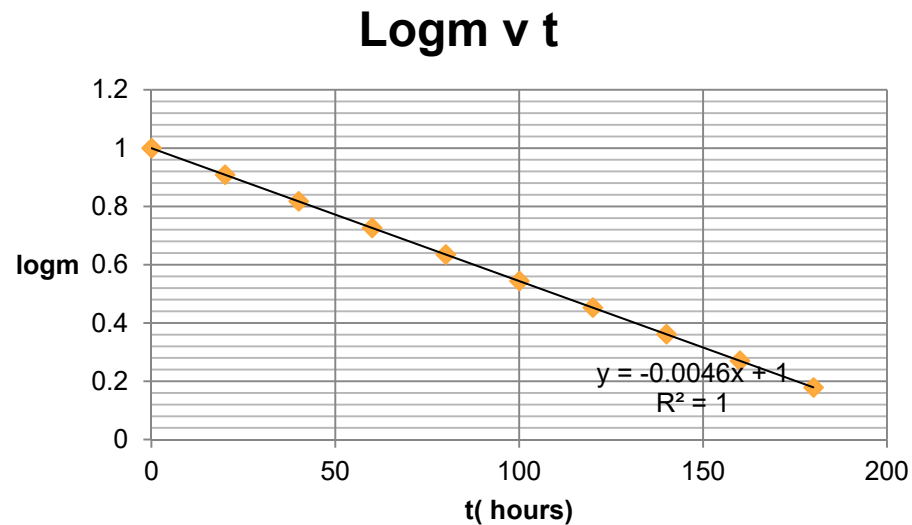
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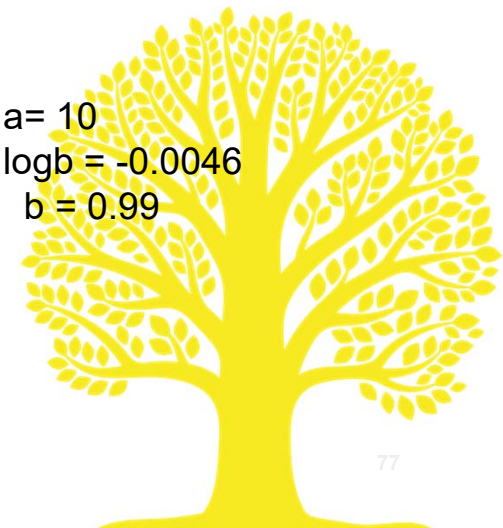


Intercept = 1
Slope = -0.0046

$a = 10$
 $\log b = -0.0046$
 $b = 0.99$

Say 4/5 marks

- 2 for the correct form to plot
- 2 for finding a and b
- 1 for accurate values of a and b



P3 Content

- What's new

4.1 Differentiation of e^{kx} , $\ln kx$, $\sin kx$, $\cos kx$, $\tan kx$ is an explicit section

Students should be fluent in differentiation of these so the derivative of e^{kx} is known to be $k e^{kx}$



P3 Content

- What's new

4.4 Understand and use exponential growth and decay. Students should be familiar with terms such as 'initial' and be able to explore behaviour for large values of t or to consider whether the range of values predicted is appropriate.

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Figure 5

A colony of ants is being studied. The number of ants in the colony is modelled by the equation

$$P = 200 - \frac{160e^{0.6t}}{15 + e^{0.8t}} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0$$

where P is the number of ants, measured in thousands, t years after the study started. A sketch of the graph of P against t is shown in Figure 5

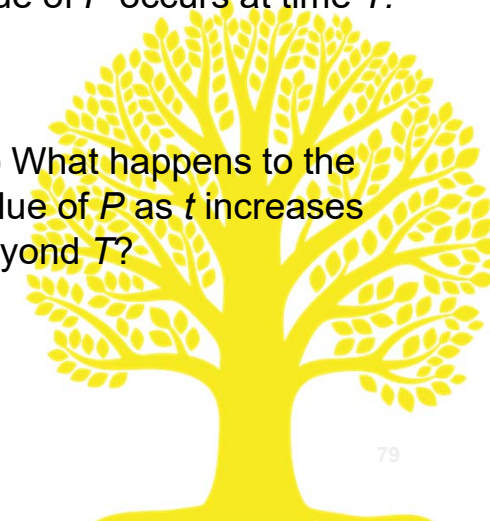
Up to time T

Taken from C34 June 2017

(a) Find the initial number of ants in the study.

(b) Show that the minimum value of P occurs at time T .

(c) What happens to the value of P as t increases beyond T ?



P3 Content

- What's new
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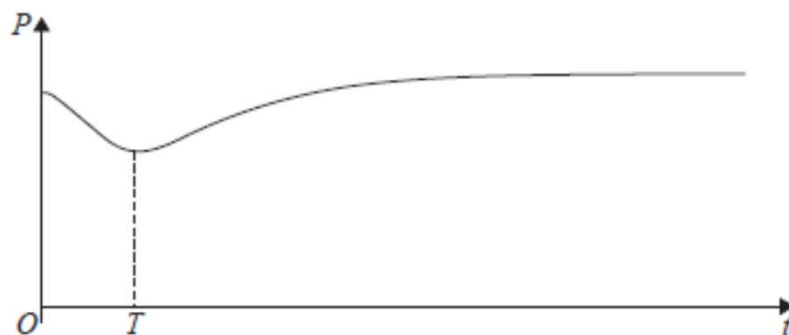


Figure 5

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- (a) Find the initial number of ants in the study.

$$T = 0, P = 200 - 160/(15 + 1) = 190$$

- (b) Show that P has a minimum at time T .

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$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -\frac{(15 + e^{0.8t}) \times 96e^{0.6t} - 160e^{0.6t} \times 0.8e^{0.8t}}{(15 + e^{0.8t})^2}$$

$$\text{Sets } \pm \frac{(15 + e^{0.8t}) \times 96e^{0.6t} - 160e^{0.6t} \times 0.8e^{0.8t}}{(15 + e^{0.8t})^2} = 0 \Rightarrow e^{0.8t} = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{\ln 45}{0.8} = 4.76$$

Taken from C34 June 2017
mark scheme



P3 Content

- What's new

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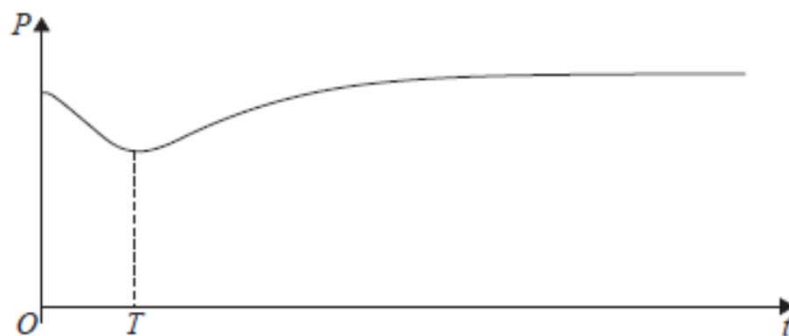


Figure 5

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(c) What happens to the value of P as t increases beyond T ?

For large values of t , P behaves like $200 - 160e^{-0.2t}$ so tends towards 200 from below (as, in fact shown in the figure)

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mark scheme



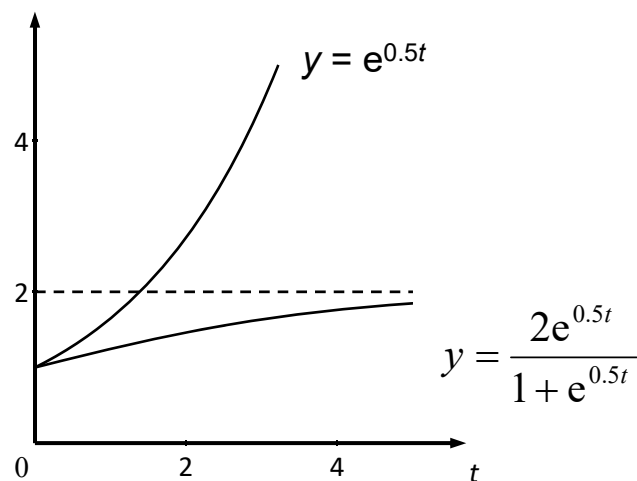
P3 Content

- What's new

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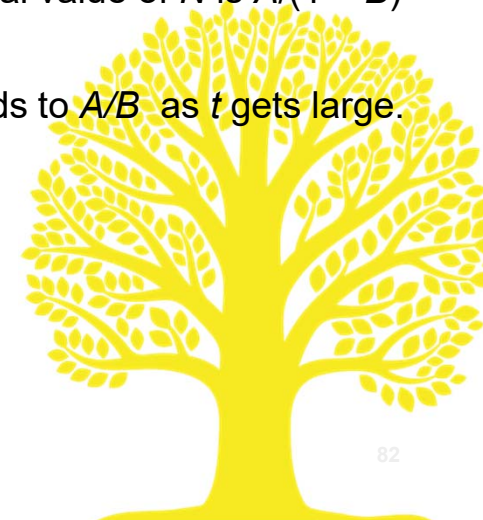
The simple model of exponential growth $N = N_0 e^{kt}$ predicts unrestricted growth as t increases.

A more sophisticated model with $k > 0$ is the 'logistic' equation $N = \frac{Ae^{kt}}{1 + Be^{kt}}$



The initial value of N is $A/(1 + B)$

N tends to A/B as t gets large.



P3 Content

- What's new

5.1 Integration of e^{kx} , $\sin kx$, $\cos kx$ and $1/x^n$ explicitly given

This is, as with a similar statement in differentiation 4.1, a question of being fluent.



P3 Content

- What's new

5.2 Integration by recognition of known derivatives

$$\left| \begin{aligned} \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx &= \ln f(x) + c \text{ and} \\ \int f'(x)[f(x)]^n dx &= \frac{[f(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1} + c \end{aligned} \right.$$

The first being more familiar to students than the second.

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2 + 4} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{\sin x + \cos x} dx$$



P3 Content

- What's new

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$$\int \sqrt{x+4} dx$$

$$\int x\sqrt{x^2+1} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin 2x(1+\sin^2 x)^2 dx$$



P3 Content

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Avoid this question!



P3 Content

Activity 4

There are some questions based on P3

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$$3 \quad \dot{N} = -\frac{(a + be^{\lambda t})ke^{kt} - e^{kt}\lambda e^{\lambda t}}{(a + be^{\lambda t})^2} = -\frac{e^{kt}(a + (bk - \lambda)e^{\lambda t})}{(a + be^{\lambda t})^2}$$

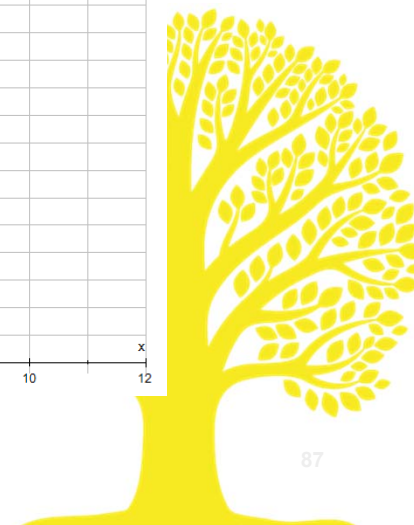
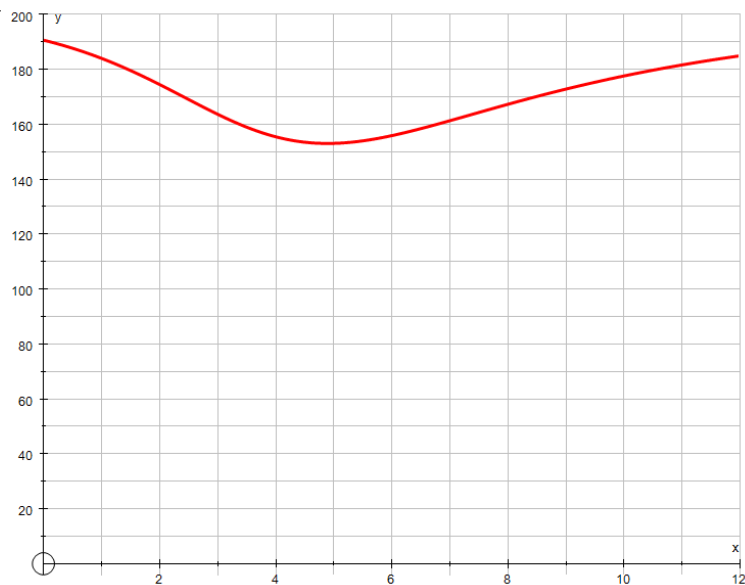
$$\dot{N} = 0 \Rightarrow a + (bk - \lambda)e^{\lambda t} = 0 \Rightarrow e^{\lambda t} = \frac{a}{\lambda - bk}$$

So $\lambda > bk$

The exam question June 17 can be rewritten as

$$y = 200 - e^{(0.6x)} / (0.1 + 0.006e^{(0.8x)})$$

for plotting and is shown here.



P3 Content

Activity 4

There are some questions based on P3

You will need your copy of the specification.

$$4 \text{ (a) } \int \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\cos x + \sin x} dx = \ln(\cos x + \sin x) + c \quad \text{(b) } \int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + c$$

$$\text{(c) 'Obviously' } 0 \quad \text{(d) } (\ln(1+x^2))^2 + c$$



P4



Introduction to the Assessment P1

Content

Proof
Algebra and functions
Coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane
Binomial expansion
Differentiation
Integration
Vectors

Assessment Objectives / Skills Tested

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Structure of Assessment

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P4 Content

- P4 assumes knowledge of P1, P2 and P3



P4 Content

- What's new - NOTHING!

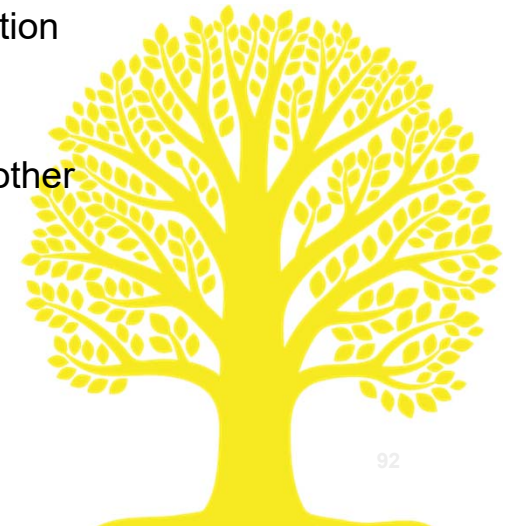
There is no new content in P4 although we have made some more explicit statements than in C34 :

1.1 Proof by contradiction – including the irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$ and the infinity of primes

6.2 Simple cases of integration by substitution where the student has to decide on and use a suitable substitution

6.2 Simple cases of integration by parts where more than one application may be required,

6.3 Simple cases of integration using partial fractions – integration of other rational expressions is also required (not just in P4)



P4 Content

<http://www.numberempire.com/numberfactorizer.php>

- Exploring the proof section

- 1.1 Proof by contradiction –the infinity of primes.

Euclid's proof of the infinity of primes.

The idea is to consider the sequence which starts

$$2 \quad 2 + 1 \quad 2 \times 3 + 1 \quad 2 \times 3 \times 5 + 1 \quad 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 + 1$$

with values

$$2 \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 31 \quad 211 \quad \text{which are all prime}$$

so is

$$2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 + 1 = 2311$$

But $2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 + 1 = 30031$ is not prime ($= 59 \times 509$)

However.....



P4 Content

- Exploring the proof section

- 1.1 Proof by contradiction – the infinity of primes.

We need an economical way of representing primes.

The sensible way is to let p_n be the n th and final prime.

Then, as in the previous slide let $N = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots \times p_n + 1$

None of the primes 2, 3, 5, ..., p_n will divide into N exactly because N will give a remainder of 1 when divided by any of them.

But thinking of the case $2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 + 1 = 30031 (= 59 \times 509)$

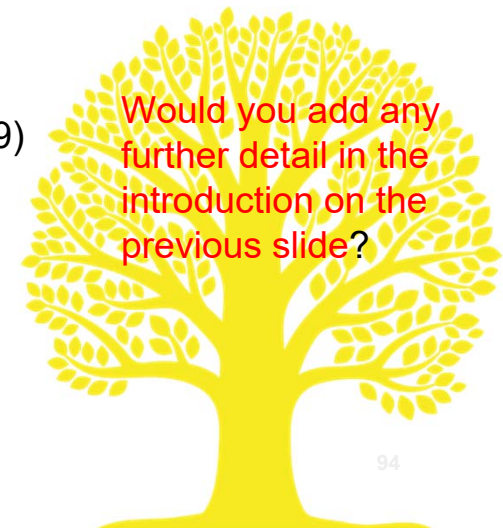
So we cannot claim N is prime.

However,.....

So p_n is the largest prime number.

The product consists of all the primes.

Would you add any further detail in the introduction on the previous slide?



P4 Content

- Exploring the proof section
- 1.1 Proof by contradiction – the infinity of primes.

Define the function $f(n) = n! + 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$

Could we use $f(n)$ to prove the infinity of primes?

How about this approach?

We find an infinite increasing sequence of natural numbers u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots such that no two terms in the sequence have a common factor.

Would this lead to showing that the number of primes is infinite?

The answer is yes, if we can find one!



P4 Content

- Exploring the proof section

- 1.1 Proof by contradiction – including the irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$.

Euclid's proof of the irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$

Suppose to the contrary $\sqrt{2}$ is rational

We need a way of representing this

$\sqrt{2} = a/b$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

$2b^2 = a^2$ so a must be even

Let $a = 2k$

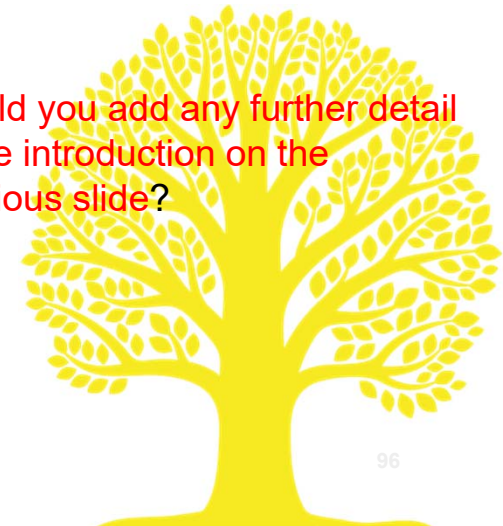
$2b^2 = (2k)^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 2k^2$ so b must be even

Although students will have met rationalising denominators they may need to be taught about what an irrational number is

This 'proof' is incomplete – what's missing?

Is this obvious?.

Would you add any further detail in the introduction on the previous slide?



P4 Content

- Exploring the proof section

- 1.1 Proof by contradiction – including the irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$.

We can also look at the proof in a slightly different way.

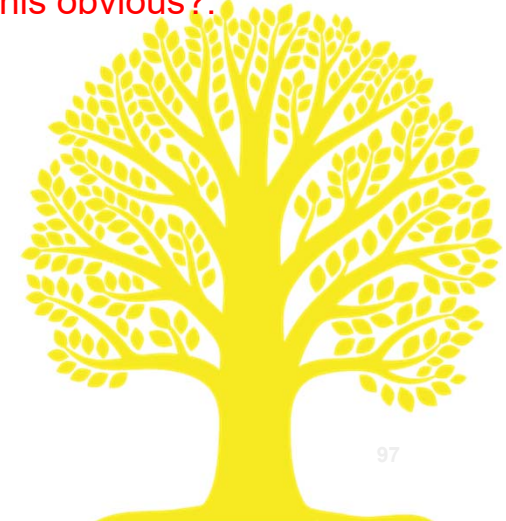
At the stage where

$$2b^2 = a^2$$

Think of a and b each written as a product of prime factors.

Then all the powers of the primes in the prime factor product representations of a^2 and b^2 must be even. But at least one prime in the prime factor representation of $2b^2$ is to an odd power.

Is this obvious?



P4 Content

- Exploring integration

6.2 **Simple** cases of integration by substitution where the student has to decide on and use a suitable substitution

Find $I = \int x^2 \sqrt{2x+1} \, dx$

$$u = 2x + 1 \quad du = 2dx$$

$$I = \int x^2 \sqrt{u} \frac{1}{2} du$$

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

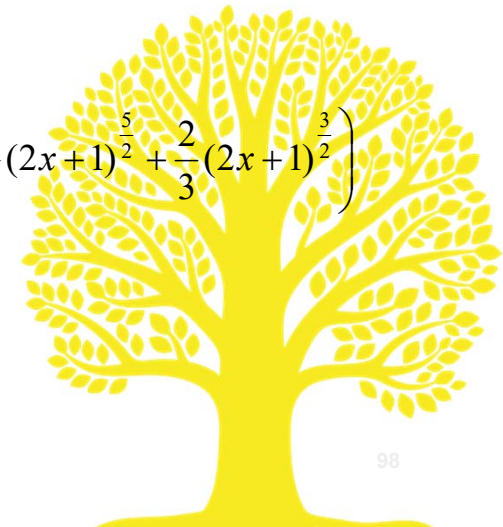
When in the evaluation should we do this?

$$I = \int \frac{(u-1)^2}{8} u^{\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{1}{8} \int u^{\frac{5}{2}} - 2u^{\frac{3}{2}} + u^{\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{2}{7} (2x+1)^{\frac{7}{2}} - \frac{4}{5} (2x+1)^{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{2}{3} (2x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)$$

Heuristic: when faced with a product substitute for the more complicated one



Do we have any comments on this?



P4 Content

- Exploring integration

6.2 **Simple** cases of integration by substitution where the student has to decide on and use a suitable substitution

Find the exact value of $\int_{-1}^2 \frac{4x}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx$

Design a mark scheme for this question. I'll leave the total number of marks to you.

Originally I had $x + 1$ under the square root.
Suggest a reason why I changed it.



P4 Content

- Exploring integration

6.2 **Simple** cases of integration by substitution where the student has to decide on and use a suitable substitution

Find the exact value of $I = \int_0^4 \frac{4x}{\sqrt{2x+1}} dx$

Put $u = 2x + 1$

$$du = 2dx$$

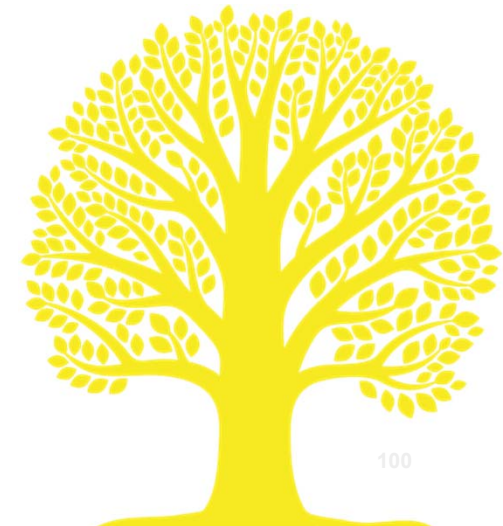
New limits are 1 and 9

$$I = \int_1^9 \frac{4x}{\sqrt{u}} \frac{1}{2} du = \int_1^9 \frac{u-1}{\sqrt{u}} du$$

$$I = \int_1^9 u^{\frac{1}{2}} - u^{\frac{1}{2}} du$$

$$I = \left[\frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2u^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_1^9 = \frac{40}{3}$$

I might want to give it a different number of marks according to the use of the task.



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- Exploring integration

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M1 for using $du/dx = 2$ and an integrand a function of u only

$$I = \int_1^9 u^{\frac{1}{2}} - u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du$$

M1 for a form which can readily be integrated

$$I = \left[\frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2u^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_1^9 = \frac{40}{3}$$

M1 (dep for an integrated form and new limits (or equivalent))

A1



P4 Content

Integrals

Please spend a few minutes working through the integrals sheet

Make any notes about what issues arose



P4 Content

Activity 5

There are 5 or 6 questions based on P4 (some are proofs!).
You will need your copy of the specification.

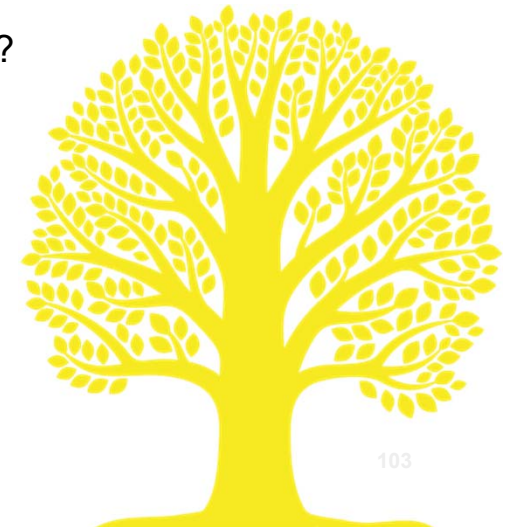
Please think about the following:

Which sections of the specification do students need to know to do the question?

Is the question suitable (with rigorous wording etc) for a written examination?

Is the question better suited to classroom use?

Avoid this question!



P4 Content

Activity 5

There are 5 or 6 questions based on P4 (some are proofs!).
You will need your copy of the specification.

Please think about the following

5 Prove, by contradiction, that no power of 2 can be written as the sum of consecutive numbers.

5 Suppose it can.

$$2^k = n + n + 1 + \dots + n + r - 1 \text{ where } r > 1$$

Using sum of an arithmetic series $2^k = n + n + 1 + \dots + n + r - 1 = \frac{r}{2}(2n + r - 1)$

$$2^{k+1} = r(2n + r - 1) \quad (*)$$

So r must be a power of 2, say 2^s ($k + 1 > s > 0$)

(*) then becomes $2^{k+1-s} = 2n + 2^s - 1$ which is a contradiction as the left hand side is even but the right hand side is odd



P4 Content

Activity 5

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Please think about the following – how, if at all, would you use it?

$$\text{Start with } (\sqrt{2} - 1)(\sqrt{2} + 1) = 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} - 1$$

Now let $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ where a, b are whole numbers in their lowest terms and $2b > a > b > 1$

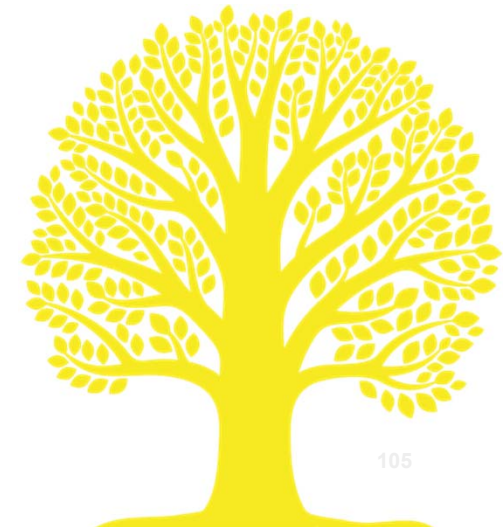
$$\text{So } \sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} - 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{\frac{a}{b} - 1} - 1 = \frac{2b - a}{a - b}$$

Now $2b - a$ and $a - b$ are positive whole numbers but $a - b < b$ and $2b - a < a$ so we have a new denominator and numerator

7 We need a and b to be positive, so having $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ is needed.

$2b > a > b > 1$ needs to be justified.

The final line should be completed by noting we assumed a, b in its lowest terms, but we have replaced them by numbers that are smaller, so we get a contradiction.



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D1 Content

What's new?

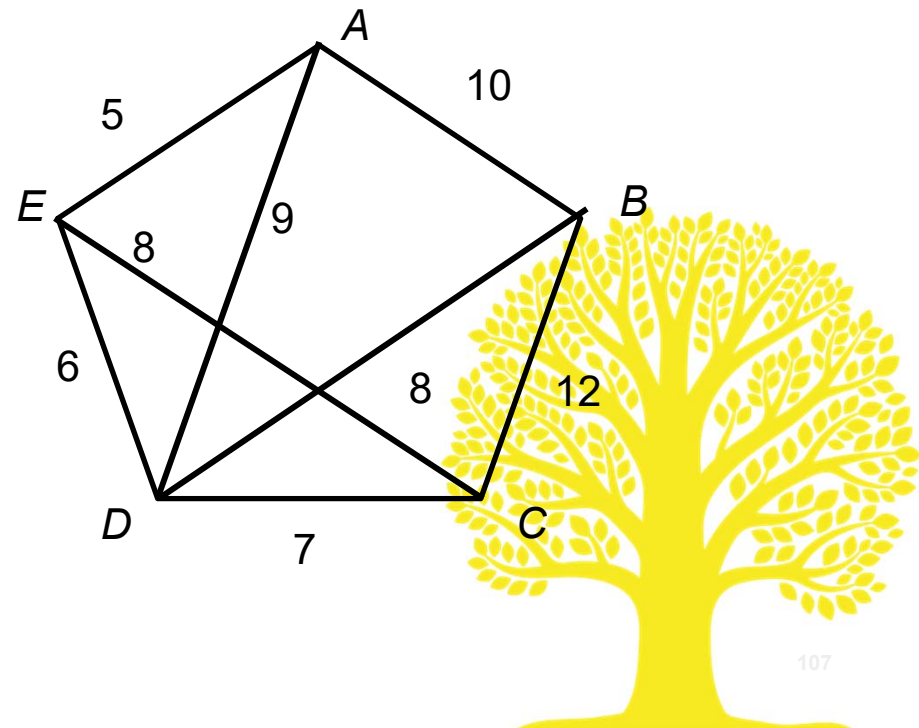
The Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP)

Given a connected graph with distances on all arcs, find the tour of the graph which has minimum length

What is the length of the shortest tour that starts and ends at A?



Each vertex must be visited at least once



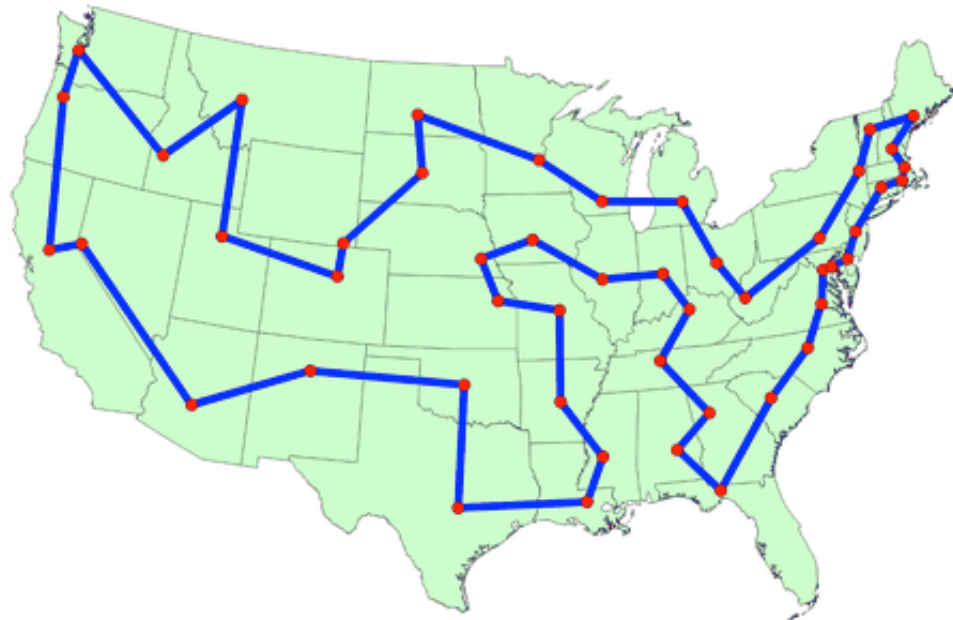
D1 Content

What's new?

The Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP)

TSP is a good example of showing why 'brute force' (enumeration) cannot always work.

This is a tour of 48 state capitals, one in each state, in continental USA



If I start from Tallahassee, there are 47 possible cities to visit next. From the second city 46 and so on so the total number of tours is $(2 \times 47!)$ or about 5×10^{59}



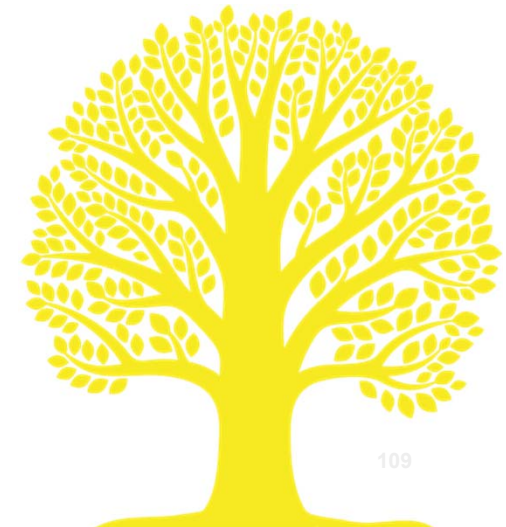
D1 Content

What's new?

Is 5×10^{59} a 'big' number?

A state of the art processor can perform about 3×10^{11} instructions per second

$48 \times 5 \times 10^{59} \div (3 \times 10^{11})$ is about 8×10^{49} seconds



D1 Content

To keep the volume of content equivalent in the new course the section on Matching in the current course has been deleted.



Considering Delivery Strategies and sharing best practice

- 
1. Teaching Strategies.
 2. Resources.
 3. Technology.

New IAL Content

We hope you agree with us in feeling that the changes made to the content are manageable

That the scheme of assessment has the flexibility you like.

That you have sufficient resources to deliver the course to a high standard.

It is sufficiently challenging at the top end but accessible at the bottom end



Support Overview

Free Support

Getting Started
Guide & Scheme of
Work

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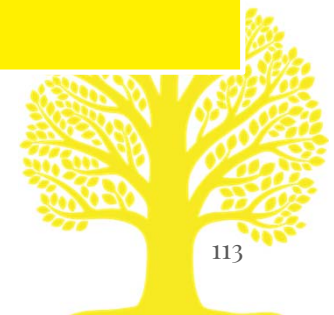
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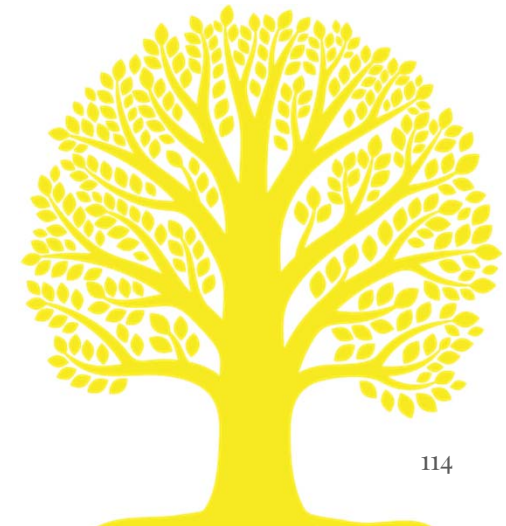
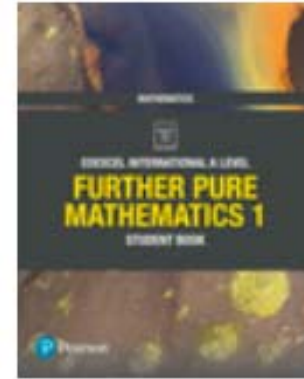
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Exam Wizard



Current Published Materials

- Please see the Published Resources web-page for available resources, including:
 - Student books
 - Teacher Resource books



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Results statistics summarise the overall grade outcomes of candidates sitting Pearson Edexcel examinations.

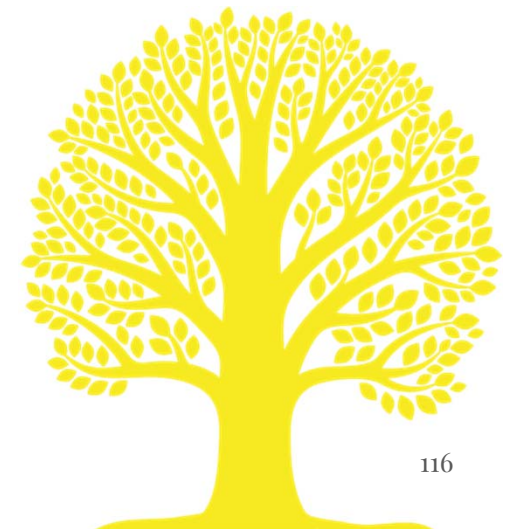
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