

DHS 2023 Year 6 H2 Mathematics Prelim Paper 1 Solutions and Comments

Qn	Suggested Solution	
1	$\int_0^a 2x^2 - 3x - 2 dx$ $= \int_0^2 -(2x^2 - 3x - 2) dx + \int_2^a (2x^2 - 3x - 2) dx$ $= \left[\frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 2x \right]_2^0 + \left[\frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 2x \right]_2^a$ $= (\frac{14}{3}) + (\frac{2}{3}a^3 - \frac{3}{2}a^2 - 2a + \frac{14}{3})$ $= \frac{2}{3}a^3 - \frac{3}{2}a^2 - 2a + \frac{28}{3}$ $= \frac{1}{6}(4a^3 - 9a^2 - 12a + 56)$	

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2(a)	$y = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 3}{1-x} = 2 - x + \frac{1}{1-x}$ <p>Asymptotes: $y = 2 - x$, $x = 1$</p> <p>The graph illustrates the behavior of the rational function $y = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 3}{1-x}$. It features a vertical asymptote at $x = 1$ and a slant asymptote at $y = 2 - x$. The curve passes through the y-intercept at $(0, 3)$. It reaches a local maximum below the slant asymptote at approximately $(2, -1)$ before approaching the vertical asymptote at $x = 1$.</p>	

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(b) $\frac{x^2 - 3x + 3}{1-x} = kx$ $x^2 - 3x + 3 = kx(1-x)$ $(1+k)x^2 - (3+k)x + 3 = 0$ <p>For two points of intersection, discriminant > 0.</p> $(3+k)^2 - 4(1+k)(3) > 0$ $9 + 6k + k^2 - 12 - 12k > 0$ $k^2 - 6k - 3 > 0$ $(k-3)^2 - 12 > 0$ $k < 3 - 2\sqrt{3} \text{ or } k > 3 + 2\sqrt{3}$ $y = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 3}{1-x} = 2 - x + \frac{1}{1-x}$ <p>Consider the oblique asymptote of the curve C is $y = 2 - x$, for two points of intersection between the curve and the line, the set of values of k is</p> $\{k \in \mathbb{R} : k < 3 - 2\sqrt{3} \text{ or } k > 3 + 2\sqrt{3}, k \neq -1\}.$	

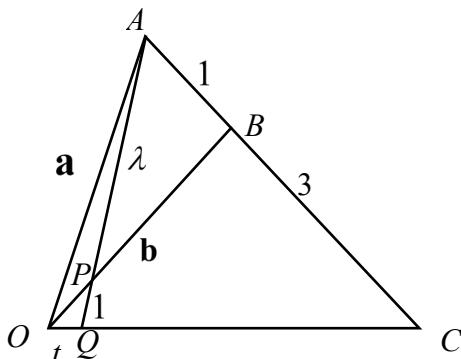
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3(a)	By Conjugate Root Theorem, another root is $z = 1 - ai$.	
(b)	<p>Let $z^3 - 2z + k = (z - [1+ai])(z - [1-ai])(z - c)$ where c is a real constant.</p> $\begin{aligned} z^3 - 2z + k &= ([z-1]-ai)([z-1]+ai)(z-c) \\ &= ([z-1]^2 - [ai]^2)(z-c) \\ &= (z^2 - 2z + [1+a^2])(z-c) \end{aligned}$ <p>Comparing the coefficients of z^2: $-c - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow c = -2$</p> <p>Comparing the coefficients of z: $a^2 + 1 + 2c = -2 \Rightarrow a = 1 \text{ since } a > 0$</p> <p>So, $k = -c(1+a^2) = 4$</p>	
(c)	Area $= \frac{1}{2}(2)(3) = 3$ square units	

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4(a)	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2-i\sin 2\alpha}{1+2i\sin 2\alpha} \times \frac{1-2i\sin 2\alpha}{1-2i\sin 2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{(2-i\sin 2\alpha)(1-2i\sin 2\alpha)}{1+4\sin^2 2\alpha} \\ &= \frac{2-2\sin 2\alpha - 5i\sin 2\alpha}{1+4\sin^2 2\alpha} \end{aligned}$ <p>Since the expression is real,</p> $\begin{aligned} \frac{-5i\sin 2\alpha}{1+4\sin^2 2\alpha} &= 0 \\ -5i\sin 2\alpha &= 0 \\ \sin 2\alpha &= 0 \\ 2\alpha &= k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \alpha &= \frac{k\pi}{2} \\ \therefore \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha = \frac{k\pi}{2} \right\} \end{aligned}$	
(b)	$\begin{aligned} & \left \frac{3(w-z)}{1-z^*w} \right \\ &= 3 \left \frac{(w-z)}{1-z^*w} \right \\ &= 3 \left \frac{(w-z)}{w^*w - z^*w} \right \quad (\because w^*w = w ^2 = 1) \\ &= 3 \left \frac{(w-z)}{w(w^* - z^*)} \right \\ &= \frac{3}{ w } \left \frac{(w-z)}{(w-z)^*} \right \\ &= 3 \left \frac{w-z}{ w-z } \right \quad (\because (w-z)^* = w-z) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$ <p>Alternative 1 Let $z = r e^{i\theta}$, $w = r e^{i\phi}$,</p>	

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{3(w-z)}{1-z^*w} \right| &= 3 \left| \frac{e^{i\phi} - r e^{i\theta}}{1 - r e^{-i\theta} e^{i\phi}} \right| \\
&= 3 \left| \frac{e^{i\phi} (1 - r e^{i(\theta-\phi)})}{1 - r e^{-i(\theta-\phi)}} \right| \\
&= 3 |e^{i\phi}| \left| \frac{1 - r e^{i(\theta-\phi)}}{(1 - r e^{i(\theta-\phi)})^*} \right| \\
&= 3
\end{aligned}$$

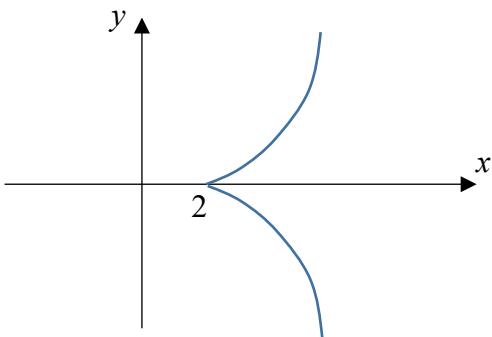
Alternative 2

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{3(w-z)}{1-z^*w} \right| &= 3 \left| \frac{w(1-zw^*)}{1-z^*w} \right| \quad \left(\because w^*w = |w|^2 = 1, \text{ so } \frac{1}{w} = w^* \right) \\
&= 3 |w| \left| \frac{(1-z^*w)^*}{1-z^*w} \right| \\
&= 3
\end{aligned}$$

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(a)	<p>Since A, B and C are collinear</p> $\overrightarrow{BC} \parallel \overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ $\overrightarrow{BC} = 3\mathbf{b} - \mu\mathbf{a} = 3(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})$ $\therefore \mu = 3$ $\overrightarrow{OC} = \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{BC}$ $= \mathbf{b} + (3\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{a})$ $= 4\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{a}$	
(b)	 <p>Given $\overrightarrow{OQ} = t\overrightarrow{OC}$</p> <p>Using RT:</p> $\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OP} &= \frac{\lambda\overrightarrow{OQ} + \overrightarrow{OA}}{1+\lambda} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\lambda} [\lambda t \overrightarrow{OC} + \mathbf{a}] \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\lambda} [\lambda t(4\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{a}] \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\lambda} [4\lambda t \mathbf{b} + (1 - 3\lambda t)\mathbf{a}]\end{aligned}$ <p>Since $\overrightarrow{OP} \parallel \mathbf{b}$</p> $1 - 3\lambda t = 0$ $\therefore \lambda t = \frac{1}{3}$	
(c)	<p>When $\lambda = 5$</p> $\overrightarrow{OP} = \frac{1}{1+\lambda} [4\lambda t] \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{1+5} \left[\frac{4}{3} \right] \mathbf{b} = \frac{2}{9} \mathbf{b}$ $\therefore OP : PB = \frac{2}{9} : \frac{7}{9} = 2 : 7$	

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6(a)	$\sin 3x = (3x) - \frac{(3x)^3}{3!} + \dots = 3x - \frac{9x^3}{2} + \dots$ $f(x) = e^{\sin 3x} = 1 + (\sin 3x) + \frac{(\sin 3x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\sin 3x)^3}{3!} + \dots$ $= 1 + (3x - \frac{9x^3}{2} + \dots) + \frac{1}{2}(3x - \frac{9x^3}{2} + \dots)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(3x - \frac{9x^3}{2} + \dots)^3 + \dots$ $= 1 + 3x - \frac{9x^3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}[(3x)^2] + \frac{1}{6}[(3x)^3] + \dots$ $\approx 1 + 3x + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + 0x^3 \quad (\text{independent of } x^3)$ <p>Alternative (by differentiation)</p> <p>let $y = e^{\sin 3x}$</p> $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \cos 3x \cdot e^{\sin 3x} = 3 \cos 3x \cdot y$ $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3 \cos 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - 9 \sin 3x \cdot y$ $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 3 \cos 3x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 9 \sin 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - 9 \sin 3x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - 27 \cos 3x \cdot y$ <p>When $x = 0$,</p> $y = 1, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 3, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 9, \quad \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 0$ $\therefore y = 1 + 3x + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + 0x^3 + \dots$	
(b)	$\int \frac{e^{\sin 3x}}{x^2} dx \approx \int (x^{-2} + 3x^{-1} + \frac{9}{2}) dx$ $= -x^{-1} + 3 \ln x + \frac{9}{2}x + C \quad \text{where } C \text{ is an arbitrary constant}$ $\int_{0.1}^{0.2} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 e^{\sin 3x} dx = \int_{0.1}^{0.2} \frac{4e^{\sin 3x}}{x^2} dx$ $= 4[-x^{-1} + 3 \ln x + \frac{9}{2}x]_{0.1}^{0.2}$ $= 30.1178 \quad (4 \text{ d.p.})$	
(c)	Using GC, $\int_{0.1}^{0.2} \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 e^{\sin 3x} dx = 29.9995 \quad (4 \text{ d.p.})$	
(d)	<p>The approximation is accurate as the values of x (between 0.1 and 0.2) are close to 0 for the magnitude of x^4 and higher powers of x to be neglected.</p> <p>Alternative:</p>	

	$\% \text{ error} = \frac{ 30.1178 - 29.9995 }{29.9995} \times 100 = 0.3943\%$ <p>Since percentage error is small, approximation is accurate.</p>	

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7(a)		
(b)	<p>At $(6, 8)$, $t = 2$.</p> $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = 3t^2$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3t^2 \times \frac{1}{2t} = \frac{3}{2}t$ <p>When $t = 2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$</p> <p>Equation of tangent is $y - 8 = 3(x - 6)$ i.e., $y = 3x - 10$</p>	
(c)	<p>Since tangent to C at the point $(6, 8)$ meets the curve C again at point P, $t^3 = 3(t^2 + 2) - 10$</p> $t^3 - 3t^2 + 4 = 0$ <p>Using GC,</p> $t = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad t = -1$ <p>(Point $(6, 8)$)</p> <p>Alt</p> $(t - 2)(t^2 - t - 2) = 0$ $(t - 2)(t - 2)(t + 1) = 0$ $t = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad t = -1$ <p>At $t = -1$, $x = 3$ and $y = -1$.</p> <p>The coordinates of point P are $(3, -1)$.</p>	
(d)	<p>At $t = m$, the normal to the curve is</p> $y - m^3 = -\frac{2}{3m}(x - m^2 - 2)$ <p>i.e., $y = -\frac{2}{3m}x + \frac{2m}{3} + \frac{4}{3m} + m^3$</p> <p>When $x = 0$, $y = \frac{2m}{3} + \frac{4}{3m} + m^3$ (Point R)</p> <p>When $y = 0$, $x = \frac{3m^4}{2} + m^2 + 2$ (Point Q)</p>	

	The mid-point F is $\left(\frac{3m^4}{4} + \frac{m^2}{2} + 1, \frac{m}{3} + \frac{2}{3m} + \frac{m^3}{2} \right)$.	
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8(a)	$S_n = 3n(n+2)$ $u_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$ $= 3n(n+2) - 3(n-1)(n+1)$ $= 6n + 3$ $u_n - u_{n-1} = 6n + 3 - (6(n-1) + 3)$ $= 6n + 3 - 6n + 3$ $= 6 \text{ (constant)}$ <p>Since the difference between two consecutive terms is a constant, the series is an arithmetic progression. The common difference is 6.</p>	
(b)	$v_1 = u_2 = 6(2) + 3 = 15$ $v_2 = u_7 = 6(7) + 3 = 45$ $\text{common ratio, } r = \frac{45}{15} = 3$ $v_3 = 15(3)^2 = 135$ <p>The m^{th} term of the series in (i),</p> $135 = 6(m) + 3$ $m = \frac{135 - 3}{6} = 22$ <p>Since $r = 3$ does not lie within $-1 < r < 1$, the sum to infinity of v_n does not exist.</p>	
(c)	$\text{common ratio} = \frac{w_n}{w_{n-1}}$ $= \frac{e^{5+nx(x+1)}}{e^{5+(n-1)x(x+1)}}$ $= \frac{e^5 e^{nx(x+1)}}{e^5 e^{(n-1)x(x+1)}}$ $= e^{nx(x+1) - (n-1)x(x+1)}$ $= e^{x(x+1)}$ <p>For the series to converge, $e^{x(x+1)} < 1$, $x(x+1) < 0$ The range of values of x is $-1 < x < 0$.</p>	

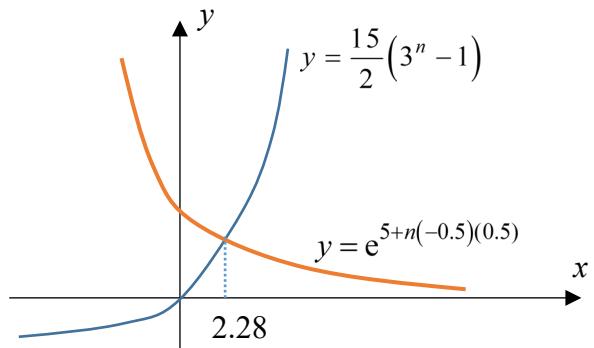
(d)

Sum of first n terms of v_n , S_{v_n}

$$= \frac{15(3^n - 1)}{3-1} = \frac{15}{2}(3^n - 1)$$

$S_{v_n} > w_n$ using $x = -0.5$,

$$\frac{15}{2}(3^n - 1) > e^{5+n(-0.5)(0.5)}$$



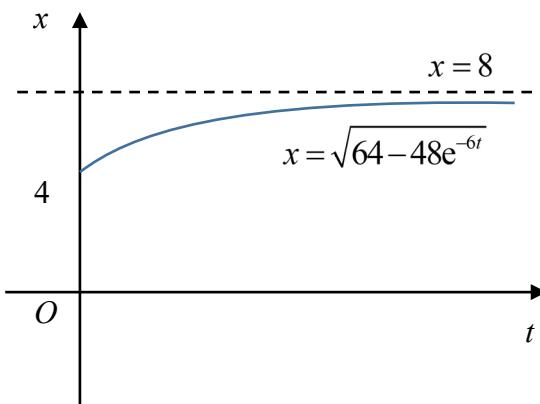
From the graph, the least value of n is 3.

Alternative (table method)

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9(a)	$\int_0^p \sin^{-1} \frac{t}{3} dt = \left[t \sin^{-1} \frac{t}{3} \right]_0^p - \int_0^p t \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}t\right)^2}} dt$ $= \left[t \sin^{-1} \frac{t}{3} \right]_0^p - \int_0^p t \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{9-t^2}} dt$ $= p \sin^{-1} \frac{p}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^p \frac{-2t}{\sqrt{9-t^2}} dt$ $= p \sin^{-1} \frac{p}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{9-t^2}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right]_0^p$ $= p \sin^{-1} \frac{p}{3} + \left[\sqrt{9-p^2} - \sqrt{9} \right]$ $= p \sin^{-1} \frac{p}{3} + \sqrt{9-p^2} - 3 \quad (\text{Shown})$	
(b)	<p>When $x = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}}$, on the curve $y = x^2$, $y = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{8}$.</p> <p>on the curve $y = 3 \sin(2x^2)$,</p> $y = 3 \sin \left[2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \right)^2 \right] = 3 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}.$ <p>Also, $y = 3 \sin(2x^2) \Rightarrow \sin(2x^2) = \frac{y}{3} \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{3}$</p> <p>Volume generated by region R rotated about the y-axis</p> $= \pi \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) + \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{8}} y dy - \pi \int_0^{\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}} \frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{3} dy$ $= \frac{\pi^2}{8} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) + \pi \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{8}} - \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}} \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{3} dy$ $= \frac{\pi^2}{8} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) + \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{8} \right)^2 - \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}}{3} \right) + 3 \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^2} - 3 \right]$ $= \frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi^2}{16} - \frac{\pi^3}{64} + \frac{\pi^3}{128} - \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) + 3 \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{9}{2} \right)} - 3 \right]$ $= \frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi^2}{16} - \frac{\pi^3}{128} - \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) + 3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} - 3 \right]$ $= \frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi^2}{16} - \frac{\pi^3}{128} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi^2}{16} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi}{4} + \frac{3\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - \frac{\pi^3}{128} \text{ cubic metres}$	

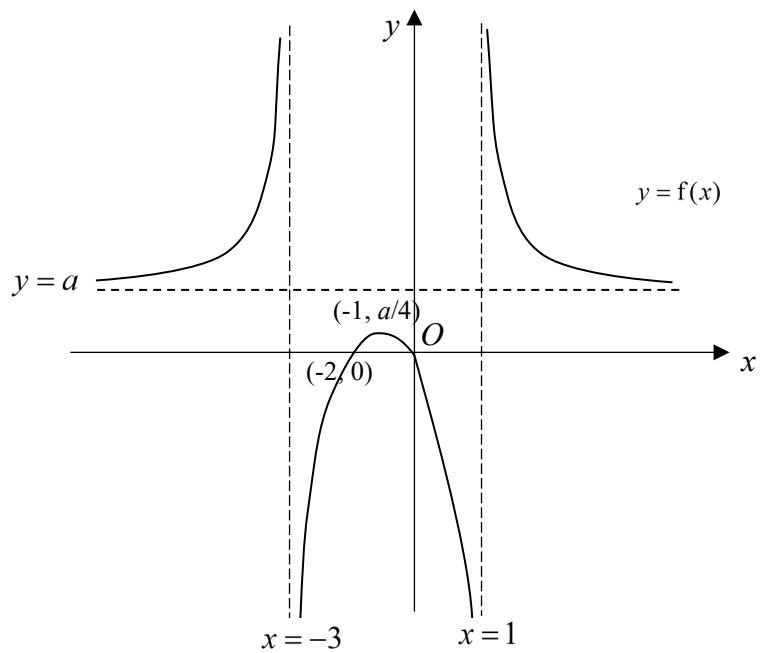
(c)	<p>Point of intersection: $(0, 0), (1, 4)$</p> <p>Area of region Q $= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{8\sqrt{x}}{1+x^3} - 4x^2 \right) dx = 3.299901526 = 3.3$ (1 d.p.) square metres</p>	
(d)	<p>Volume of main structure $= \frac{3\pi}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - \frac{\pi^3}{128}$ m³ Mass of main structure $= \left[\frac{3\pi}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - \frac{\pi^3}{128} \right] \times 1463.46 = 1665.403197$ kg</p> <p>Let h m be the thickness of the prism base.</p> <p>Volume of prism base $= 3.299901526h$ m³ Mass of prism structure $= 3.299901526h \times 2550 = 8414.748892h$ kg</p> <p>Total mass $= (8414.748892h + 1665.403197)$ kg</p> <p>Expected weight per square metre of the monument $= \frac{(8414.748892h + 1665.403197) \times \frac{9.81}{1000}}{3.299901526}$ $= 25.0155h + 4.950937242$</p> <p>$25.0155h + 4.950937242 \leq 20$ $h \leq 0.60159$</p> <p>Hence, only if the thickness of the prism base is less than 60.159 cm, then no special foundation will be needed. Should it be between 60.159 cm and 70 cm, a special foundation is needed. Hence, the engineer's claim is not correct.</p> <p>Alternative method (find total mass using thickness 70cm)</p>	

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10(a)	$\frac{dy}{dt} = -ay, \text{ } a \text{ positive}$ $x^2 + y^2 = 8^2$ $2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dy} \times \frac{dy}{dt}$ $= -\frac{y}{x}(-ay)$ $= \frac{a(64-x^2)}{x} = \frac{k(64-x^2)}{x} \quad (\text{shown})$ <p>Alternative:</p> $\frac{dy}{dt} = -ky$ $x^2 + y^2 = 8^2$ $2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ $\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{y}{x}(-ky) = \frac{k(64-x^2)}{x}$	
(b)	$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3(64-x^2)}{x}$ $\frac{x}{64-x^2} \frac{dx}{dt} = 3$ $\int \frac{x}{64-x^2} dx = \int 3 dt$ $-\frac{1}{2} \ln(64-x^2) = 3t + C \quad (\text{since } x \leq 8)$ $x^2 = 64 - Ae^{-6t} \quad \text{where } A = e^{-2C}$ $x = \sqrt{64 - Ae^{-6t}}$ <p>When $t = 0, x = 4 :$</p> $4 = \sqrt{64 - A}$ $A = 48$ $x = \sqrt{64 - 48e^{-6t}}$ <p>When $y = 3, x = \sqrt{64 - 3^2} = \sqrt{55}$</p>	

	$\sqrt{55} = \sqrt{64 - 48e^{-6t}}$ $e^{-6t} = \frac{9}{48}$ $t = 0.279 = 0.3 \text{ s (1 d.p.)}$	
(c)		
(d)	Based on Jim's conjecture, the rod will never be flat on the ground; thus not appropriate.	

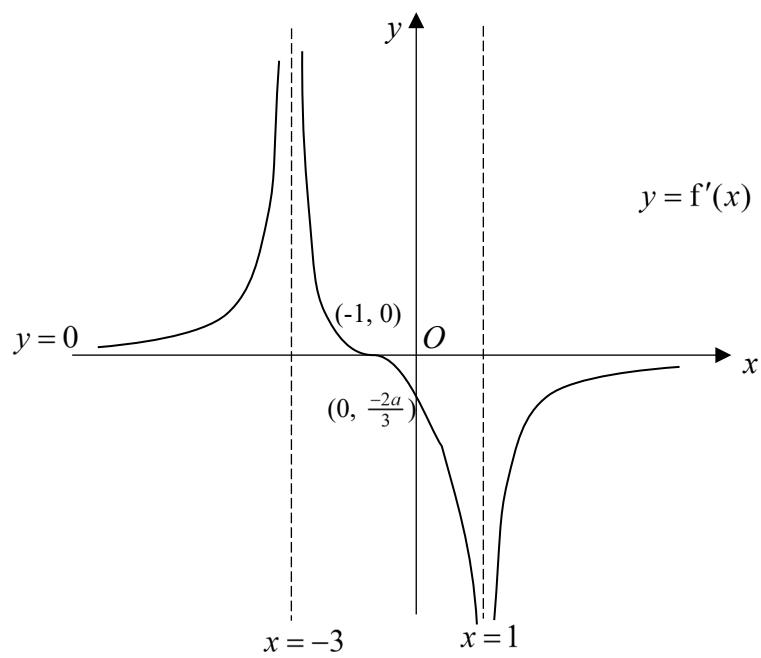
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11(a)	$f(x) = a + \frac{3a}{(x+3)(x-1)}$ $f'(x) = \frac{-3a[1(x-1)+1(x+3)]}{[(x+3)(x-1)]^2} = \frac{-3a[2x+2]}{[(x+3)(x-1)]^2}$ At stationary point, $f'(x) = 0$ $\frac{-6a[x+1]}{[(x+3)(x-1)]^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$	

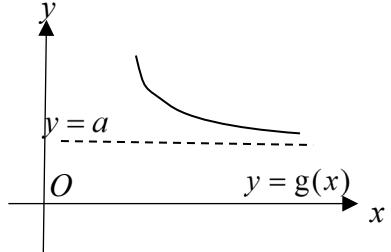
(b)



(c) $-3 < x < -1$

(d)



(e)	$D_g = [2, \infty)$ $x = 2, y = a + \frac{3a}{(2+3)(2-1)} = \frac{8}{5}a$ $R_g = (a, \frac{8}{5}a]$	
	<p>For $g g$ to exist, $R_g \subseteq D_g$. Hence, the condition on a is $a \geq 2$.</p>	
(f)		

$$[2, \infty) \rightarrow (a, \frac{8}{5}a] \rightarrow [g(\frac{8}{5}a), g(a))$$

For $a = 5$,

$$g(\frac{8}{5}a) = g(8) = 5 + \frac{3(5)}{(8+3)(8-1)} = 5\frac{15}{77} \quad (= \frac{400}{77})$$

$$g(a) = g(5) = 5 + \frac{3(5)}{(5+3)(5-1)} = 5\frac{15}{32} \quad (= \frac{175}{32})$$

$$\therefore R_{gg} = [5\frac{15}{77}, 5\frac{15}{32})$$