

## STEP I 2000 Q1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \log_{10} 5 &= \log_{10} \frac{10}{2} \\ &= \log_{10} 10 - \log_{10} 2 \\ &= 1 - 0.301 \\ &= 0.699 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{10} 6 &= \log_{10} (2 \times 3) \\ &= \log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 3 \\ &= 0.301 + 0.477 \\ &= 0.778 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now} \quad 5 \times 10^{47} < 3^{100} < 6 \times 10^{47}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log_{10} 5 + 47 < 100 \log_{10} 3 < \log_{10} 6 + 47 \quad (\text{because log is strictly increasing})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 47.699 < 47.771 < 47.778$$

which is true.

So the first digit of  $3^{100}$  is 5.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \text{Note } \log_{10} 2^{1000} &= 1000 \log_{10} 2 \\ &= 301.0299 \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$301 < 301.0299 < 301.301029996$$

$$10^{301} < 2^{1000} < 2 \times 10^{301}$$

So the first digit of  $2^{1000}$  is 1.

$$\log_{10} 2^{10,000} = 3010.29996$$

$$3010 < 3010.29996 < 3010.3010 \dots$$

$$10^{3010} < 2^{10,000} < 2 \times 10^{3010}$$

So the first digit of  $2^{10,000}$  is 1.

$$\log_{10} 2^{100,000} = 30,102.99996$$

$$\text{Note } \log_{10} 9 = 2 \log_{10} 3 \\ \approx 0.854$$

$$30102.854 < 30102.99996 < 30103$$

$$9 \times 10^{30102} < 2^{100,000} < 10^{30103}$$

So the first digit of  $2^{100,000}$  is 9.

STEP I 2000 Q2

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^5 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^5 (x^6 - 1)^5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^6 (x^2 - 1)^6 \\ &= \frac{1}{x^{16}} (x^6 - 1)^5 (x^2 - 1)^6 \end{aligned}$$

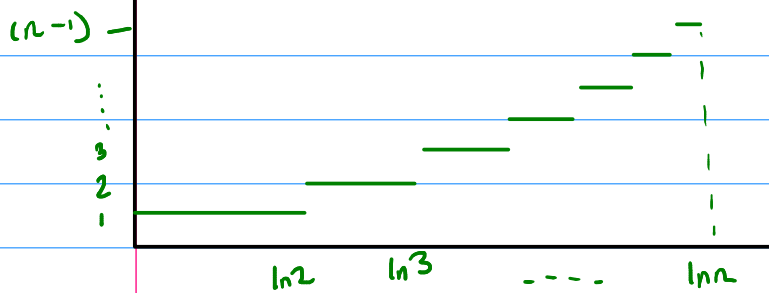
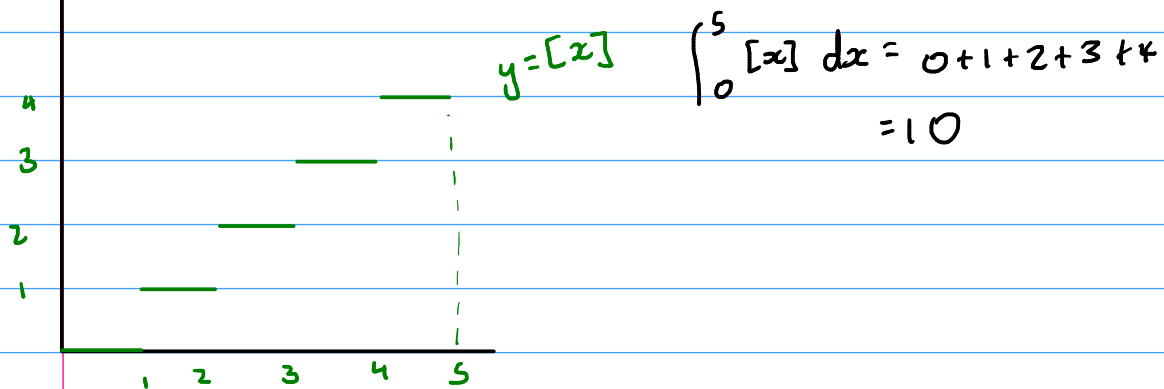
For the  $x^{-12}$  term, we need  $x^4$  from  $(x^6 - 1)^5 (x^2 - 1)^6$ , which can only come from the  $(-1)^5 (x^2)^2 (-1)^4$  term, which has coefficient  $\binom{5}{0} (-1)^5 \binom{6}{2} (-1)^4 = -15$ .

For the  $x^2$  term, we need the  $x^{18}$  term from  $(x^6 - 1)^5 (x^2 - 1)^6$ , which comes from the  $(x^6)^3$ ,  $(x^6)^2 (x^2)^3$ , and  $(x^6)(x^2)^6$  terms. Thus the coefficient (noting all of these are positive) is  $\binom{5}{3} \binom{6}{0} + \binom{5}{2} \binom{6}{3} + \binom{5}{1} \binom{6}{6} = 10 \times 1 + 10 \times 20 + 5 \times 1 = 215$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note } & (x^2 - 1)^6 (x^4 + x^2 + 1)^5 \\ &= (x^2 - 1)^6 (x^2 - 1)^5 \cdot (x^4 + x^2 + 1)^5 \\ &= (x^2 - 1)^6 (x^6 + x^4 + x^2 - x^4 - x^2 - 1)^5 \\ &= (x^2 - 1)^6 (x^6 - 1)^5 \end{aligned}$$

We previously worked out the coefficient of  $x^4$  in this expansion is  $-15$ . To get  $x^{38}$ , we must have the  $(x^2)^4 (x^6)^5$  term, with coefficient  $\binom{6}{4} \binom{5}{5} = 15$ .

STEP I 2000 Q3



$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\ln n} [e^x] dx &= \ln 2 + 2(\ln 3 - \ln 2) + 3(\ln 4 - \ln 3) + \dots + (n-1)(\ln n - \ln(n-1)) \\ &= -\ln 2 - \ln 3 - \ln 4 + \dots - \ln(n-1) - \ln n + n \ln n \\ &= -\ln(1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n) + n \ln n \\ &= n \ln n - \ln(n!) \end{aligned}$$

## STEP I 2000 Q4

(i) The largest value occurs either at a stationary point, or at  $x=0$  or  $x=1$ .

$$y = \frac{x^6}{(x^2+1)^4}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6x^5(x^2+1)^4 - 8x(x^2+1)^3(x^6)}{(x^2+1)^8}$$

$$= \frac{2x^5[3(x^2+1) - 4x^2]}{(x^2+1)^5}$$

$$= \frac{2x^5(3-x^2)}{(x^2+1)^5} = 0 \text{ at } x = \pm\sqrt{3} \notin [0, 1].$$

So the maximum occurs at an endpoint.

$$y(0) = 0 \quad y(1) = \frac{1}{16}. \text{ So the largest value is } \frac{1}{16}.$$

(ii)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{Ax^5 + Bx^3 + Cx}{(x^2+1)^3} \right) = \frac{(5Ax^4 + 3Bx^2 + C)(x^2+1)^3 - 6x(x^2+1)^2(Ax^5 + Bx^3 + Cx)}{(x^2+1)^6}$$

$$= \frac{(5Ax^4 + 3Bx^2 + C)(x^2+1) - 6x(Ax^5 + Bx^3 + Cx)}{(x^2+1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{5Ax^6 + 5Ax^4 + 3Bx^4 + 3Bx^2 + Cx^2 + C - 6Ax^6 - 6Bx^4 - 6Cx^2}{(x^2+1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{x^6(-A) + x^4(5A-3B) + x^2(3B-5C) + C}{(x^2+1)^4}$$

So

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{Ax^5 + Bx^3 + Cx}{(x^2+1)^3} \right) + \frac{Dx^6}{(x^2+1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^4} [(D-A)x^6 + (5A-3B)x^4 + (3B-5C)x^2 + C] \equiv \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow C=1$$

$$\Rightarrow B=5/3$$

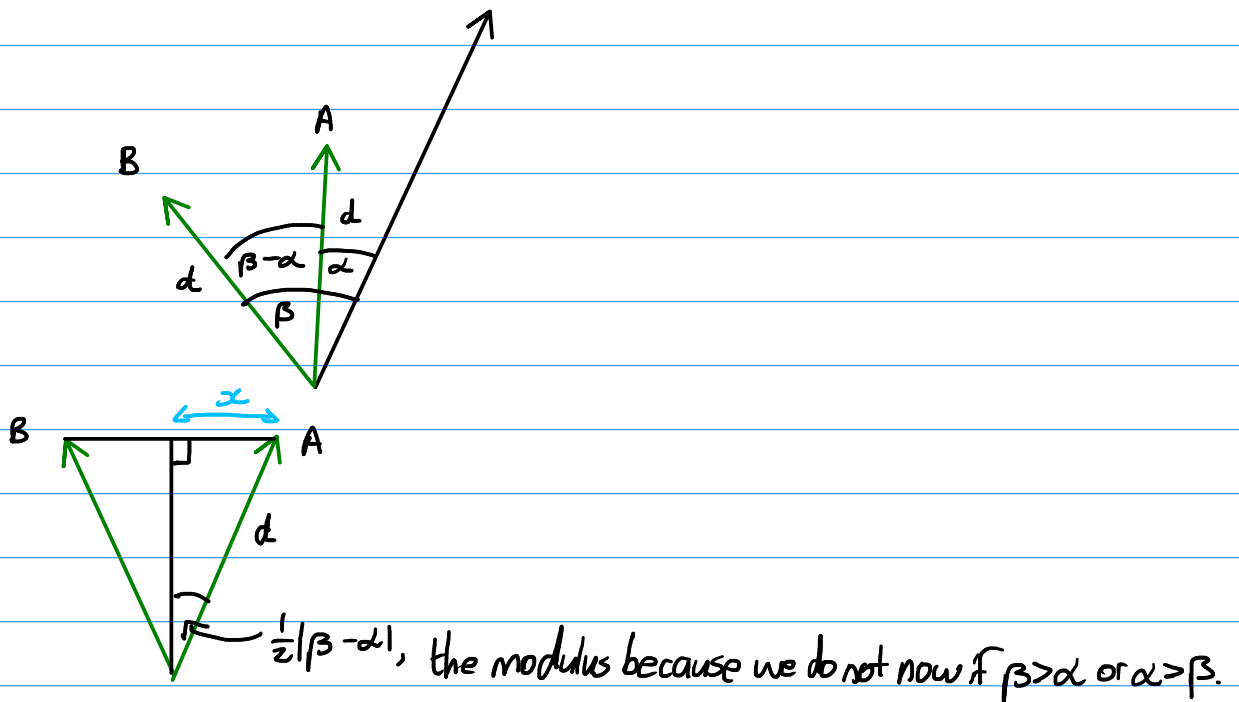
$$\Rightarrow A=1 \quad \Rightarrow D=1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^4} dx &= \left[ \frac{x^5 + \frac{5}{3}x^3 + x}{(x^2+1)^3} \right]_0^1 + \int_0^1 \frac{x^6}{(x^2+1)^4} dx \\
 &= \frac{11}{8} + \int_0^1 \frac{x^6}{(x^2+1)^4} dx \\
 &= \frac{11}{24} + \int_0^1 \frac{x^6}{(x^2+1)^4} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

And, because  $0 \leq \frac{x^6}{(x^2+1)^4} \leq \frac{1}{16}$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ , we have  $0 \leq \int_0^1 \frac{x^6}{(x^2+1)^4} dx \leq \frac{1}{16}$ , and so

$$\frac{11}{24} \leq \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^4} dx \leq \frac{11}{24} + \frac{1}{16}$$

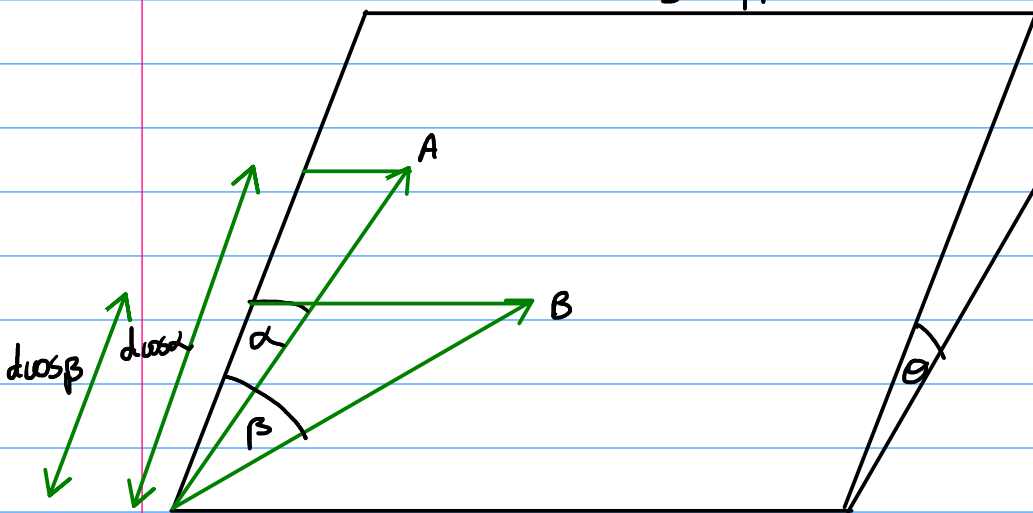
STEP I 2000 Q5



$$x = d \sin \frac{1}{2}|\beta - \alpha|, \text{ so } AB = 2d \sin \frac{1}{2}|\beta - \alpha|$$

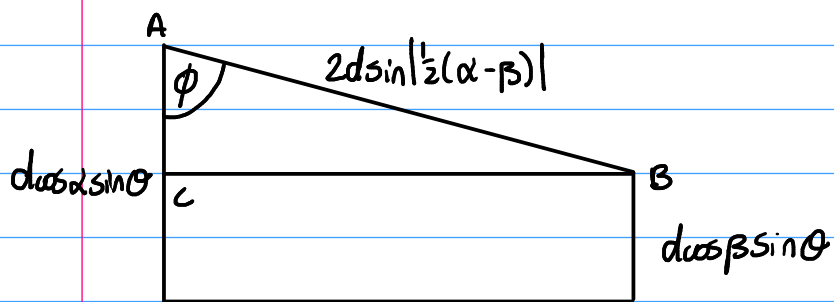
$$= 2d |\sin \frac{1}{2}(\beta - \alpha)|$$

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The height of A above the ground is  $d \cos \alpha \sin \theta$  and of B is  $d \cos \beta \sin \theta$ .

Viewed horizontally,



Considering triangle ABC, we have

$$\cos \phi = \frac{|d \cos \alpha \sin \theta - d \cos \beta \sin \theta|}{2d \sin \left| \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \right|}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \theta |\cos \alpha - \cos \beta|}{2 \left| \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \right|}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \theta |2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta) \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta)|}{2 \left| \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \right|}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \theta \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta) \left| \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \right|}{\left| \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta) \right|}$$

$$= \sin \theta \sin \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta), \text{ as required.}$$



## STEP I 2000 Q6

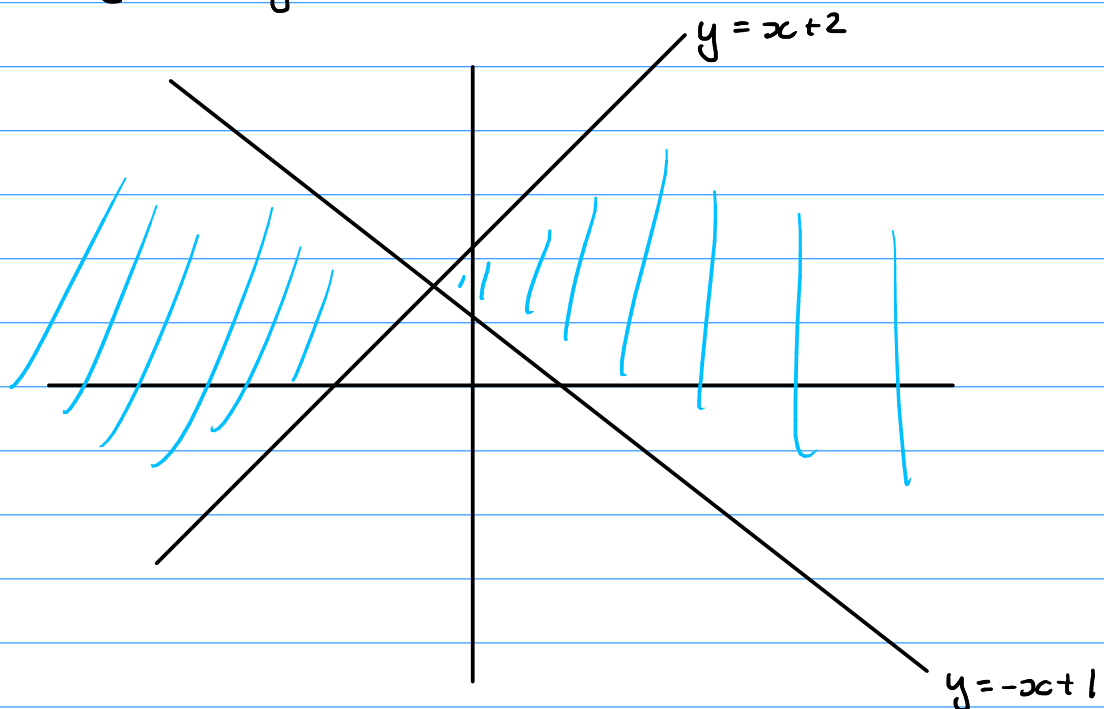
$$(x-y+2)(x+y-1)$$

$$= x^2 + \cancel{x}y - x - \cancel{y}y^2 + y + 2x + 2y - 1$$

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

$$\text{So } x^2 - y^2 + x + 3y > 2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-y+2)(x+y-1) > 0$$



The shaded area satisfies the inequality.

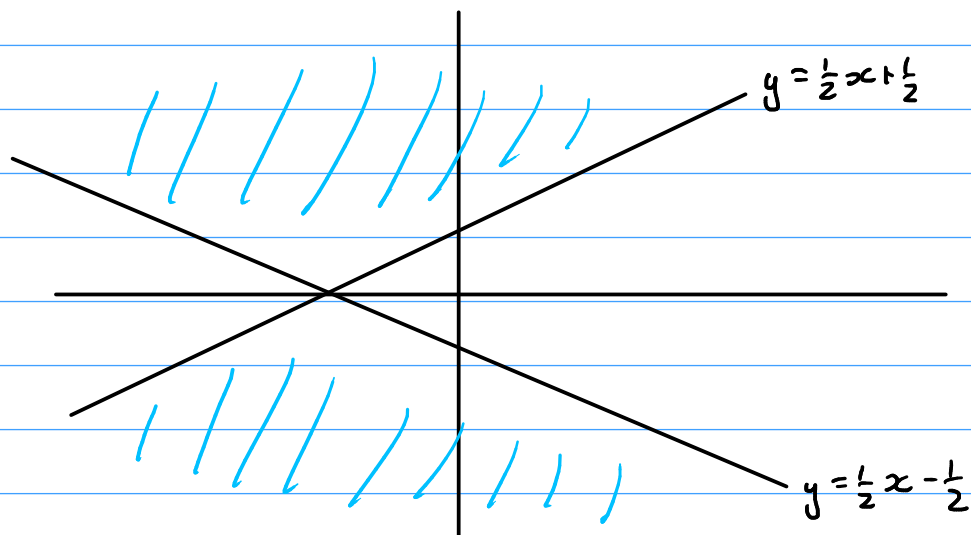
$$\text{Now consider } (x-2y+1)(x+2y+2)$$

$$= x^2 + 2xy + 2x - 2xy - 4y^2 - 4y + x + 2y + 2$$

$$= x^2 - 4y^2 + 3x - 2y + 2$$

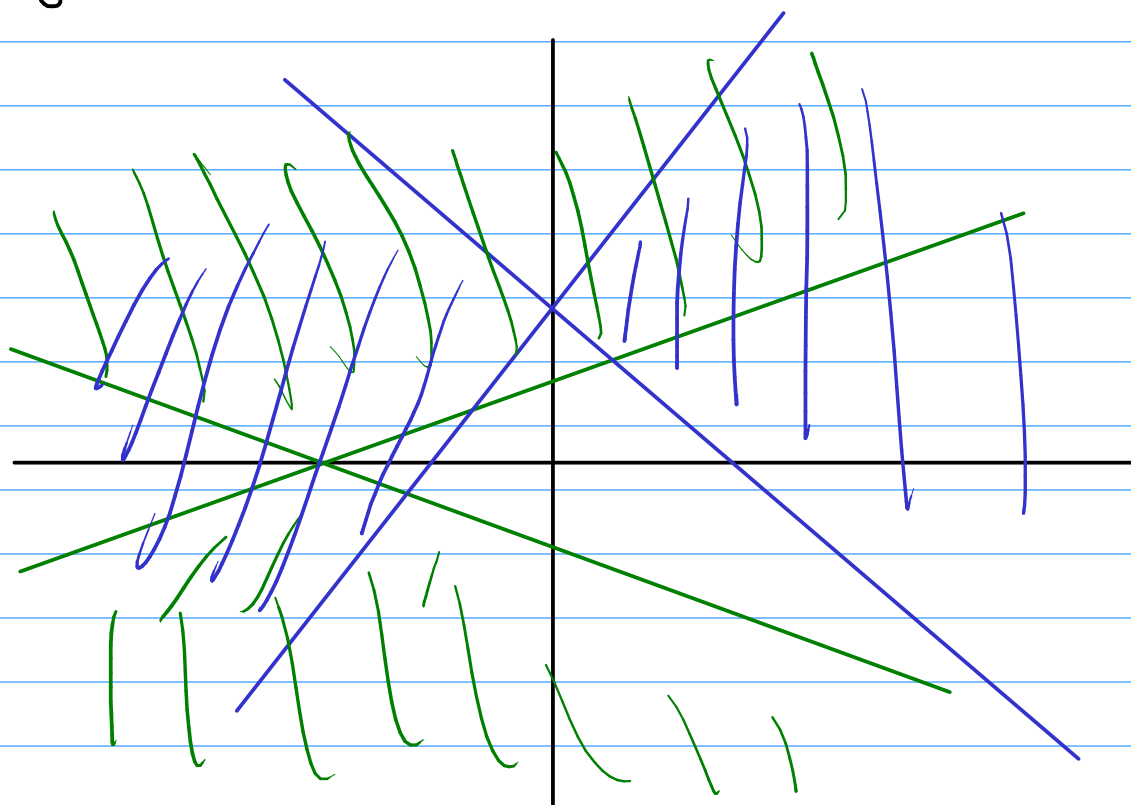
$$\text{So } x^2 - 4y^2 + 3x - 2y < -2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x-y+2)(x+y-1) < 0$$



The shaded area satisfies the inequality.

Putting both on the same axes,



Lots of points satisfy both inequalities, for example  $(2, 2)$ . Then

$$x^2 - y^2 + x + 3y = 8 > 2\sqrt{\quad}$$

$$x^2 - 4y^2 + 3x - 2y = -10 < -2\sqrt{\quad}$$

# STEP I 2000 Q7

$$f(x) = ax - \frac{x^3}{1+x^2}$$

$$f'(x) = a - \frac{3x^2(1+x^2) - 2x(x^3)}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$= a - \frac{3x^2 + 3x^4 - 2x^4}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$= a + \frac{-x^4 - 3x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

So,  $a \geq \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow f'(x) \geq 0$  is equivalent to showing  $\frac{-x^4 - 3x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} \geq -\frac{9}{8}$  for all  $x$ .

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \frac{-x^4 - 3x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$\text{Then } g'(x) = \frac{(-4x^3 - 6x)(1+x^2)^2 + 4x(x^4 + 3x^2)(1+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^4} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4x^5 + 12x^3(1+x^2) - (4x^3 + 6x)(1+x^2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(4x^4 + 12x^2 - 4x^2 - 4x^4 - 6 - 6x^2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(2x^2 - 6) = 0$$

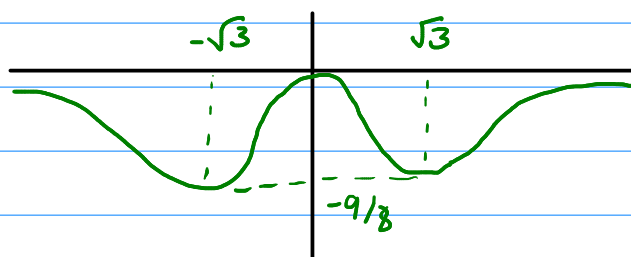
$$\Leftrightarrow x = 0, \sqrt{3}, \text{ or } -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{Now } g(0) = 0$$

$$g(\pm\sqrt{3}) = -\left(\frac{9+9}{16}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{9}{8}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} g(x) = 0$$



So  $g(x) \geq -\frac{9}{8}$  for all  $x$ , so we have proved the required result.

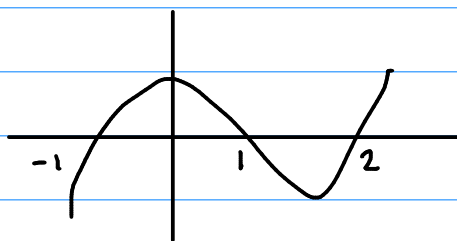
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$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-1}^1 |xe^{x^2}| dx &= \int_{-1}^0 |xe^{x^2}| dx + \int_0^1 |xe^{x^2}| dx \\ &= -\int_{-1}^0 xe^{x^2} dx + \int_0^1 xe^{x^2} dx\end{aligned}$$

Note  $\int xe^{x^2} dx = xe^{x^2} - e^{x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}&= -[xe^{x^2} - e^{x^2}]_{-1}^0 + [xe^{x^2} - e^{x^2}]_0^1 \\ &= -(-1 + 2e^{-1}) + (1) \\ &= 2 - 2e^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

If  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$ , then  $f(1) = f(2) = f(-1) = 0$ , so  $f(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(x+1)$ .



$$\begin{aligned}&\int_0^4 |x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2| dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 dx - \int_1^2 x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 dx + \int_2^4 x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2 dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x \right]_0^1 - \left[ \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x \right]_1^2 + \left[ \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x \right]_2^4 \\ &= \left( \frac{13}{12} - 0 \right) - \left( \frac{2}{3} - \frac{13}{12} \right) + \left( \frac{64}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= 133/6\end{aligned}$$

$$\sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2} \sin(x + \pi/4)$$

$$\text{So } \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x + \cos x| dx$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sqrt{2} \sin(x + \pi/4)| dx$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin(x + \pi/4)| dx$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x| dx \quad \text{because the interval has length } 2\pi$$

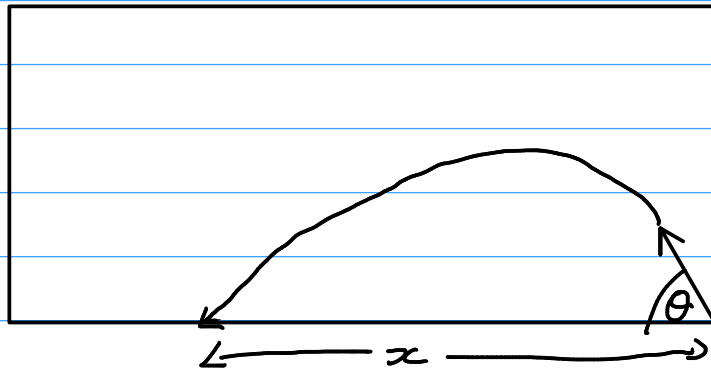
$$= 2\sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx \quad \text{by symmetry}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} [-\cos x]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= 4\sqrt{2}$$

# STEP I 2000 Q9

The shell (relative to the carriage) experiences a fictitious force horizontally of magnitude  $ma$ .



←		↑	
$s$	$x$	$s$	$0$
$u$	$v \cos \theta$	$u$	$v \sin \theta$
$v$	$x$	$v$	$x$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$-g$
$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$

$$x = vt \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$0 = vt \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} gt^2$$

$$t \neq 0 \Rightarrow v \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} gt$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{2v \sin \theta}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2v^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{g} + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot \frac{4v^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g^2}$$

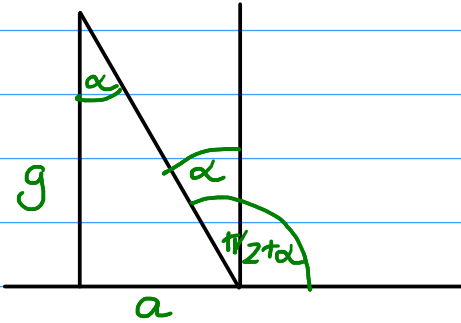
$$= \frac{v^2}{g} \sin 2\theta + \frac{av^2}{g^2} (1 - \cos 2\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{2v^2}{g} \cos 2\theta + \frac{2av^2}{g^2} \sin 2\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 2\theta + \frac{a}{g} \sin 2\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 2\theta = -g/a$$

If  $a \ll g$ , then  $\tan 2\theta \ll -1 \Rightarrow 2\theta = \pi/2 + \alpha$  where  $0 < \alpha \ll 1$ . So,



$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{a}{g}$  but  $0 < \alpha \ll 1$ , so  $\tan \alpha \approx \frac{a}{g}$  by the small angle approximations.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 2\theta &\approx \pi/2 + \frac{a}{g} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &\approx \pi/4 + \frac{a}{2g} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{v^2}{g} (\sin 2\theta + \frac{a}{g} (1 - \cos 2\theta))$$

$$= \frac{v^2}{g} (\sin \frac{\pi}{2} \cos \frac{a}{g} + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{a}{g} + \frac{a}{g} (1 - (\cos \frac{\pi}{2} \cos \frac{a}{g} - \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{a}{g})))$$

$$\approx \frac{v^2}{g} (1 - \frac{1}{2} (\frac{a}{g})^2 + 0 + \frac{a}{g} (1 - 0 + \frac{a}{g})) \quad (\text{small angle approximations})$$

$$= \frac{v^2}{g} (1 - \frac{a^2}{2g^2} + \frac{a}{g} + \frac{a^2}{g^2})$$

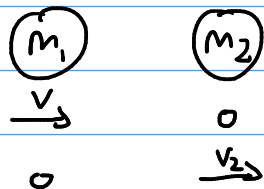
$$= \frac{v^2}{g} + \frac{v^2 a}{g^2} + \frac{v^2 a^2}{2g^2}$$

but  $0 < a \ll g$ , so  $\frac{v^2 a^2}{2g^2}$  is small compared to the other terms, so

$$\approx \frac{v^2}{g} + \frac{v^2 a}{g^2}, \text{ as required.}$$

## STEP I 2000 Q10

### First Collision



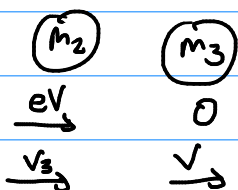
$$\text{COM: } m_1 v = m_2 v_2$$

$$e: e v = v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 v = e m_2 v$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 = e m_2$$

### Second Collision



$$\text{COM: } m_2 e v = m_2 v_3 + m_3 v \quad \Rightarrow v_3 = \frac{v(e m_2 - m_3)}{m_2} = \frac{v(m_1 - m_3)}{m_2} \quad (*)$$

$$e: e e' v = v - v_3 \Rightarrow v_3 = v(1 - e e')$$

$$\text{So } m_2 e v = m_2 v(1 - e e') + m_3 v$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 = m_2 - e' m_1 + m_3 \quad (\text{as } e m_2 = m_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow e' = \frac{m_2 + m_3 - m_1}{m_1}$$

Note we require  $0 \leq e' \leq 1$ , and so  $0 \leq m_2 + m_3 - m_1 \leq m_1$

$\Rightarrow m_1 \leq m_2 + m_3 \leq 2m_1$ , as required.

$$\text{Final energy} = \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_3^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_3 v^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( m_2 \cdot \frac{(m_1 - m_3)^2}{m_2^2} + m_3 \right) \quad (\text{by } (*))$$



$$= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( \frac{(m_1 - m_3)^2}{m_2} + m_3 \right)$$

And so maximising  $E \Leftrightarrow$  minimising  $m_2$  and vice versa.

$$\text{We have } m_1 \leq m_2 + m_3 \leq 2m_1$$

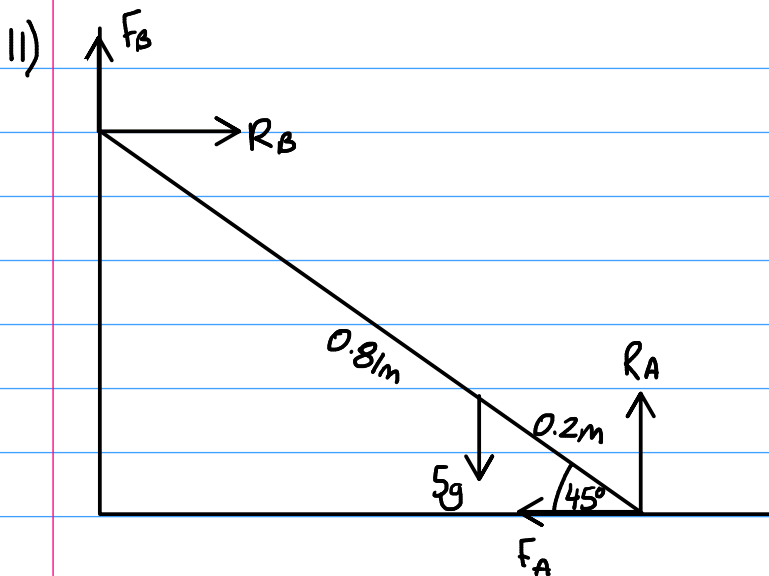
$$\Rightarrow m_1 - m_3 \leq m_2 \leq 2m_1 - m_3$$

$$\text{but also } 0 \leq e \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{m_1}{m_2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow m_2 \geq m_1.$$

$$\text{So, overall, } m_1 \leq m_2 \leq 2m_1 - m_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } E_{\min} &= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( m_3 + \frac{(m_1 - m_3)^2}{2m_1 - m_3} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( \frac{2m_1 m_3 - m_3^2 + m_1^2 - 2m_1 m_3 + m_3^2}{2m_1 - m_3} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( \frac{m_1^2}{2m_1 - m_3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\max} &= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( m_3 + \frac{(m_1 - m_3)^2}{m_1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( \frac{m_1 m_3 + m_1^2 - 2m_1 m_3 + m_3^2}{m_1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( \frac{m_1^2 - m_1 m_3 + m_3^2}{m_1} \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Resolving } \downarrow : R_A + F_B = 5g \quad (1)$$

$$\leftrightarrow : R_B = F_A \quad (2)$$

$$M(A) : 0.2 \times 5g = 0.81(F_B + R_B) \quad (3)$$

$$M(B) : 0.6 \times 5g + 0.81F_A = 0.81R_A \quad (4)$$

} note the  $\cos 45^\circ$  &  $\sin 45^\circ$  cancel out

Suppose friction is limiting at B, then  $R_B = F_B$

Then (2)  $\Rightarrow F_A = R_B = F_B$

$$\text{Then (3) gives } \frac{21}{20}g = \frac{81}{100}(2F_B)$$

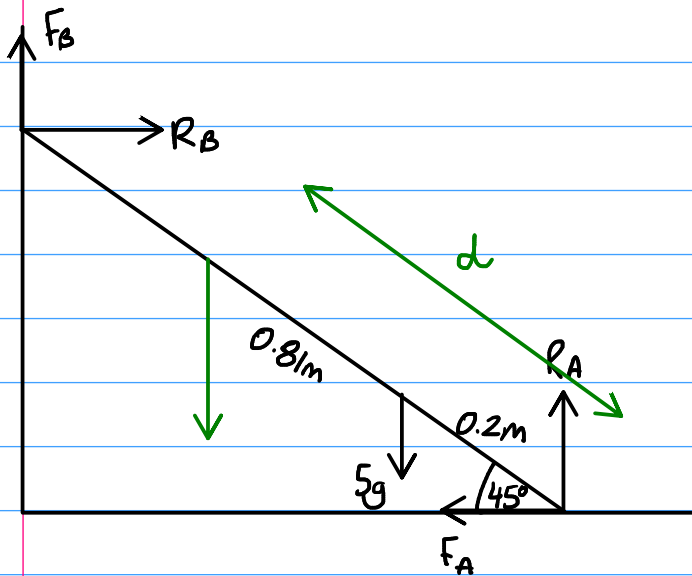
$$\Rightarrow F_B = \frac{35}{54}g$$

$$\text{Then (1) gives } R_A = 5g - F_B$$

$$= \frac{235}{54}g$$

$$\text{But if friction is limiting at A, then } \frac{35}{54}g = F_A = \frac{1}{5}R_A = \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{235}{54}g = \frac{47}{54}g \neq$$

So friction cannot be limiting at both A and B.



$$\text{Resolving } \downarrow : R_A + F_B = 10g \quad (1)$$

$$\leftrightarrow : R_B = F_A \quad (2)$$

$$M(A) : 0.21 \times 5g + d \times 5g = 0.81(F_B + R_B) \quad (3)$$

$$M(B) : 0.6 \times 5g + 0.81F_A + (0.81 - d) \times 5g = 0.81R_A \quad (4)$$

Since friction is limiting at A and B, we have  $R_B = F_B$  and  $R_A = 5 \times F_A$ . So (2) then gives

$$F_B = R_B = F_A$$

$$R_A = 5F_A$$

$$\text{Then (1) becomes } 6F_A = 10g \Rightarrow F_A = \frac{5}{3}g$$

$$\text{Then (3) becomes } 5g(d + 0.21) = 0.81 \times 2 \times \frac{5}{3}g$$

$$\Rightarrow d + 0.21 = 0.54$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \underline{\underline{0.33m}}$$

STEP I 2000 Q12

$$(i) P(\text{succeed on } n^{\text{th}} \text{ attempt}) = \underbrace{\frac{k-1}{k} \times \frac{k-2}{k-1} \times \dots \times \frac{k-(n-1)}{k-(n-2)}}_{n-1 \text{ failures}} \times \underbrace{\frac{1}{k-(n-1)}}_{\text{success}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k}$$

$$(ii) = \left(\frac{k-1}{k}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$

$$= \frac{(k-1)^{n-1}}{k^n}$$

$$(iii) = \frac{k-1}{k} \times \frac{k-2}{k-1} \times \frac{k-2}{k-1} \times \dots \times \frac{k-2}{k-1} \times \frac{1}{k-1}$$

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

$$= \left(\frac{k-2}{k-1}\right)^{n-2} \times \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{for } n > 1$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{k} \text{ for } n=1$$

STEP I 2000 Q13

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \binom{4}{2} \times \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{6}{256} \\ &= \frac{3}{128} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad P(F=AB|M=AB, C=AA) &= \frac{P(F=AB, M=AB, C=AA)}{P(M=AB, F=AA)} \\ &= \frac{P(F=AB, M=AB, C=AA)}{P(F=AB, M=AB, C=AA) + P(F=AA, M=AB, C=AA)} \\ &= \frac{0.18 \times 0.18 \times \frac{1}{4}}{0.18 \times 0.18 \times \frac{1}{4} + 0.81 \times 0.18 \times \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{0.09}{0.09 + 0.81} \\ &= \frac{9}{90} \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \end{aligned}$$

## STEP I 2000 Q14

$X \sim U[-1, 1]$ , so  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

$$EX^2 = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{1}{6} x^3 \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$EX^4 = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} x^4 dx = \left[ \frac{1}{10} x^5 \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{So } \text{Var} X^2 = \frac{1}{5} - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{45}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EZ^2 &= E(Y-X)^2 \\ &= E(Y^2 - 2XY + X^2) \\ &= EY^2 - 2EXEY + EX^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - 0 + \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EZ^4 &= E(Y-X)^4 \\ &= E(Y^4 - 4Y^3X + 6Y^2X^2 - 4YX^3 + X^4) \\ &= EY^4 - 4EY^3EX + 6EY^2EX^2 - 4EYEX^3 + EX^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} - 0 + 6 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} - 0 + \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \frac{16}{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \text{Var} Z^4 = \frac{16}{15} - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{28}{45} = 7 \times \frac{4}{45} = 7 \text{Var} X^2$$