

Question 1

(a) $\int x \ln x dx$.

Let $u = \ln x$, $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$ and $dv = x dx$, $v = \frac{x^2}{2}$.

$$\therefore I = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln x - \int \frac{x}{2} dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \ln x - \frac{x^2}{4} + C.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(b)} \int_0^3 x\sqrt{x+1} dx &= \int_0^3 (x+1-1)\sqrt{x+1} dx \\
&= \int_0^3 \sqrt{(x+1)^3} dx - \int_0^3 \sqrt{x+1} dx \\
&= \left[\frac{2\sqrt{(x+1)^5}}{5} - \frac{2\sqrt{(x+1)^3}}{3} \right]_0^3 \\
&= \left(\frac{2}{5} \times 32 - \frac{2}{3} \times 8 \right) - \left(\frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{116}{15}.
\end{aligned}$$

(c) $\frac{1}{x^2(x-1)} = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{-x-1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}$.

$$\therefore c=1, b=-1, a=-1.$$

$$\therefore \int \frac{1}{x^2(x-1)} dx = \ln(x-1) - \ln x + \frac{1}{x} + C.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(d)} \int \cos^3 \theta d\theta &= \int (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \cos \theta d\theta \\
&= \sin \theta - \frac{\sin^3 \theta}{3} + C.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(e)} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{5-2t+t^2} dt &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{(t-1)^2+4} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\tan^{-1} \frac{t-1}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2} (0 - \tan^{-1}(-1)) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{8}.
\end{aligned}$$

Question 2

(a) (i) $\bar{w} + z = 2 + 3i + 3 + 4i = 5 + 7i$

(ii) $|w| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{13}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iii)} \frac{w}{z} &= \frac{2-3i}{3+4i} = \frac{2-3i}{3+4i} \times \frac{3-4i}{3-4i} \\
&= \frac{6-12-9i-8i}{25} = \frac{-6-17i}{25}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) (i) $z = (\sqrt{3} + i) + (1 + i\sqrt{3}) = (1 + \sqrt{3}) + i(1 + \sqrt{3})$

(ii) Let $A = \sqrt{3} + i$, $B = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$,

$$\angle BOA = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$

$$\therefore \theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ (cointerior angles on parallel lines)}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

(c) $z^3 = 8 = 8 \text{cis}(2k\pi)$.

$$\therefore z = 2 \text{cis} \frac{2k\pi}{3}, k = 0, \pm 1$$

$$= 2 \text{cis} 0, 2 \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{3}, 2 \text{cis} \left(-\frac{2\pi}{3} \right).$$

(d) (i) $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 = c^3 + 3c^2(is) + 3c(is)^2 + (is)^3$,
where $c = \cos \theta$, $s = \sin \theta$,

$$= \cos^3 \theta + i3\cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - 3\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta - i \sin^3 \theta$$

(ii) $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 = \cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta$.

$$\therefore \cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta, \text{ equating the real parts}$$

$$= \cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta(1 - \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$= 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta.$$

$$\therefore 4\cos^3 \theta = \cos 3\theta + 3\cos \theta.$$

$$\therefore \cos^3 \theta = \frac{1}{4} \cos 3\theta + \frac{3}{4} \cos \theta.$$

(iii) $4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta = \cos 3\theta = 1$.

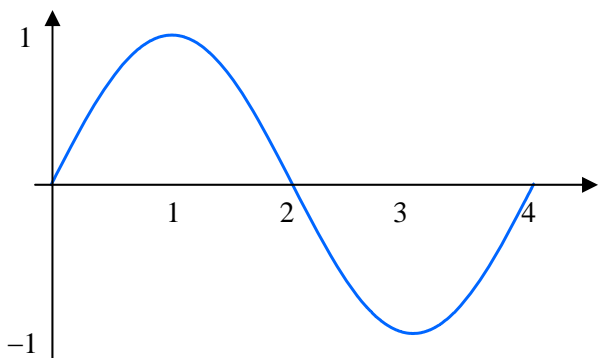
$$\therefore 3\theta = 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{2k\pi}{3}.$$

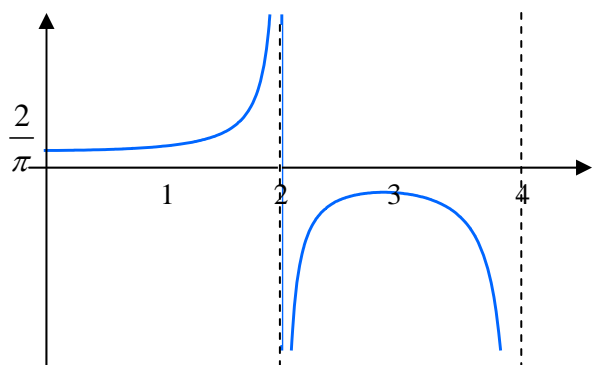
$$\therefore \text{The smallest positive solution is } \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

Question 3

(a) (i) Amplitude = 1, Period = 4



$$(ii) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin \frac{\pi x}{2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\pi x}{2}}{\sin \frac{\pi x}{2}} \times \frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi}.$$



(b) Cross-section has base $2y$, height $\sqrt{1-y^2}$

$$\therefore A = \frac{1}{2} \times 2y \times \sqrt{1-y^2} = y\sqrt{1-y^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial V &= y\sqrt{1-y^2} \times \partial x = \cos x \sqrt{1-\cos^2 x} \partial x \\ &= \cos x \sin x \partial x. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore V = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x \sin x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin^2 x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} u^3.$$

(c) Let $n = 1$, LHS = 2, RHS = $2 \times 1^2 = 2$.

\therefore True for $n = 1$.

Assume $(2n)! \geq 2^n (n!)^2$,

RTP $(2(n+1))! \geq 2^{n+1} ((n+1)!)^2$.

$$\text{LHS} = (2n)!(2n+1)(2n+2) \geq 2^n (n!)^2 (2n+1)(2n+2)$$

$$> 2^n (n!)^2 (n+1)2(n+1), \text{ since } 2n+1 > n+1,$$

$$\geq 2^{n+1} (n!)^2 (n+1)^2$$

$$= 2^{n+1} ((n+1)!)^2.$$

\therefore True for $n + 1$.

\therefore True for all $n \geq 1$ by the principle of Induction.

(d) (i) $9 = 16(e^2 - 1)$, using $b^2 = a^2(e^2 - 1)$

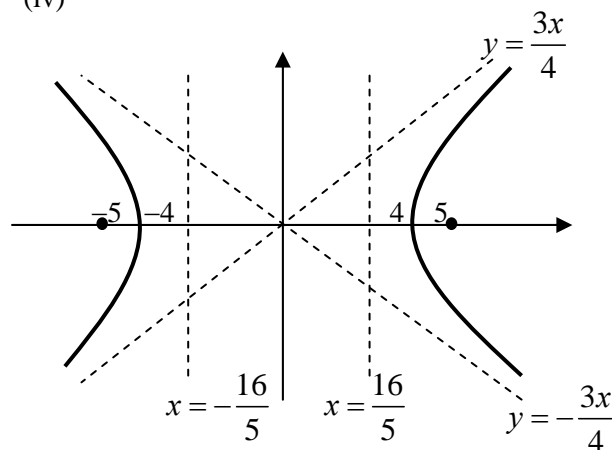
$$\therefore e^2 = \frac{9}{16} + 1 = \frac{25}{16}.$$

$$\therefore e = \frac{5}{4}.$$

(ii) Foci $(\pm 5, 0)$

(iii) Asymptotes $y = \pm \frac{3x}{4}$.

(iv)



(v) $e^2 = 1 + \frac{b^2}{a^2}$, \therefore when $e \rightarrow \infty$, either $a \rightarrow 0$

or $b \rightarrow \infty$: the hyperbola flats out and becomes the y -axis or parallel to the y -axis.

Question 4

(a) (i) $|z - a|^2 - |z - b|^2 = 1$

$$(x - a)^2 + y^2 - ((x - b)^2 + y^2) = 1$$

$$x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + y^2 - (x^2 - 2bx + b^2 + y^2) = 1$$

$$2(b - a)x + a^2 - b^2 = 1$$

$$2(b - a)x = 1 - a^2 + b^2.$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2(b - a)} + \frac{a + b}{2}.$$

(ii) The locus of z is the vertical line of equation

$$x = \frac{1}{2(b - a)} + \frac{a + b}{2}.$$

(b) (i) $\angle ADG = \angle ABC$ (in a cyclic quad, the interior angle = the opposite exterior angle) $\angle AFG = \pi - \angle ABC$ (cointerior angles on parallel lines)

$$\therefore \angle ADG = \pi - \angle AFG.$$

 $\therefore AFGD$ is a cyclic quad (opposite angles are supplementary)

(ii) alternate angles on parallel lines

(iii) $\angle GAD = \angle GFD$ (angles subtending same arc)

$$\therefore \angle GAD = \angle AED \text{ (because both } = \angle GFD)$$

 $\therefore GA$ is tangent to the circle $ABCD$ (angle between a tangent and a chord = angle in alternate segment)(c) (i) Let $y = Af + Bg$, where f and g satisfy the given differential equation,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = A \frac{df}{dt} + B \frac{dg}{dt}.$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = A \frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + B \frac{d^2g}{dt^2}.$$

Substituting to $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y$ gives

$$A \frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + B \frac{d^2g}{dt^2} + 3A \frac{df}{dt} + 3B \frac{dg}{dt} + 2Af + 2Bg$$

$$= A \left(\frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{df}{dt} + 2f \right) + B \left(\frac{d^2g}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dg}{dt} + 2g \right)$$

$$= A \times 0 + B \times 0 = 0.$$

 $\therefore y = Af + Bg$ is also a solution.(ii) If $y = e^{kt}$ is a solution,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = ke^{kt}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = k^2e^{kt},$$

$$\therefore k^2e^{kt} + 3ke^{kt} + 2e^{kt} = 0.$$

$$e^{kt}(k^2 + 3k + 2) = 0.$$

$$k^2 + 3k + 2 = 0, \text{ since } e^{kt} \neq 0.$$

$$(k + 2)(k + 1) = 0.$$

$$\therefore k = -2, -1.$$

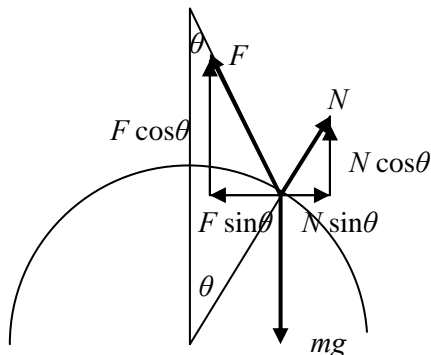
(iii) $y = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-t}, \frac{dy}{dx} = -2Ae^{-2t} - Be^{-t}.$

When $t = 0, y = 0, \therefore 0 = A + B.$ When $t = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 1, \therefore 1 = -2A - B.$ Adding the two equations, $1 = -A.$

$$\therefore A = -1, B = 1.$$

Question 5

- (a) (i) Resolving the forces,
 horizontally, $\sum \text{force} = F \sin \theta - N \sin \theta = \text{centripetal force } mr\omega^2$.
 vertically, $\sum \text{force} = F \cos \theta + N \cos \theta - mg = 0$, as there is no vertical motion.



$$(ii) (F - N) \sin \theta = mr\omega^2, \therefore F - N = \frac{mr\omega^2}{\sin \theta} \quad (1)$$

$$(F + N) \cos \theta = mg, \therefore F + N = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} \quad (2)$$

$$(2) - (1) \text{ gives } 2N = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} - \frac{mr\omega^2}{\sin \theta}.$$

$$\therefore N = \frac{1}{2} mg \sec \theta - \frac{1}{2} mr\omega^2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta.$$

- (iii) The bead remains in contact with the sphere when $N \geq 0$.

$$g \sec \theta - r\omega^2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta \geq 0.$$

$$\omega^2 \leq \frac{g \sec \theta}{r \operatorname{cosec} \theta} = \frac{g}{r} \tan \theta.$$

$$\text{But } \tan \theta = \frac{r}{h}, \therefore \omega^2 \leq \frac{g}{h}, \therefore \omega \leq \sqrt{\frac{g}{h}}.$$

$$(b) \frac{p}{1+p} + \frac{q}{1+q} - \frac{r}{1+r} = \frac{2pq + p + q}{1+p+q+pq} - \frac{r}{1+r}$$

$$= \frac{2pq + 2pqr + p + rp + q + rq - r - rp - rq - pqr}{(1+p)(1+q)(1+r)}$$

$$= \frac{2pq + pqr + p + q - r}{(1+p)(1+q)(1+r)}$$

$$\geq \frac{2pq + pqr}{(1+p)(1+q)(1+r)}, \text{ since } p + q \geq r$$

$$\geq 0.$$

- (c) (i) The reflection property of the ellipse:

When a light source is placed at a focus, the light ray from a focus, when hitting an elliptical mirror, will reflect through the other focus.

When light reflects at P , it reflects as if it moves from a light source at R , so that the distance travelled from S to P is the same as the distance travelled from R to P .

$$\therefore PS = PR.$$

$$\therefore \triangle PQS \equiv \triangle PQR \text{ (RHS).}$$

(Alternatively, let QPN be the tangent, $\angle RPQ = \angle S'PN$ (vertically opposite angles)

$$\angle S'PN = \angle SPQ \text{ (reflection angles)}$$

$$\therefore \angle RPQ = \angle SPQ.$$

$$\therefore \triangle PRQ \equiv \triangle PQS \text{ (AAS)}$$

$\therefore SQ = RQ$ (corresponding sides in congruent triangles).

(ii) $SP + S'P = 2a$, by definition of the ellipse.

But $SP = PR$, $\therefore S'P + PR = S'R = 2a$.

(iii) O is the midpoint of $S'S$ and Q is the midpoint of

RS , $\therefore OQ = \frac{1}{2} S'S$ (the join of the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to and equals half the third side).

$$\therefore OQ = a.$$

As O is fixed, the locus of Q is a circle of

$$\text{centre } O, \text{ radius } a, \therefore Q \in x^2 + y^2 = a^2.$$

Question 6

(a) (i) Terminal velocity occurs when acceleration = 0

$$\therefore mg = kv^2.$$

$$\therefore v_T = \sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}}.$$

$$(ii) m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv^2.$$

$$\therefore m \int \frac{dv}{mg - kv^2} = \int dt.$$

$$\therefore t = m \int \frac{dv}{(\sqrt{mg} - \sqrt{kv})(\sqrt{mg} + \sqrt{kv})}$$

$$= m \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{mg}} \int \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{mg} - \sqrt{kv}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{mg} + \sqrt{kv}} \right) dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{m}{g}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{mg} + \sqrt{kv}}{\sqrt{mg} - \sqrt{kv}} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2g} \sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{mg} + \sqrt{kv}}{\sqrt{mg} - \sqrt{kv}} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2g} \sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}} + v}{\sqrt{\frac{mg}{k}} - v} + C$$

$$= \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{v_T + v}{v_T - v} + C$$

When $t = 0, v = v_0, \therefore C = -\frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{v_T + v_0}{v_T - v_0}.$

$$\therefore t = \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{(v_T + v)(v_T - v_0)}{(v_T - v)(v_T + v_0)}.$$

(iii) For Jac, $v_0 = \frac{1}{3}v_T, \therefore$ when his speed = $\frac{2}{3}v_T,$

$$\text{the time taken is } \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{\left(v_T + \frac{2}{3}v_T\right)\left(v_T - \frac{1}{3}v_T\right)}{\left(v_T - \frac{2}{3}v_T\right)\left(v_T + \frac{1}{3}v_T\right)}$$

$$= \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{\frac{5}{3} \times \frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{4}{3}} = \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{5}{2}.$$

For Gil, $v_0 = 3v_T, \therefore$ when her speed = $\frac{3}{2}v_T,$

$$\text{the time taken is } \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{\left(v_T + \frac{3}{2}v_T\right)\left(v_T - 3v_T\right)}{\left(v_T - \frac{3}{2}v_T\right)\left(v_T + 3v_T\right)}$$

$$= \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{\frac{5}{2} \times -2}{-\frac{1}{2} \times 4} = \frac{v_T}{2g} \ln \frac{5}{2}.$$

\therefore The time taken for Jac's speed to double is equal to the time taken for Gil's speed to halve.

$$(b) (i) y = (f(x))^3, y' = 3(f(x))^2 f'(x).$$

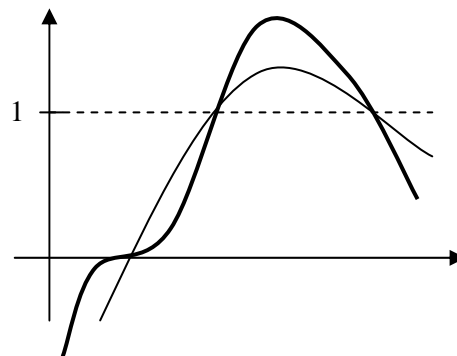
$$\therefore \text{If } f(a) = 0 \text{ or } f'(a) = 0, y' = 0.$$

\therefore Stationary point at $x = a$ if $f(a) = 0$ or $f'(a) = 0.$

(ii) If $f(a) = 0$ and $f'(a) \neq 0,$ then $y = 0, \therefore$ the stationary point occurs on the x -axis, \therefore this is the triple root.

\therefore It has a horizontal point of inflexion at $x = a$ if $f(a) = 0$ and $f'(a) \neq 0.$

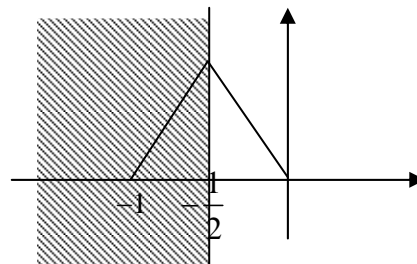
(iii)



$$(c) \left|1 + \frac{1}{z}\right| = \left|\frac{z+1}{z}\right| = \frac{|z+1|}{|z|}.$$

$$\therefore \left|1 + \frac{1}{z}\right| \leq 1 \text{ is equivalent to } |z+1| \leq |z|.$$

\therefore The locus of z is the region in the left of the perpendicular bisector of the join of 0 and -1.



Question 7

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) } \partial V &= 2\pi Rh \partial x = 2\pi(1-x)y \partial x \\
 &= 2\pi \frac{(1-x)x}{1+x^2} \partial x = 2\pi \frac{x-x^2}{1+x^2} \partial x \\
 &= 2\pi \left(-1 + \frac{x+1}{1+x^2} \right) \partial x \\
 \therefore V &= 2\pi \int_0^1 \left(-1 + \frac{x+1}{1+x^2} \right) dx \\
 &= 2\pi \left[-x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) + \tan^{-1} x \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 2\pi \left(-1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) u^3.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b) (i) Let } u = 4 - x, du = -dx.$$

When $x = 1, u = 3$; when $x = 3, u = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_1^3 \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}x\right)}{x(4-x)} dx &= \int_3^1 \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}(4-u)\right)}{u(4-u)} (-du) \\
 &= \int_1^3 \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8}u\right)}{u(4-u)} du = \int_1^3 \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}u\right)}{u(4-u)} du
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii) } \therefore I = \int_1^3 \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}x\right)}{x(4-x)} dx = \int_1^3 \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}x\right)}{x(4-x)} dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore I &= \frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 \frac{\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}x\right) + \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}x\right)}{x(4-x)} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x(4-x)} dx = \frac{1}{8} \int_1^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{4-x} \right) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{8} \left[\ln \frac{x}{4-x} \right]_1^3 = \frac{1}{8} \ln \frac{3}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{8} \ln 9.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c) (i) } \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{(mx+c)^2}{b^2} = 1.$$

$$(b^2 + a^2m^2)x^2 + 2a^2mcx + (a^2c^2 - a^2b^2) = 0.$$

The line is a tangent, $\therefore \Delta = 0$.

$$4a^4m^2c^2 - 4(b^2 + a^2m^2)(a^2c^2 - a^2b^2) = 0.$$

$$a^2m^2c^2 - (b^2 + a^2m^2)(c^2 - b^2) = 0$$

$$a^2m^2c^2 - b^2c^2 + b^4 - a^2m^2c^2 + a^2m^2b^2 = 0$$

$$-c^2 + b^2 + a^2m^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore b^2 + a^2m^2 = c^2.$$

$$\text{(ii) The equation of } \ell \text{ is } mx - y + c = 0,$$

$$\therefore QS = \left| \frac{mae - 0 + c}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \right| = \left| \frac{mae + c}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii) } QS \times Q'S' &= \left| \frac{mae + c}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \right| \left| \frac{mae - c}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{m^2a^2e^2 - c^2}{m^2 + 1} \right| = \left| \frac{m^2a^2e^2 - (b^2 + a^2m^2)}{m^2 + 1} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{m^2a^2(e^2 - 1) - b^2}{m^2 + 1} \right| = \left| \frac{-m^2b^2 - b^2}{m^2 + 1} \right| \\
 &= b^2 \left| \frac{m^2 + 1}{m^2 + 1} \right| = b^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 8

(a) $I_m = \int_0^1 x^m (x^2 - 1)^5 dx$

Let $u = x^{m-1}, du = (m-1)x^{m-2}$

and $dv = x(x^2 - 1)^5 dx, v = \frac{(x^2 - 1)^6}{12}$.

$$\therefore I_m = \left[x^{m-1} \frac{(x^2 - 1)^6}{12} \right]_0^1 - \frac{m-1}{12} \int_0^1 x^{m-2} (x^2 - 1)^6 dx$$

$$= -\frac{m-1}{12} \int_0^1 x^{m-2} (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 1)^5 dx$$

$$= -\frac{m-1}{12} \int_0^1 (x^m - x^{m-2})(x^2 - 1)^5 dx$$

$$= -\frac{m-1}{12} (I_m - I_{m-2})$$

$$\therefore (12 + m - 1)I_m = (m - 1)I_{m-2}$$

$$\therefore I_m = \frac{m-1}{m+11} I_{m-2}$$

(b) (i) $\frac{7}{7} \times \frac{6}{7} \times \dots \times \frac{1}{7} = \frac{7!}{7^7}$.

(ii) $1 - \text{Pr}(\text{all balls are selected}) = 1 - \frac{7!}{7^7}$.

(iii) Choosing a ball not to be selected in 7C_1 ways, choosing a ball to repeat in 6C_1 ways, arranging the 7 balls, of which 2 are the same in $\frac{7!}{2!}$ ways, and each ball has $\frac{1}{7}$ chance of being selected, $\therefore \text{Pr}(\text{exactly one ball is not selected})$

$$= {}^7C_1 \times {}^6C_1 \times \frac{7!}{2!} \times \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^7$$

(c) (i) Since β is a root,

$$\beta^n + a_{n-1}\beta^{n-1} + \dots + a_1\beta + a_0 = 0.$$

$$\therefore \beta^n = -a_{n-1}\beta^{n-1} - \dots - a_1\beta - a_0.$$

$$\therefore |\beta^n| = |a_{n-1}\beta^{n-1} + \dots + a_1\beta + a_0|$$

$\leq |a_{n-1}\beta^{n-1}| + \dots + |a_1\beta| + |a_0|$, since the modulus of the sum of n complex numbers is always less than the sum of the moduli of these n complex numbers (triangular inequality is a special case of 2 numbers)

$\leq M(|\beta^{n-1}| + \dots + |\beta| + 1)$, since a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0 all are less than or equal M .

(ii) Inside the brackets is a GP, its sum =

$$\frac{|\beta|^n - 1}{|\beta| - 1}$$

$$|\beta|^n \leq M \left(\frac{|\beta|^n - 1}{|\beta| - 1} \right) = M \left| \frac{|\beta|^n - 1}{|\beta| - 1} \right|, \text{noting that}$$

$$|\beta^{n-1}| + \dots + |\beta| + 1 > 0 \text{ always.}$$

$$1 \leq M \left| \frac{1 - \frac{1}{|\beta|^n}}{|\beta| - 1} \right|, \text{ on dividing by } |\beta|^n$$

$$1 < M \left| \frac{1}{|\beta| - 1} \right|.$$

$$\therefore |\beta| - 1 < M, \text{ or } |\beta| < 1 + M.$$

(d) Let β be the root of the equation $S(z)$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n c_k z^k, \text{ where } z = x + \frac{1}{x}, \therefore \beta \text{ is also the root}$$

$$\text{of } \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{c_k}{c_n} z^k \text{ (so that the coefficient of } z^n \text{ is 1)}$$

From part (c), $|\beta| < 1 + M$, where M is the maximum of $\left| \frac{c_k}{c_n} \right|$, but $|c_k| \leq |c_n|, \therefore M \leq 1$.

$$\therefore |\beta| < 2, \therefore \left| x + \frac{1}{x} \right| < 2.$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 < 0.$$

$$(x-1)^2 < 0.$$

$\therefore x$ is not real.