

Algebra – Outcome 1**2001**

1.

A5. (a) Obtain partial fractions for  $\frac{x}{x^2-1}, x > 1$ . (2)A6. Expand  $\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4, x \neq 0$  and simplify as far as possible. (5)**2002**A8. Express  $\frac{x^2}{(x+1)^2}$  in the form  $A + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}, (x \neq -1)$ , stating the values of the constants  $A, B$  and  $C$ . (3)**2004**2. Obtain the binomial expansion of  $(a^2 - 3)^4$ . (3)5. Express  $\frac{1}{x^2 - x - 6}$  in partial fractions. (2)**2005**13. Express  $\frac{1}{x^3 + x}$  in partial fractions. (4)**2007**1. Express the binomial expansion of  $\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4$  in the form  $ax^4 + bx^2 + c + \frac{d}{x^2} + \frac{e}{x^4}$  for integers  $a, b, c, d$  and  $e$ . (4)4. Express  $\frac{2x^2 - 9x - 6}{x(x^2 - x - 6)}$  in partial fractions. (3)**2008**4. Express  $\frac{12x^2 + 20}{x(x^2 + 5)}$  in partial fractions. (3)8. Write down and simplify the general term in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{10}$ . (3)  
Hence, or otherwise, obtain the term in  $x^{14}$ . (2)**2009**8. (a) Write down the binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^5$ . (1)  
(b) Hence show that  $(0.9)^5$  is 0.59049. (2)14. Express  $\frac{x^2 + 6x - 4}{(x+2)^2(x-4)}$  in partial fractions. (4)**2011**Express  $\frac{13-x}{x^2 + 4x - 5}$  in partial fractions (2)Use the binomial theorem to expand  $\left(\frac{1}{2}x - 3\right)^4$  and simplify your answer. (3)

## Answers

**2001**

$$\frac{x}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)} + \frac{1}{2(x-1)} \qquad x^8 - 8x^5 + 24x^2 - \frac{32}{x} + \frac{16}{x^4}$$

**2002**

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

**2004**

$$a^8 - 12a^6 + 54a^4 - 108a^2 + 81 \qquad \frac{1}{x^2 - x - 6} = \frac{1}{5(x-3)} - \frac{1}{5(x+2)}$$

**2005**

$$\frac{1}{x^3+x} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{x^2+1}$$

**2007**

$$x^4 - 8x^2 + 24 - \frac{32}{x^2} + \frac{16}{x^4} \qquad \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x+2} - \frac{1}{x-3}$$

**2008**

$$\frac{4}{x} + \frac{8x}{x^2+5} \qquad \binom{10}{r} x^{20-3r} \qquad 45x^{14}$$

**2009**

$$1 + 5x + 10x^2 + 10x^3 + 5x^4 + x^5 \qquad \frac{2}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{1}{x-4}$$
$$1 - 0.5 + 0.1 - 0.01 + 0.0005 - 0.00001 = 0.59049$$

**2011**

$$\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{3}{x+5}$$

$$\frac{1}{16}x^4 - \frac{3}{2}x^3 + \frac{27}{2}x^2 - 54x + 81$$

**2001**

A2. Differentiate with respect to  $x$

(a)  $f(x) = (2+x)\tan^{-1}\sqrt{x-1}, x > 1$       (b)  $g(x) = e^{\cot 2x}, 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .



(4) (2)

**2002**

A4. (a) Given that  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}e^{-x}, x \geq 0$ , obtain and simplify  $f'(x)$ .

(4)

**2003**

A1. Given  $f(x) = x(1+x)^{10}$ , obtain  $f'(x)$  and simplify your answer.

3 marks

**2004**

1. a) Given  $f(x) = \cos^2 x e^{\tan x}, -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , obtain  $f'(x)$  and evaluate  $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ .

3, 1 marks

b) Differentiate  $g(x) = \frac{\tan^{-1} 2x}{1+4x^2}$ .

3 marks

**2005**

1. a) Given  $f(x) = x^3 \tan 2x$ , where  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$ , obtain  $f'(x)$ .

3 marks

b) For  $y = \frac{1+x^2}{1+x}$ , where  $x \neq -1$ , determine  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in simplified form.

3 marks

15. a) Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{\sin x}$ , where  $0 < x < \pi$ , obtain  $f'(x)$ .

1 mark

b) If, in general,  $f(x) = \sqrt{g(x)}$ , where  $g(x) > 0$ , show that  $f'(x) = \frac{g'(x)}{k\sqrt{g(x)}}$ , stating the value of  $k$ .

2 marks

**2006**

2. Differentiate, simplifying your answers:

a)  $2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{1+x}$ , where  $x > -1$ ;

b)  $\frac{1+\ln x}{3x}$ , where  $x > 0$ .

3 marks

3 marks

**2007**

2. Obtain the derivative of each of the following functions:

(a)  $f(x) = \exp(\sin 2x)$ ;

3 marks

**2008**

9. Write down the derivative of  $\tan x$ .

1 mark

Show that  $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$ .

1 mark

**2008**

15. Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$  for  $x > 1$ .

(a) Derive expressions for  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$ , simplifying your answers.



2, 2 marks

(b) Obtain the coordinates and nature of the stationary point of the curve  $y = f(x)$ .

3 marks

(c) Obtain the coordinates of the point of inflexion.

2 marks

**2009**

1. (a) Given  $f(x) = (x+1)(x-2)^3$  obtain the values of  $x$  for which  $f'(x) = 0$ .

3 marks

**2010**

1. Differentiate the following functions. (a)  $f(x) = e^x \sin x^2$ . (b)  $g(x) = \frac{x^3}{(1 + \tan x)}$

3 marks

3 marks

**2011**

A curve is defined by the equation  $y = \frac{e^{\sin x} (2+x)^3}{\sqrt{1-x}}$  for  $x < 1$ .

Calculate the gradient of the curve when  $x = 0$ .

4 marks



**2001**

$$\tan^{-1} \sqrt{x+1} + \frac{2+x}{2x\sqrt{x-1}}$$

$$g'(x) = -2e^{\cot 2x} \operatorname{cosec}^2 2x$$

**2002**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^{-x} (1-2x)$$



**2003**

$$f'(x) = (1+11x)(1+x)^9$$

**2004**

$$f'(x) = (1 - \sin 2x)e^{\tan x}; \quad f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{2 - 8x \tan^{-1} 2x}{(1+4x^2)^2} \quad (3)$$

**2005**

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 \tan 2x + x^3 (2 \sec^2 2x) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 1}{(1+x)^2} \text{ or } 1 - \frac{2}{(1+x)^2} \text{ or } \frac{2x}{(1+x)} - \frac{1+x^2}{(1+x)^2} \quad (3)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos x}{(\sin x)^{1/2}} \quad (1) \quad k = 2; \quad (2)$$

**2006**

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{(2+x)\sqrt{1+x}} \quad (3)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-\ln x}{3x^2} \quad (3)$$

**2007**

$$f'(x) = 2 \cos 2x \exp(\sin 2x)$$

**2008**

9.a)  $\sec^2 x$       b) Proof

15.a)  $\frac{2 - \ln x}{x(\ln x)^3} \quad (4)$       b)  $(e, e)$  Min      (3)      c)  $x = e^2 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}e^2 \quad (2)$

**2009**

$$x = 2 \text{ and } x = -\frac{1}{4} \quad (3)$$

**2010**

1. a)  $f'(x) = e^x \sin x^2 + e^x (2x \cos x^2)$       b)  $g'(x) = \frac{3x^2(1 + \tan x) - x^3 \sec^2 x}{(1 + \tan x)^2}$

**2011**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 24 \quad (4)$$

**2002**

A6. Use the substitution  $x + 2 = 2 \tan \theta$  to obtain  $\int \frac{1}{x^2 + 4x + 8} dx$



(5)

**2003**

A5. Use the substitution  $x = 1 + \sin \theta$  to evaluate  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos \theta}{(1 + \sin \theta)^3} d\theta$ .

3 marks

**2004**

9. Use the substitution  $x = (u - 1)^2$  to obtain  $\int \frac{1}{(1 + \sqrt{x})^3} dx$ .

5 marks

11. A solid is formed by rotating the curve  $y = e^{-2x}$  between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$  through  $360^\circ$  about the  $x$ -axis.

Calculate the volume of the solid that is formed.

5 marks

**2005**

5. Use the substitution  $u = 1 + x$  to evaluate  $\int_0^3 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x}} dx$ .

5 marks

**2006**

6. Find  $\int \frac{12x^3 - 6x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx$ .

3 marks

**2007**

10. Use the substitution  $u = 1 + x^2$  to obtain  $\int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{(1 + x^2)^4} dx$ .

5 marks

A solid is formed by rotating the curve  $y = \frac{x^{3/2}}{(1 + x^2)^2}$  between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$  through

$360^\circ$  about the  $x$ -axis. Write down the volume of this solid.

1 mark

**2008**

10. A body moves along a straight line with velocity  $v = t^3 - 12t^2 + 32t$  and time  $t$ .

(a) Obtain the value of its acceleration when  $t = 0$ .

1 mark

(b) At time  $t = 0$ , the body is at the origin  $O$ . Obtain a formula for the displacement of the body at time  $t$ .

2 marks

Show that the body returns to  $O$ , and obtain the time,  $T$ , when this happens.

2 marks

**2009**

5. Show that  $\int_{\ln \frac{3}{2}}^{\ln 2} \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} dx = \ln \frac{9}{5}$ .



4 marks

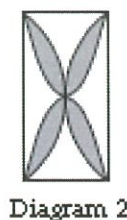
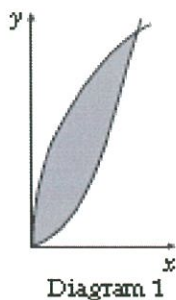
7. Use the substitution  $x = 2\sin\theta$  to obtain the exact value of  $\int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$ .  
(Note that  $\cos 2A = 1 - 2\sin^2 A$ .)

6 marks

**2010**

15. A new board game has been invented and the symmetrical design on the board is made from four identical “petal” shapes. One of these petals is the region enclosed between the curves  $y = x^2$  and  $y^2 = 8x$  as shown shaded in diagram 1 below. Calculate the area of the complete design, as shown in diagram 2.

5 marks



The counter used in the game is formed by rotating the shaded area shown in diagram 1 above, through  $360^\circ$  about the  $y$ -axis. Find the volume of plastic required to make one counter.

1 mark

**2011**

11. (a) Obtain the exact value of  $\int_0^{\pi/4} (\sec x - x)(\sec x + x) dx$

3 marks

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$$A6. \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+2}{2} \right) + c$$

2003

$$\frac{-1}{8} - \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{3}{8}$$

2004

$$9. \left( \frac{1}{(1+\sqrt{x})^2} - \frac{2}{(1+\sqrt{x})} \right) + c \quad (5)$$

$$11. V = \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{e^4} \right] = 0.7706 \quad (5)$$

2005

$$2 \frac{2}{3}$$

2006

$$3 \ln(x^4 - x^2 + 1) + c \quad (3)$$

2007

$$\frac{1}{24} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{24} \quad (1)$$

20082008

$$10.a) \text{Acc} = 10 \quad (1)$$

$$b) x(t) = \frac{1}{4}t^4 - 4t^3 + 16t^2 \quad (2)$$

$$c) t = 8 \quad (2)$$

2009

5. Proof

$$7. \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \quad (6)$$

2010

$$15. \text{Area} = \frac{32}{3} \quad \text{Volume} = \frac{24\pi}{5} = 15$$

2011

$$1 - \frac{\pi^3}{192}$$



**2001**

A8. A function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 12}{x + 2}, x \neq -2$ .

(a) Express  $f(x)$  in the form  $ax + b + \frac{b}{x + 2}$  stating the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . (2)

(b) Write down an equation for each of the two asymptotes. (2)

(c) Show that  $f(x)$  has two stationary points. (4)

Determine the coordinates and the nature of the stationary points. (1)

(d) Sketch the graph of  $f$ . (1)

(e) State the range of values of  $k$  such that the equation  $f(x) = k$  has no solution. (1)



**2002**

A8. Express  $\frac{x^2}{(x+1)^2}$  in the form  $A + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}, (x \neq -1)$ , stating the values of the constants  $A, B$  and  $C$ . (3)

A curve is defined by  $y = \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^2}, (x \neq -1)$

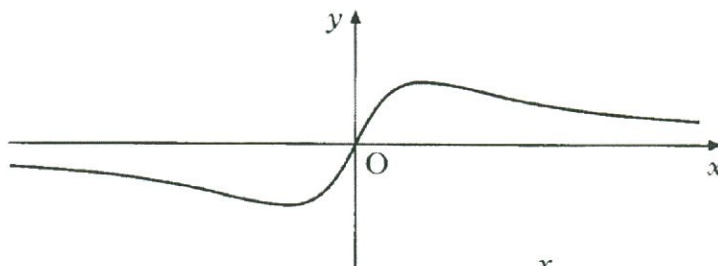
(i) Write down equations for its asymptotes. (2)

(ii) Find the stationary point and justify its nature. (4)

(iii) Sketch the curve showing clearly the features found in (i) and (ii). (2)

**2003**

A7.



The diagram shows the shape of the graph of  $y = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$ .

Obtain the stationary points of the graph. (4 marks)

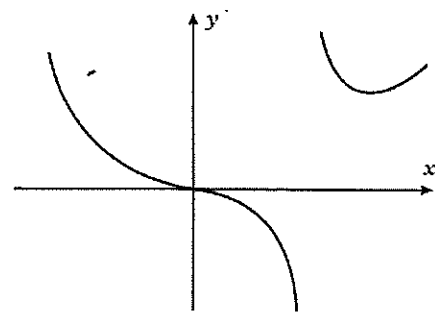
Sketch the graph of  $y = \left| \frac{x}{1+x^2} \right|$  and identify its three critical points. (3 marks)

**2004**

10. Determine whether the function  $f(x) = x^4 \sin 2x$  is odd, even or neither. Justify your answer. (3 marks)

**2005**

11. The diagram shows part of the graph of  $y = \frac{x^3}{x-2}, x \neq 2$ .



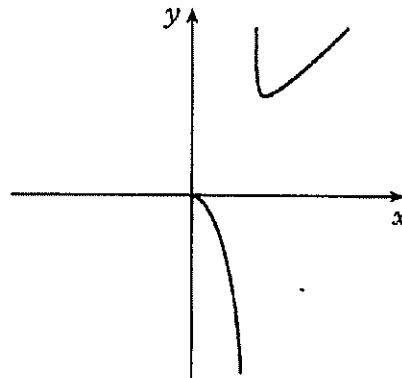
- a) Write down the equation of the vertical asymptotes. 1 mark
- b) Find the coordinates of the stationary points of the graph of  $y = \frac{x^3}{x-2}$ . 4 marks
- c) Write down the coordinates of the stationary points of the graph of  $y = \left| \frac{x^3}{x-2} \right| + 1$ . 2 marks

**2006**

12. The diagram shows part of the graph of a function  $f$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $f$  is an even function;
- (ii) two of the asymptotes of the graph  $y = f(x)$  are  $y = \bar{x}$  and  $x = 1$ .

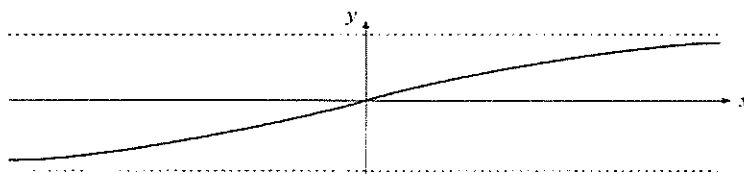
Copy the diagram and complete the graph. Write down equations for the other two asymptotes.



3 marks

**2007**

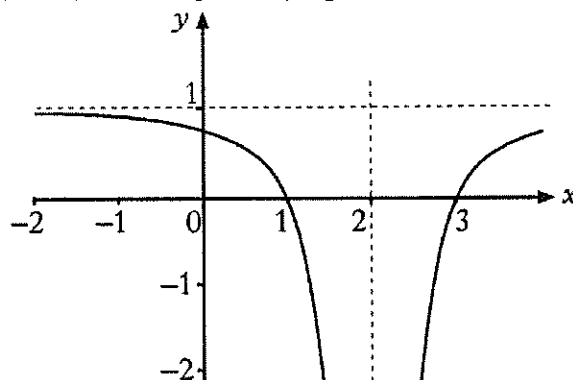
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- (a) The diagram shows part of the graph of  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}2x$  and its asymptotes. State the equations of these asymptotes. 2 marks
- (b) Use integration by parts to find the area between  $f(x)$ , the  $x$ -axis and the lines  $x = 0, x = \frac{1}{2}$ . 5 marks
- (c) Sketch the graph of  $y = |f(x)|$  and calculate the area between this graph, the  $x$ -axis and the lines  $x = -\frac{1}{2}, x = \frac{1}{2}$ . 3 marks

**2008**

3. Part of the graph  $y = f(x)$  is shown below, where the dotted lines indicate asymptotes. Sketch the graph of  $y = -f(x + 1)$  showing its asymptotes. Write down the equations of the asymptotes.



4 marks

**2009**

13. A function  $f(x)$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x}{x^2 - 1}$  ( $x \neq \pm 1$ ).

1, 1 marks

Obtain equations for the asymptotes of the graph of  $f(x)$ .

3 marks

Show that  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing function.

3 marks

Find the coordinates of the points where the graph of  $f(x)$  crosses

(i) the  $x$ -axis and

(ii) the horizontal asymptote.

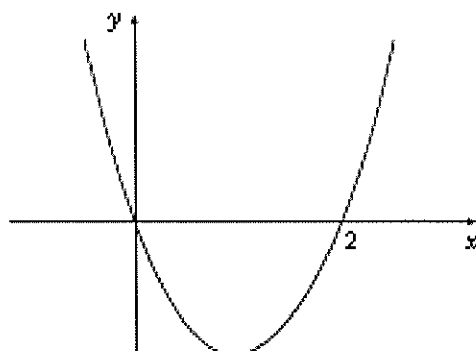
2 marks

Sketch the graph of  $f(x)$ , showing clearly all relevant features.

2 marks

**2010**

10. The diagram below shows part of the graph of a function  $f(x)$ . State whether  $f(x)$  is odd, even or neither. Fully justify your answer.

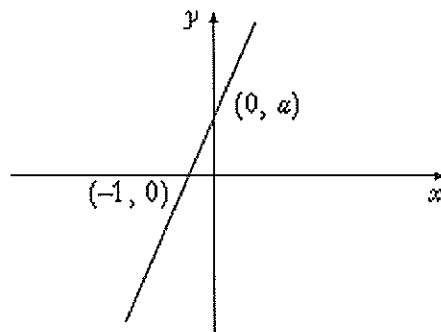


3 marks

2011

Marks

6.



The diagram shows part of the graph of a function  $f(x)$ . Sketch the graph of  $|f^{-1}(x)|$  showing the points of intersection with the axes.

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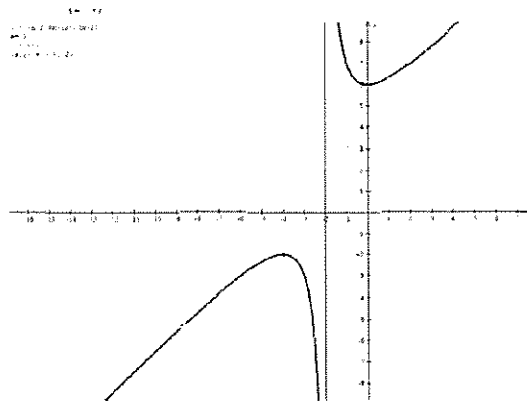


**2001**

A8. a)  $a = 1, b = 4$     b)  $x = -2, y = x + 4$

c) Max  $(-4, -2)$  Min  $(0, 6)$

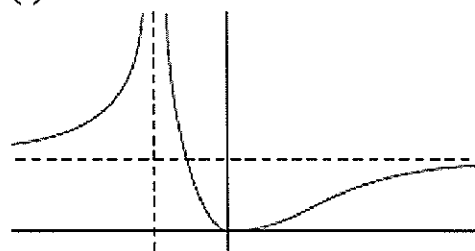
d)  $-2 < k < 6$



**2002**

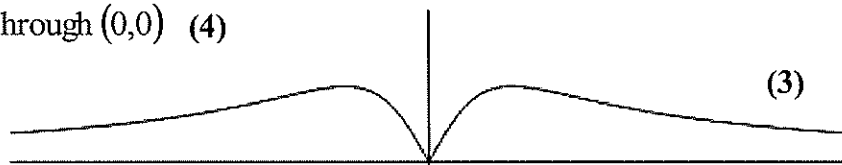
A8.  $A = 1, B = -2, C = 1$     a)  $y = 1 - \frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$      $y = 1, x = -1$

b) Min  $(0, 0)$



**2003**

SP =  $(1, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $(-1, -\frac{1}{2})$  and passes through  $(0, 0)$  (4)



**2004**

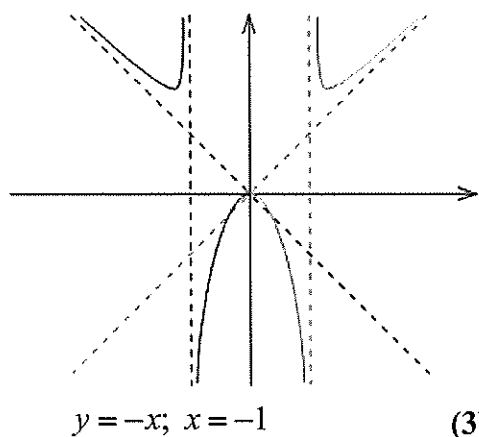
$f(-x) = -f(x)$  therefore is ODD. (3)

**2005**

11. a)  $x = 2$  (1) b)  $(0, 0)$  and  $(3, 27)$  (4) c)  $(0, 1)$  and  $(3, 28)$  (2)

**2006**

12.

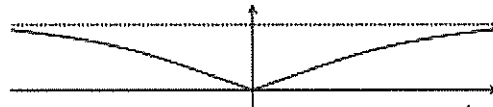


$y = -x; x = -1$  (3)

2007

$$y = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 \quad (5)$$

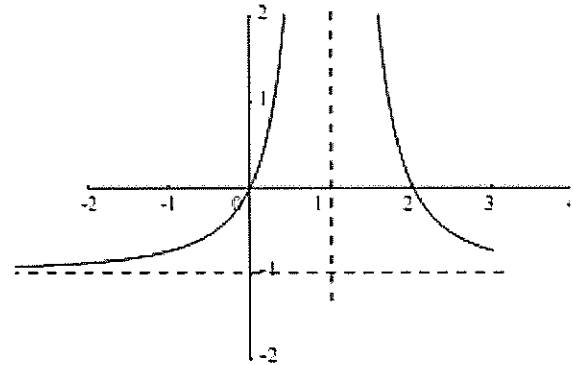


$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} |f(x)| dx = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 \quad (3)$$

2008

$$f'(x) = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{1-9x^2}} \quad (2)$$

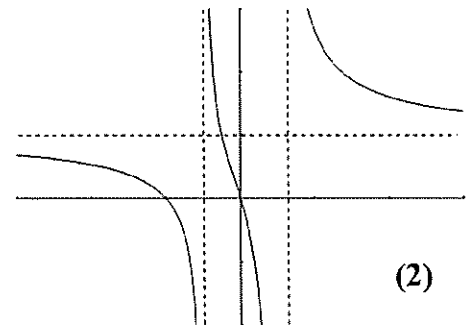
$$f'(x) = \frac{3 \cos^3 \theta}{2 \sin \theta} \quad (3)$$



2009

$$x = -1 \quad x = 1 \quad y = 1 \quad (3) \quad f'(x) < 0 \text{ therefore always neg grad } (3)$$

$$x = 0 \quad x = -2 \quad \text{Horizontal Asy } x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (2)$$



2010

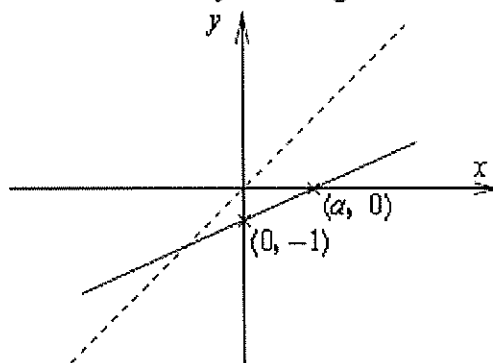
10. The graph is not symmetrical about  $y$  – axis therefore it is NOT an even function.

The graph does not have half turn rotational symmetry therefore it is NOT an odd function.

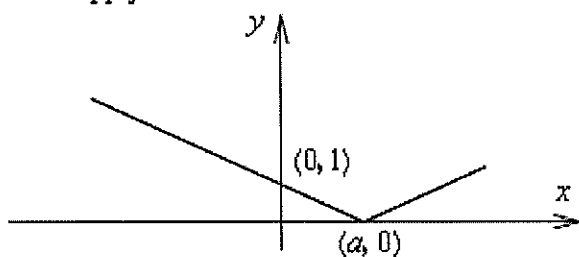
The function is neither odd nor even.

2011

6. Reflect in the line  $y = x$  to get  
(4)



Now apply the modulus function



1 for position  
1 for coordinates

1 for shape  
1 for coordinates

**2001**

- A1. Use Gaussian elimination to solve the following system of equations. (5)
- $$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 10 \\ 2x - y + 3z &= 4 \\ x + 2z &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

**2002**

- A1. Use Gaussian elimination to solve the following system of equations. (5)
- $$\begin{aligned} x + y + 3z &= 2 \\ 2x + y + z &= 4 \\ 3x + 2y + 5z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

**2003**

- A6. Use elementary row operations to reduce the following system of equations to upper triangular form
- $$\begin{aligned} x + y + 3z &= 1 \\ 3x + ay + z &= 1 \\ x + y + z &= -1 \end{aligned}$$
- 2 marks  
2 marks  
2 marks
- Hence express  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  in terms of the parameter  $a$ .  
Explain what happens when  $a = 3$ .

**2005**

6. Use Gaussian elimination to solve the system of equations below when  $\lambda \neq 2$ :
- $$\begin{aligned} x + y + 2z &= 1 \\ 2x + \lambda y + z &= 0 \\ 3x + 3y + 9z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$
- 4 marks  
2 marks
- Explain what happens when  $\lambda = 2$ .

**2006**

9. Use Gaussian elimination to obtain solutions of the equations
- $$\begin{aligned} 2x - y + 2z &= 1 \\ x + y - 2z &= 2 \\ x - 2y + 4z &= -1 \end{aligned}$$
- 5 marks

**2009**

16. (a) Use Gaussian elimination to solve the following system of equations 5 marks
- $$\begin{aligned} x + y - z &= 6 \\ 2x - 3y + 2z &= 2 \\ -5x + 2y - 4z &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

**2010**

- Use Gaussian elimination to show that the set of equations
- $$\begin{aligned} x - y + z &= 1 \\ x + y + 2z &= 0 \\ 2x - y + az &= 2 \end{aligned}$$
- has a unique solution when  $a \neq 2.5$ . 5 marks
- Explain what happens when  $a = 2.5$ . 1 mark

**2001**

A1.  $x = -26, y = 13, z = 23$

**2002**

A1.  $x = 2, y = -3, z = 1.$

**2003**

A6 When  $a = 3$ , we get  $z = \frac{1}{4}$  from the second equation but  $z = 1$  from the third, ie inconsistent.

**2005**

$x = -\frac{1}{3}; y = 0; z = \frac{2}{3}.$  2nd and 3rd rows of second matrix are same - infinite number of solutions.

**2006**

$x = 1; y = 1 + 2t; z = t$

**2009**

$x = 3, y = -2, z = -5$

**2010**

$x = \frac{a-4}{2a-5}, y = \frac{2-a}{2a-5}, z = \frac{1}{2a-5}$  When  $a = 2.5$  there are no solutions.