

**2012 Paper 3**

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**2012.3 Question 1**

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dx} &= n \cdot y^{n-1} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + y^n \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ &= y^{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} \left[ n \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + 2y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right],\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

1. Let  $n = 1$ , we have  $z = y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$ , and

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} \left[ \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + 2y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right].$$

Hence, the differential equation

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + 2y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \sqrt{y}$$

simplifies to

$$\frac{\frac{dz}{dx}}{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \sqrt{y},$$

and hence

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = \sqrt{y}.$$

Hence, by integration,

$$z = \frac{2}{3}y^{\frac{3}{2}} + C.$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ , and hence  $z = 0$ . Hence,

$$0 = \frac{2}{3} + C,$$

and therefore  $C = -\frac{2}{3}$ .

We therefore have

$$y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{2}{3}y^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{2}{3},$$

and hence

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left( \sqrt{y} - \frac{1}{y} \right)}.$$

Rearrangement gives

$$\frac{\sqrt{y} dy}{\sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} dx.$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1}}{dy} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1}} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sqrt{y} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1}},\end{aligned}$$

and hence by integration

$$\frac{4}{3} \cdot \sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}x + C.$$

When  $x = 0, y = 1$ , and hence  $C = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}}x,$$

and hence

$$y^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{3}{8}x^2 + 1,$$

and hence

$$y = \left(\frac{3}{8}x^2 + 1\right)^{\frac{2}{3}},$$

as desired.

2. Let  $n = -2$ , we have  $z = y^{-2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$ , and

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = -2y^{-3} \frac{dy}{dx} \left[ \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right].$$

Hence, the differential equation

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y^2 = 0$$

simplifies to

$$\frac{\frac{dz}{dx}}{-2y^{-3} \frac{dy}{dx}} + y^2 = 0,$$

which gives

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = \frac{2}{y}.$$

By integration on both sides, we have

$$z = 2 \ln y + C,$$

and when  $x = 0, y = 1, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ , which gives  $z = 0$ . Hence,  $C = 0$ , and

$$y^{-2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 2 \ln y,$$

which gives

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \sqrt{2 \ln y},$$

and therefore,

$$\frac{dy}{y \sqrt{\ln y}} = \sqrt{2} dx.$$

By integration,

$$\int \frac{dy}{y \sqrt{\ln y}} = \int \frac{d \ln y}{\sqrt{\ln y}} = 2 \sqrt{\ln y} + C,$$

and hence

$$2 \sqrt{\ln y} = \sqrt{2}x + C.$$

When  $x = 0, y = 1$ , so  $C = 0$ , and hence

$$\sqrt{\ln y} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}},$$

and therefore, the solution to the original differential equation is

$$y = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}.$$

### 2012.3 Question 2

1. By the formula for difference of two squares, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1-x)(1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^4)\cdots(1+x^{2^n}) &= (1-x^2)(1+x^2)(1+x^4)\cdots(1+x^{2^n}) \\
 &= (1-x^4)(1+x^4)\cdots(1+x^{2^n}) \\
 &= \cdots \\
 &= 1-x^{2^{n+1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This means,

$$1 = (1-x)(1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^4)\cdots(1+x^{2^n}) + x^{2^{n+1}},$$

and dividing both sides by  $1-x$  gives

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = (1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^4)\cdots(1+x^{2^n}) + \frac{x^{2^{n+1}}}{1-x}.$$

Rearranging and taking natural logs on both sides, we have

$$\ln(1-x^{2^{n+1}}) - \ln(1-x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \ln(1+x^{2^k}),$$

and therefore,

$$\ln(1-x) = -\sum_{k=0}^n \ln(1+x^{2^k}) + \ln(1-x^{2^{n+1}}).$$

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $2^{n+1} \rightarrow \infty$ , and since  $|x| < 1$ , we have  $x^{2^{n+1}} \rightarrow 0$ , and hence

$$\ln(1-x) = -\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \ln(1+x^{2^k}) + \ln(1) = -\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \ln(1+x^{2^k}),$$

as desired.

Differentiating both sides with respect to  $x$ , we have

$$-\frac{1}{1-x} = -\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k x^{2^k-1}}{1+x^{2^k}},$$

and hence

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^k x^{2^k-1}}{1+x^{2^k}},$$

exactly as desired.

2. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(1+x+x^2)(1-x+x^2)(1-x^2+x^4)(1-x^4+x^8)\cdots(1-x^{2^{n-1}}+x^{2^n}) \\
 &= ((1+x^2)^2 - x^2)(1-x^2+x^4)(1-x^4+x^8)\cdots(1-x^{2^{n-1}}+x^{2^n}) \\
 &= (1+x^2+x^4)(1-x^2+x^4)(1-x^4+x^8)\cdots(1-x^{2^{n-1}}+x^{2^n}) \\
 &= ((1+x^4)^2 - (x^2)^2)(1-x^4+x^8)\cdots(1-x^{2^{n-1}}+x^{2^n}) \\
 &= (1+x^4+x^8)(1-x^4+x^8)\cdots(1-x^{2^{n-1}}+x^{2^n}) \\
 &= \cdots \\
 &= 1+x^{2^n}+x^{2^{n+1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$1 = (1+x+x^2)(1-x+x^2)(1-x^2+x^4)(1-x^4+x^8)\cdots(1-x^{2^{n-1}}+x^{2^n}) - x^{2^n} - x^{2^{n+1}},$$

and hence

$$\frac{1}{1+x+x^2} = (1-x+x^2)(1-x^2+x^4)(1-x^4+x^8)\cdots(1-x^{2^{n-1}}+x^{2^n}) - \frac{x^{2^n}+x^{2^{n+1}}}{1+x+x^2}.$$

Rearranging and taking natural logs on both sides, we have

$$\ln(1+x^{2^n}+x^{2^{n+1}}) - \ln(1+x+x^2) = \sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1-x^{2^{k-1}}+x^{2^k}),$$

and hence

$$\ln(1+x+x^2) = -\sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1-x^{2^{k-1}}+x^{2^k}) + \ln(1+x^{2^n}+x^{2^{n+1}}).$$

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $2^n, 2^{n+1} \rightarrow \infty$ , and since  $|x| < 1$ , we must have  $x^{2^n}, x^{2^{n+1}} \rightarrow 0$ , and hence  $\ln(1+x^{2^n}+x^{2^{n+1}}) \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,

$$\ln(1+x+x^2) = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln(1-x^{2^{k-1}}+x^{2^k}).$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to  $x$ , we get

$$\frac{1+2x}{1+x+x^2} = -\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{-2^{k-1}x^{2^{k-1}-1} + 2^k x^{2^k-1}}{1-x^{2^{k-1}}+x^{2^k}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{k-1}x^{2^{k-1}-1} - 2^k x^{2^k-1}}{1-x^{2^{k-1}}+x^{2^k}},$$

which is exactly what is desired.

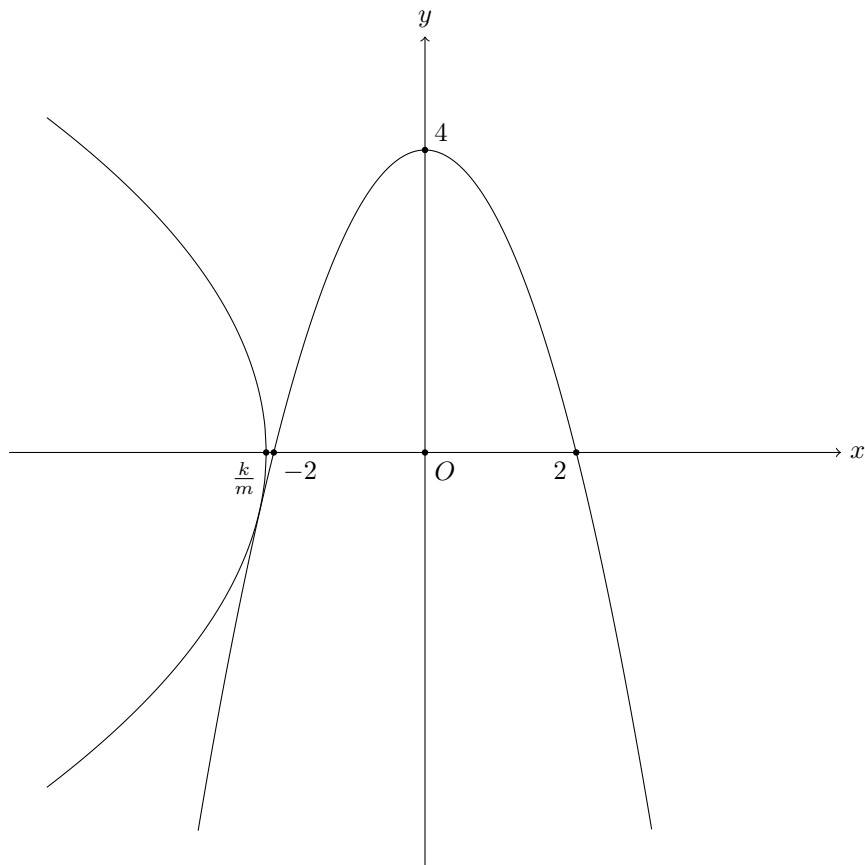
### 2012.3 Question 3

1. Let the two curves be  $\Gamma_1 : y = 4 - x^2$  and  $\Gamma_2 : x = -\frac{y^2}{m} + \frac{k}{m}$ .

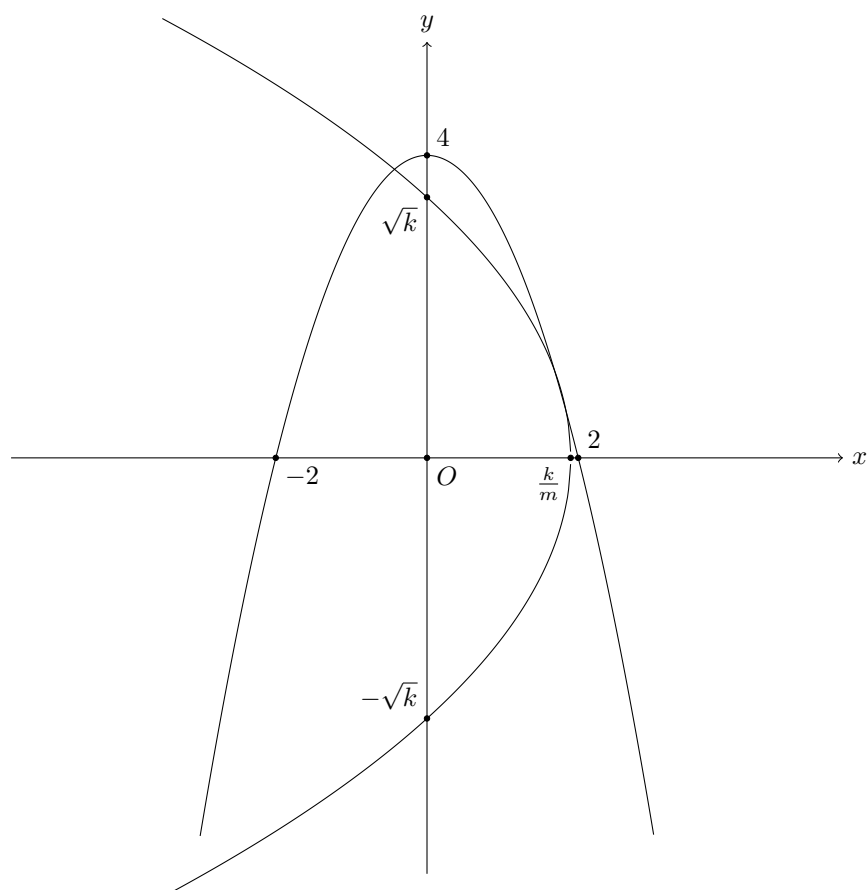
For the first curve, its  $y$ -intercept is 4, and its  $x$ -intercept is  $\pm 2$ .

For the second curve, its  $y$ -intercept is  $\pm\sqrt{k}$  (if  $k \geq 0$ ), and its  $x$ -intercept is  $\frac{k}{m}$ .

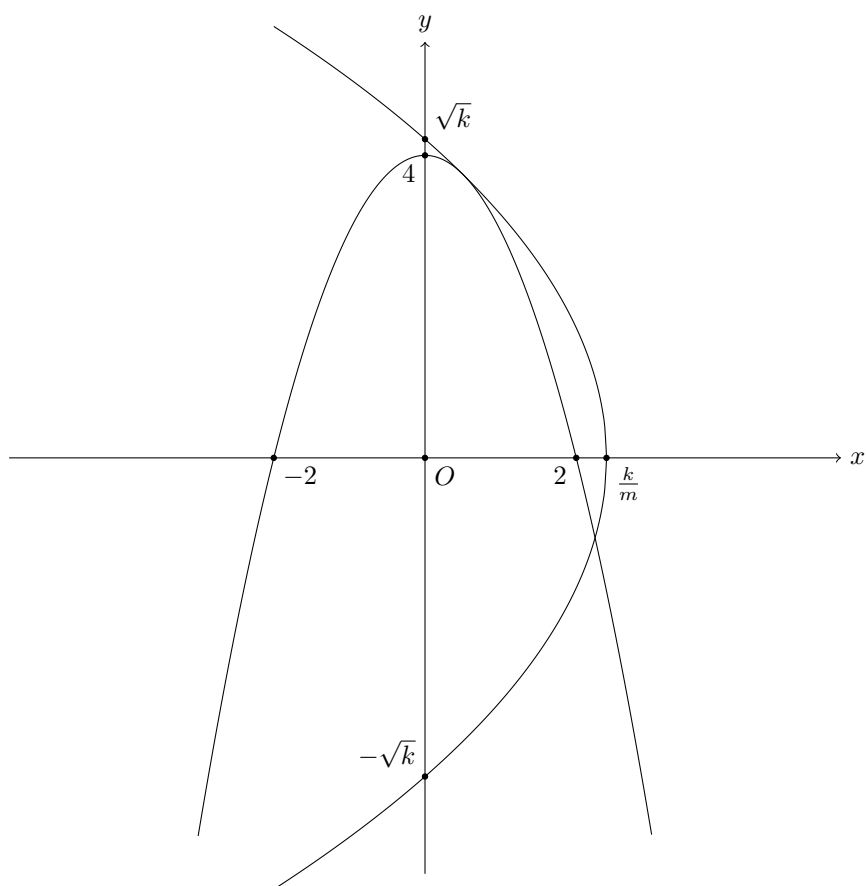
- (a) Since  $k < 0$ , we must have  $\frac{k}{m} < 0$  as well, and hence the curves must look as follows:



- (b) Since  $0 < k < 16$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  must have a  $y$ -intercept less than that of  $\Gamma_1$ . Since  $\frac{k}{m} < 2$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  must have the  $x$ -intercept to the left of  $(2, 0)$ . Hence, the curves must look as follows:

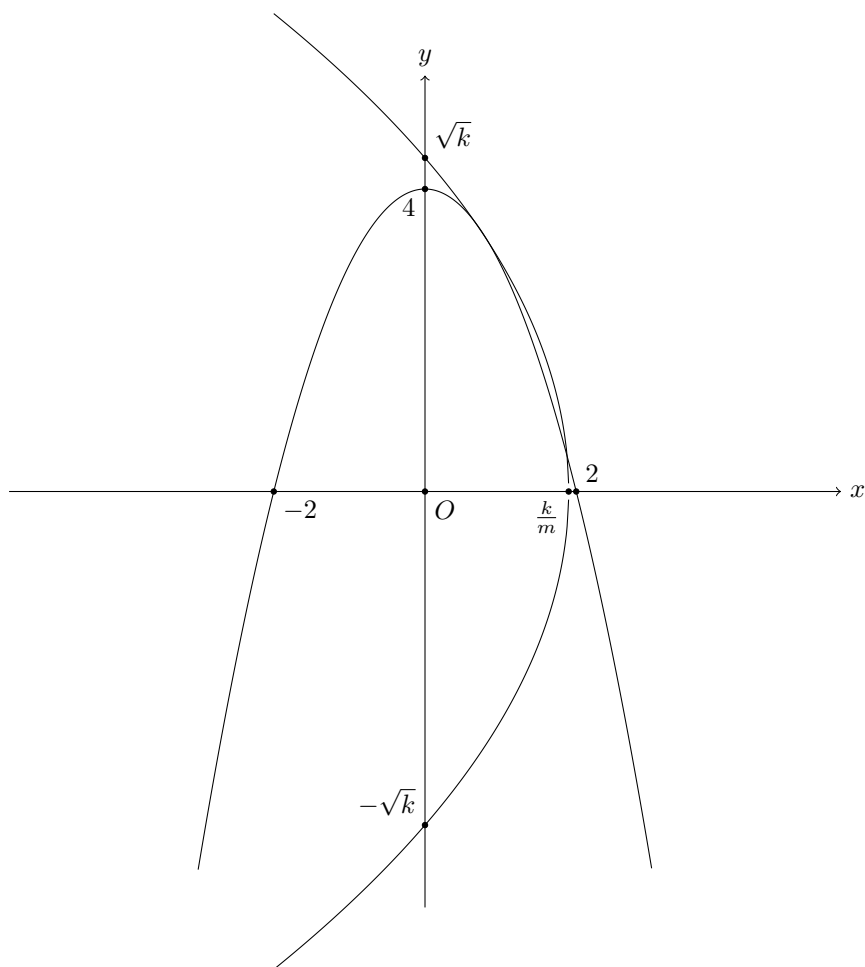


- (c) Since  $k > 16$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  must have a  $y$ -intercept greater than that of  $\Gamma_1$ . Since  $\frac{k}{m} > 2$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  must have the  $x$ -intercept to the right of  $(2, 0)$ . Hence, the curves must look as follows:



- (d) Since  $k > 16$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  must have a  $y$ -intercept greater than that of  $\Gamma_1$ . Since  $\frac{k}{m} < 2$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  must have the  $x$ -intercept to the left of  $(2, 0)$ . Hence, the curves must look as follows:





2. Since  $y = y$ , we must have

$$12x = k - (4 - x^2)^2 = k - 16 + 8x^2 - x^4,$$

and hence

$$x^4 - 8x^2 + 12x + 16 - k = 0,$$

as desired.

For the first curve, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2x,$$

and applying implicit differentiation on both sides of the second equation, we must have

$$12 = -2y \frac{dy}{dx},$$

and hence

$$12 = (-2y) \cdot (-2x),$$

which gives  $xy = 3$  for the point where the curves touch.

Hence,

$$\frac{3}{a} = 4 - a^2,$$

and this gives

$$a^3 - 4a + 3 = 0$$

as desired.

Notice that

$$a^3 - 4a + 3 = (a - 1)(a^2 + a - 3),$$

and hence the three solutions to  $a$  are

$$a_1 = 1, a_{2,3} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+12}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}.$$

From the first equation, we must have

$$\begin{aligned} k &= a^4 - 8a^2 + 12a + 16 \\ &= a(a^3 - 4a + 3) - 4a^2 + 9a + 16 \\ &= a \cdot 0 - 4a^2 + 9a + 16 \\ &= -4a^2 + 9a + 16, \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

For  $a = 1$ ,  $k = -4 \cdot 1^2 + 9 \cdot 1 + 16 = -4 + 9 + 16 = 21$ , and  $\frac{k}{m} = \frac{21}{12} < 2$ , so (d) arises.

When  $a_{2,3} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}$ , we have  $a^2 + a - 3 = 0$ , and hence

$$k = -4a^2 + 9a + 16 = -4(a^2 + a - 3) + 13a + 4 = 13a + 4.$$

For  $a_2 = \frac{-1+\sqrt{13}}{2}$ , we have

$$k = \frac{-13 + 13\sqrt{13}}{2} + 4 = \frac{-5 + 13\sqrt{13}}{2}.$$

Since  $13\sqrt{13} > 13 \cdot 3 = 39$ , we must have  $-5 + 13\sqrt{13} > 34$ , and hence  $k > \frac{34}{2} = 17 > 16$ .

We also have  $13\sqrt{13} < 13 \cdot 4 = 52$ , and hence  $-5 + 13\sqrt{13} < 47$ , and hence  $k < \frac{47}{2}$ , which means

$$\frac{k}{m} < \frac{47}{2 \cdot 12} = \frac{47}{24} < 2,$$

so case (d) arises.

For  $a_3 = \frac{-1-\sqrt{13}}{2}$ , we have  $k = \frac{-13-13\sqrt{13}}{2} + 4 = \frac{-5-13\sqrt{13}}{2} < 0$ , and so (a) arises.

### 2012.3 Question 4

1. Using the Maclaurin Expansion of  $e^x$  and setting  $x = 1$ , we have

$$e = e^1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n!} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n!} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} - \frac{1}{0!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} - 1 \\ &= e + e - 1 \\ &= 2e - 1. \end{aligned}$$

We have as well

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n!} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1) + 3n + 1}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)}{n!} + 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n!} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-2)!} + 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} - 1 \\ &= 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} - 1 \\ &= 5e - 1, \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n-1)^3}{n!} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8n^3 - 12n^2 + 6n - 1}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8n(n-1)(n-2) + 12n(n-1) + 2n - 1}{n!} \\ &= 8 \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-3)!} + 12 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-2)!} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} + 1 \\ &= (8 + 12 + 2 - 1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} + 1 \\ &= 21e + 1. \end{aligned}$$

2. Using the Maclaurin Expansion of  $\ln(1-x)$  and letting  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$\ln 2 = -\ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n}}{n}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n^2 + 1)2^{-n}}{(n+1)(n+2)} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(n+1)(n+2) - 5(n+1) + 2(n+2)]2^{-n}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n} - 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n}}{n+2} + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n}}{n+1} \\&= 2 - 5 \cdot 4 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n}}{n} + 2 \cdot 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-n}}{n} \\&= 2 - 20(\ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}) + 4(\ln 2) \\&= -16 \ln 2 + 12.\end{aligned}$$

### 2012.3 Question 5

1. (a) An integer point:  $(0, 1)$ . A non-integer point:  $(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$ .
- (b) An integer rational point:  $(1, 1)$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\cos \theta + \sqrt{m} \sin \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta - \sqrt{m} \cos \theta)^2 \\ &= \cos^2 \theta + 2\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta + m \sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta - 2\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta + m \cos^2 \theta \\ &= (m+1)(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= m+1. \end{aligned}$$

Consider letting  $x = \cos \theta + \sqrt{m} \sin \theta$ , and  $y = \sin \theta - \sqrt{m} \cos \theta$ . Let  $m = 1$ , and we have  $x = \cos \theta + \sin \theta$  and  $y = \sin \theta - \cos \theta$ , with  $x^2 + y^2 = m+1 = 2$ .

Let  $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ , and  $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ . We have

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{7}{5}, \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

is a non-integer rational point.

2. (a) An integer 2-rational point:  $(1, \sqrt{2})$ .

For the non-integer 2-rational point, let  $m = \sqrt{2}$  in the previous question, and we have

$$(\cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta - \sqrt{2} \cos \theta)^2 = 2 + 1 = 3.$$

Now, let  $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $\sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ . Let  $x = \cos \theta + \sqrt{2} \sin \theta = \frac{3}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5}$  and  $y = \sin \theta - \sqrt{2} \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$ . We must have  $x^2 + y^2 = 3$ , and

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{3}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5}, \frac{4}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \right)$$

is a non-integer 2-rational point on  $x^2 + y^2 = 3$ .

- (b) Consider  $x = a \cos \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sin \theta$  and  $y = a \sin \theta - b\sqrt{m} \cos \theta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= (a \cos \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sin \theta)^2 + (a \sin \theta - b\sqrt{m} \cos \theta)^2 \\ &= a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 m \sin^2 \theta + 2ab\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &\quad + a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 m \cos^2 \theta - 2ab\sqrt{m} \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= (a^2 + b^2 m) \cos^2 \theta + (a^2 + b^2 m) \sin^2 \theta \\ &= (a^2 + b^2 m)(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= a^2 + b^2 m. \end{aligned}$$

We set  $m = 2$ , and hence we would like  $a^2 + 2b^2 = 11$ . Consider  $a = 3$  and  $b = 1$ , and set  $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$  and  $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ . Hence,

$$x = a \cos \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sin \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{4}{5} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = \frac{12}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5},$$

and

$$y = a \sin \theta - b\sqrt{m} \cos \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{5} - 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{9}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5},$$

and we must have  $x^2 + y^2 = 3^2 + 1^2 \cdot 2 = 11$ . Therefore,

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{12}{5} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{5}, \frac{9}{5} - \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

is a non-integer 2-rational point on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 11$ .

(c) Consider  $x = a \sec \theta + b\sqrt{m} \tan \theta$  and  $y = a \tan \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sec \theta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 - y^2 &= (a \sec \theta + b\sqrt{m} \tan \theta)^2 - (a \tan \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sec \theta)^2 \\
 &= a^2 \sec^2 \theta + b^2 m \tan^2 \theta + 2ab\sqrt{m} \sec \theta \tan \theta \\
 &\quad - a^2 \tan^2 \theta - b^2 m \sec^2 \theta - 2ab\sqrt{m} \sec \theta \tan \theta \\
 &= a^2 (\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta) - b^2 m (\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta) \\
 &= a^2 - b^2 m.
 \end{aligned}$$

We set  $m = 2$ , and hence we would like  $a^2 - 2b^2 = 7$ . Consider  $a = 3$  and  $b = 1$ , and set  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $\sec \theta = \frac{5}{4}$ . Hence,

$$x = a \sec \theta + b\sqrt{m} \tan \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{5}{4} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{15}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4},$$

and

$$y = a \tan \theta + b\sqrt{m} \sec \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{4} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{9}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4},$$

and we must have  $x^2 - y^2 = 3^2 - 1^2 \cdot 2 = 7$ . Therefore,

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{15}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4}, \frac{9}{4} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} \right)$$

is a non-integer 2-rational point on the hyperbola  $x^2 - y^2 = 7$ .

### 2012.3 Question 6

Since  $x + iy$  is a root of this quadratic equation, putting it back into the original equation, we have

$$(x + iy)^2 + p(x + iy) + 1 = (x^2 - y^2 + px + 1) + (2x + p)yi = 0,$$

and so it must have both real parts and complex parts 0, and hence  $x^2 - y^2 + px + 1 = 0$ , and  $(2x + p)y = 0$ .

Since  $(2x + p)y = 0$ , we must have either  $2x + p = 0$  (which gives  $p = -2x$ ), or  $y = 0$ . In the latter case, we put this back into the first equation, and we have

$$x^2 + px + 1 = 0.$$

If  $x = 0$ , then we must have  $0 + 0 + 1 = 1 = 0$  which is impossible. Hence,  $x \neq 0$ , and by rearranging, we have

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

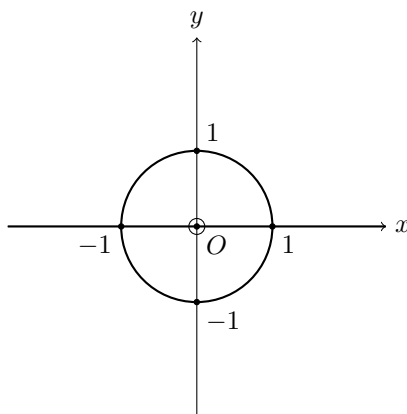
In the case where  $p = -2x$ , we must have

$$x^2 - y^2 + (-2x) \cdot x + 1 = 0 \iff x^2 + y^2 = 1,$$

and this represents a circle centred at the origin with radius 1.

In the case where  $p = -\frac{x^2+1}{x}$ , we must have  $y = 0$ , and  $x \neq 0$ . This represents the real axis without the origin.

This is the root locus of this equation.



For the second equation, let  $z = x + iy$  be a solution. We have

$$p(x + iy)^2 + (x + iy) + 1 = (px^2 - py^2 + x + 1) + (2px + 1)yi = 0,$$

and so  $px^2 - py^2 + x + 1 = 0$  and  $(2px + 1)y = 0$ .

Since  $(2px + 1)y = 0$ , we must have either  $2px + 1 = 0$  (which gives  $p = -\frac{1}{2x}$  since  $x \neq 0$ , or otherwise  $0 + 1 = 1 = 0$ ), or  $y = 0$ . In the latter case, we put this back to the first equation, and we have

$$px^2 + x + 1 = 0.$$

If  $x = 0$  then we must have  $0 + 0 + 1 = 1 = 0$  which is impossible. Hence,  $x \neq 0$ , and by rearranging, we have

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

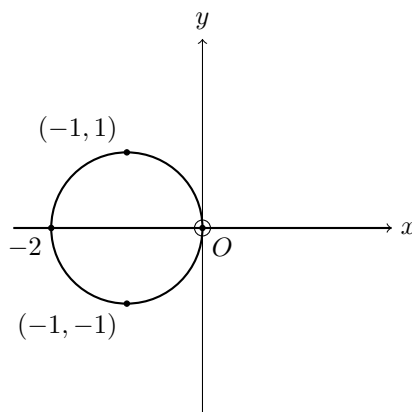
In the case where  $p = -\frac{1}{2x}$ , given  $x \neq 0$ ,

$$-\frac{1}{2x}(x^2 - y^2) + x + 1 = 0 \iff \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2x} + 1 = 0 \iff (x + 1)^2 + y^2 = 1.$$

This represents a circle centred at  $(-1, 0)$  with radius 1, and since  $x \neq 0$ , we have to remove the point  $(0, 0)$ .

In the case where  $p = -\frac{x+1}{x^2}$ ,  $y = 0$  and this represents the real axis without the origin.

This is the root locus of this equation.



For the final equation, let  $z = x + iy$  be a solution. We have

$$p(x + iy)^2 + p^2(x + iy) + 2 = (px^2 - py^2 + p^2x + 2) + yp(2x + p)i = 0,$$

and so  $px^2 - py^2 + p^2x + 2 = 0$  and  $yp(2x + p) = 0$ .

Notice that here,  $p \neq 0$ , since if  $p = 0$  then  $2 = 0$  and there is no solution. So since  $yp(2x + p) = 0$ , we have  $2x + p = 0$  which gives  $p = -2x$ , or  $y = 0$ . In the latter case, we put this back to the first equation, and we have

$$px^2 + p^2x + 2 = 0.$$

If  $x = 0$  then we must have  $0 + 0 + 2 = 2 = 0$  which is impossible. Hence,  $x \neq 0$ . For this to have a real solution for  $p$ , we must have  $x \neq 0$  and

$$(x^2)^2 - 4 \cdot x \cdot 2 \geq 0,$$

which means

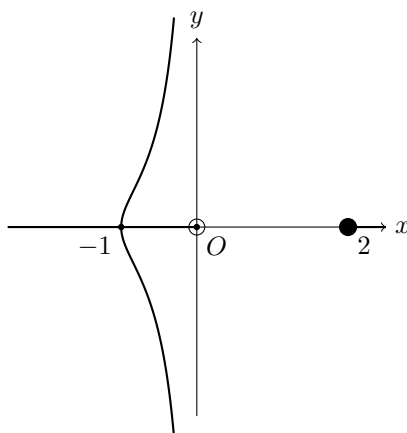
$$x(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 2) \geq 0.$$

Since  $x^2 + 2x + 2 = (x + 1)^2 + 1 \geq 1 \geq 0$ , we must have  $x(x - 2) \geq 0$ , and  $x \leq 0$  or  $x \geq 2$ . This represents the real line with the interval  $[0, 2)$  removed.

In the case where  $p = -2x$ , putting this back to the first equation, we have

$$(-2x)x^2 - (-2x)y^2 + (-2x)^2x + 2 = 0 \iff x^3 + xy^2 + 1 = 0 \iff y^2 = -\frac{1 + x^3}{x}.$$

This is the root locus of this equation.





**2012.3 Question 7**

Since  $\dot{y} = -2(y - z)$ , differentiating both sides with respect to  $t$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{y} &= -2\dot{y} + 2\dot{z} \\ &= -2\dot{y} + 2(-\dot{y} - 3z) \\ &= -4\dot{y} - 6z \\ &= -4\dot{y} - 3(\dot{y} + 2y) \\ &= -7\dot{y} - 6y,\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\ddot{y} + 7\dot{y} + 6y = 0.$$

The auxiliary equation

$$\lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 6 = 0$$

gives roots

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -6,$$

and hence

$$y = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-6t}.$$

Hence,

$$\dot{y} = -Ae^{-t} - 6Be^{-6t},$$

and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}z &= \frac{\dot{y} + 2y}{2} \\ &= \frac{(-Ae^{-t} - 6Be^{-6t}) + 2(Ae^{-t} + Be^{-6t})}{2} \\ &= \frac{Ae^{-t} - 4Be^{-6t}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}Ae^{-t} - 2Be^{-6t}.\end{aligned}$$

This set of general solution

$$(y, z) = \left( Ae^{-t} + Be^{-6t}, \frac{1}{2}Ae^{-t} - 2Be^{-6t} \right),$$

is exactly what is desired.

1.  $y(0) = 5$  and  $z(0) = 0$  gives the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} A + B = 5, \\ \frac{1}{2}A - 2B = 0. \end{cases}$$

This solves to  $(A, B) = (4, 1)$ . Hence,

$$z_1(t) = 2e^{-t} - 2e^{-6t}.$$

2.  $z(0) = z(1) = c$  gives the system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}A - 2B = c, \\ \frac{1}{2e}A - \frac{2}{e^6}B = c, \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} A - 4B = 2c, \\ e^5A - 4B = 2e^6c. \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$A = \frac{2c(e^6 - 1)}{e^5 - 1},$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= \frac{A - 2c}{4} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{2c(e^6 - 1)}{e^5 - 1} - 2c}{4} \\
 &= \frac{c}{2} \cdot \frac{(e^6 - 1) - (e^5 - 1)}{e^5 - 1} \\
 &= \frac{ce^5(e - 1)}{2(e^5 - 1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$z_2(t) = \frac{c(e^6 - 1)}{e^5 - 1}e^{-t} - \frac{ce^5(e - 1)}{e^5 - 1}e^{-6t}.$$

3. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=-\infty}^0 z_1(t - n) \\
 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^0 [2e^{-t+n} - 2e^{-6t+6n}] \\
 &= 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [e^{-t-n} - e^{-6t-6n}] \\
 &= 2 \left[ e^{-t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n} - e^{-6t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-6n} \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[ \frac{e^{-t}}{1 - e^{-1}} - \frac{e^{-6t}}{1 - e^{-6}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{2e}{e - 1}e^{-t} - \frac{2e^6}{e^6 - 1}e^{-6t}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $c$  must be such that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{c(e^6 - 1)}{e^5 - 1} = \frac{2e}{e - 1}, \\ \frac{2e^6}{e^6 - 1} = \frac{ce^5(e - 1)}{e^5 - 1}. \end{cases}$$

Both solves to precisely

$$c = \frac{2e(e^5 - 1)}{(e - 1)(e^6 - 1)},$$

and hence

$$z_2(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^0 z_1(t - n)$$

for this value of  $c$ .

### 2012.3 Question 8

1. We aim to show that for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2} = F_{n+2} F_{n+5} - F_{n+3} F_{n+4}.$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= F_{n+2} F_{n+5} - F_{n+3} F_{n+4} \\ &= F_{n+2} (F_{n+3} + F_{n+4}) - F_{n+3} (F_{n+2} + F_{n+3}) \\ &= F_{n+2} F_{n+4} - F_{n+3} F_{n+3} \\ &= F_{n+2} (F_{n+2} + F_{n+3}) - F_{n+3} (F_{n+1} + F_{n+2}) \\ &= F_{n+2} F_{n+2} - F_{n+3} F_{n+1} \\ &= F_{n+2} (F_{n+3} - F_{n+1}) - F_{n+3} (F_{n+2} - F_n) \\ &= F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2} \\ &= \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

and set  $n = 0$  shows exactly what is desired.

2. By the lemma in the previous part, the problem reduces to two cases are when  $n$  is odd and when  $n$  is even.

- When  $n$  is even,

$$F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2} = F_0 F_3 - F_1 F_2 = 0 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1.$$

- When  $n$  is odd,

$$F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2} = F_1 F_4 - F_2 F_3 = 1 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 2 = 1.$$

3. Using the tangent formula for sum of angles, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}}\right) &= \arctan\left(\frac{\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} + \frac{1}{F_{2r+2}}}{1 - \frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{F_{2r+2}}}\right) \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{F_{2r+1} + F_{2r+2}}{F_{2r+1} F_{2r+2} - 1}\right) \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{F_{2r+3}}{F_{2r+1} F_{2r+2} + (F_{2r} F_{2r+3} - F_{2r+1} F_{2r+2})}\right) \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{F_{2r+3}}{F_{2r} F_{2r+3}}\right) \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Hence, we have

$$\arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r}}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}}\right),$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}}\right) &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r}}\right) - \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r}}\right) - \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2r}}\right) \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_{2 \cdot 1}}\right) \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{1}{F_2}\right) \\ &= \arctan(1) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4}.\end{aligned}$$

### 2012.3 Question 12

1. Let  $[S]$  denote the area (2-D case) or the volume (3-D case) of  $S$ .

Let  $l = AB = BC = CA$ , and hence we have

$$[\Delta ABC] = \frac{l \cdot 1}{2} = \frac{l}{2}.$$

By trigonometry, we also have

$$[\Delta ABC] = \frac{l^2 \sin \frac{\pi}{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} l^2,$$

and hence

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} l^2 = \frac{l}{2} \iff l = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

On the other hand, splitting up the triangle, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta ABC] &= [\Delta ABP] + [\Delta BCP] + [\Delta ACP] \\ &= \frac{AB \cdot x_1}{2} + \frac{BC \cdot x_2}{2} + \frac{AC \cdot x_3}{2} \\ &= \frac{l}{2} (x_1 + x_2 + x_3). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $[\Delta ABC] = [\Delta ABC]$ , we must have  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$ .

Let the angle bisectors of  $\angle BAC, \angle ABC$  and  $\angle ACB$  meet at a point  $O$  (this point exists since triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral).

For  $X_1 = \min(X_1, X_2, X_3)$ , this happens if and only if  $P$  is closer to  $AB$  than  $BC$  (including the equal case,  $X_1 \leq X_2$ ), and  $P$  is closer to  $AB$  than  $AC$  (including the equal case,  $X_1 \leq X_3$ ). This means  $P$  must lie on the side containing point  $A$  relative to  $BO$  (inclusive), and on the side containing point  $B$  relative to  $AO$  (inclusive).

Hence,  $P$  must lie on or inside triangle  $AOB$ , as shown in the diagram below.

Without loss of generality (since a triangle has order-3 rotational symmetry, and the centre of symmetry is  $O$ ), we only consider the case where

$$X = X_1 = \min(X_1, X_2, X_3).$$

This means  $P$  must lie on or inside triangle  $AOB$ . Consider the cumulative distribution function of  $X_1$  under this condition. By the following diagram, for  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{3}$ , we must have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= P(X \leq x) \\ &\propto [\Delta ABO] - [\Delta ARQ] \\ &= \frac{l \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{2} \cdot \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\frac{1}{3} - x}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{2} \cdot [1 - (1 - 3x)^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \cdot [6x - 9x^2] \\ &= \frac{2x - 3x^2}{\sqrt{3}}. \end{aligned}$$

The maximum of  $x$  is  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and hence  $F\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 1$ . This means the constant of proportionality,  $k$ , must satisfy

$$k = \frac{F\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{\left[\frac{2x - 3x^2}{\sqrt{3}}\right]_{x=\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}} = 3\sqrt{3}.$$

and hence

$$F(x) = 3(2x - 3x^2).$$

Therefore, the probability density function of  $X$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{3}$  must satisfy

$$f(x) = 6 - 18x = 6(1 - 3x),$$

and 0 everywhere else, i.e.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 6(1 - 3x), & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{3}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence, the expectation of  $X$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} xf(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}} (6x - 18x^2) \, dx \\ &= [3x^2 - 6x^3]_0^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - 6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \\ &= \frac{3}{9} - \frac{2}{9} \\ &= \frac{1}{9}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Let the regular tetrahedron be  $ABCD$  and the centroid be  $O$ . Let  $AB = BC = BD = DA = l$ . By trigonometry, we have

$$\frac{l^3}{6\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}l^2}{4} \cdot 1,$$

and hence

$$l = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Let the perpendicular distances from  $P$  to the face  $BCD$ ,  $ACD$ ,  $ABD$  and  $ABC$  be  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  and  $Y_4$  respectively, and let

$$Y = \min(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4).$$

By similar arguments as before,  $Y_1 = \min(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4)$  if and only if  $P$  is on or inside the tetrahedron  $BCDO$ .

Let  $G$  be the cumulative distribution function of  $Y_1$  under this condition. For  $0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{4}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\ &\propto [BCDO] \cdot \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\frac{1}{4} - y}{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^3 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}l^2}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot [1 - (1 - 4y)^3] \\ &= \frac{1}{16\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot [12y - 48y^2 + 64y^3] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{32} \cdot [12y - 48y^2 + 64y^3] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}(3y - 12y^2 + 16y^3)}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the maximum of  $y$  is  $\frac{1}{4}$ , we must have  $G(\frac{1}{4}) = 1$ , and hence the constant of proportionality,  $k$ , must satisfy

$$k = \frac{G(\frac{1}{4})}{\left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}(3y - 12y^2 + 16y^3)}{8} \right]_{y=\frac{1}{4}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{32}} = \frac{32}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

Hence,

$$G(y) = 4(3y - 12y^2 + 16y^3),$$

and the probability density function of  $Y$  must satisfy for  $0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{4}$

$$g(y) = 4(3 - 24y + 48y^2) = 12(1 - 8y + 16y^2).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E(y) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} yg(y) \, dy \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} 12(y - 8y^2 + 16y^3) \, dy \\ &= [6y^2 - 32y^3 + 48y^4]_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= 6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - 32 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + 48 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^4 \\ &= \frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{16} \\ &= \frac{3 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot 8 + 3}{16} \\ &= \frac{1}{16}. \end{aligned}$$

### 2012.3 Question 13

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Z \mid a < Z < b) &= \frac{\int_a^b z \Phi'(z) \, dz}{\int_a^b \Phi'(z) \, dz} \\
 &= \frac{\int_a^b z e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \, dz}{\sqrt{2\pi} (\Phi(b) - \Phi(a))} \\
 &= \frac{\left[ -e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \right]_a^b}{\sqrt{2\pi} (\Phi(b) - \Phi(a))} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-\frac{a^2}{2}} - e^{-\frac{b^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi} (\Phi(b) - \Phi(a))}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Since  $X = \mu + \sigma Z$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X \mid X > 0) &= E(\mu + \sigma Z \mid (\mu + \sigma Z) > 0) \\
 &= \mu + \sigma E(Z \mid (\mu + \sigma Z) > 0) \\
 &= \mu + \sigma E\left(Z \mid Z > -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 m &= E(|X|) \\
 &= E(|X| \mid X > 0) \cdot P(X > 0) + E(|X| \mid X < 0) \cdot P(X < 0) \\
 &= E(X \mid X > 0) \cdot P(X > 0) - E(X \mid X < 0) \cdot P(X < 0) \\
 &= \left[ \mu + \sigma E\left(Z \mid Z > -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] \cdot P(\mu + \sigma Z > 0) \\
 &\quad - \left[ \mu + \sigma E\left(Z \mid Z < -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] \cdot P(\mu + \sigma Z < 0) \\
 &= \left[ \mu + \sigma \cdot \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi}(1 - \Phi(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}))} \right] \cdot \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] - \left[ \mu + \sigma \cdot \frac{-\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Phi(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma})} \right] \cdot \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \\
 &= \mu \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] + \frac{\sigma \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot (1 + 1) \\
 &= \mu \left[ 1 - 2\Phi\left(-\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\right) \right] + \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}},
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

To find the variance of  $|X|$ , we would like to find  $E(|X|^2)$ . But this is precisely  $E(|X|^2) = E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + E(X)^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(|X|) &= E(|X|^2) - E(|X|)^2 \\
 &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - m^2.
 \end{aligned}$$