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#### 2021.3 Question 1

1. By using the chain rule, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$= \frac{12\cos t - 12\sin^2 t \cos t}{12\cos^2 t \sin t}$$

$$= \frac{\cos t - \sin^2 t \cos t}{\cos^2 t \sin t}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \sin^2 t}{\cos t \sin t}$$

$$= \frac{\cos^2 t}{\cos t \sin t}$$

$$= \frac{\cos t}{\sin t}$$

$$= \cot t.$$

Hence, at  $t = \varphi$ , the normal of this curve has gradient  $-\tan\varphi$ , and hence it has equation

$$y - \left(12\sin\varphi - 4\sin^3\varphi\right) = -\tan\varphi\left(x - \left(-4\cos^3\varphi\right)\right)$$

$$y - 12\sin\varphi + 4\sin^3\varphi = -\tan\varphi x - 4\cos^3\varphi\tan\varphi$$

$$\cos\varphi y - 12\sin\varphi\cos\varphi + 4\sin^3\varphi\cos\varphi = -\sin\varphi x - 4\cos^3\varphi\sin\varphi$$

$$\sin\varphi x + \cos\varphi y = 12\sin\varphi\cos\varphi - 4\sin^3\varphi\cos\varphi - 4\cos^3\varphi\sin\varphi$$

$$\sin\varphi x + \cos\varphi y = 4\sin\varphi\cos\varphi\left(3 - \sin^2\varphi - \cos^2\varphi\right)$$

$$\sin\varphi x + \cos\varphi y = 8\sin\varphi\cos\varphi.$$

The curve  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} + y^{\frac{2}{3}} = 4$  can be parametrised as  $x = 8\cos^3 t$  and  $y = 8\sin^3 t$ :

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} + y^{\frac{2}{3}} = (8\cos^3 t)^{\frac{2}{3}} + (8\sin^3 t)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$
$$= 4\cos^2 t + 4\sin^2 t$$
$$= 4$$

Hence, the gradient of the tangent at a point is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$= \frac{24\sin^2 t \cos t}{-24\cos^2 t \sin t}$$

$$= -\tan t,$$

and the equation of the tangent at the point  $t = \varphi$  is

$$y - 8\sin^3 \varphi = -\tan \varphi \left(x - 8\cos^3 \varphi\right)$$
$$\cos \varphi y - 8\sin^3 \varphi \cos \varphi = -\sin \varphi x + 8\cos^3 \varphi \sin \varphi$$
$$\sin \varphi x + \cos \varphi y = 8\sin \varphi \cos \varphi \left(\sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi\right)$$
$$\sin \varphi x + \cos \varphi y = 8\sin \varphi \cos \varphi,$$

which shows the normal to the original curve is the tangent to this new curve at  $(8\cos^3\varphi, 8\sin^3\varphi)$ .

2. By using the chain rule, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$= \frac{\cos t - \cos t + t \sin t}{-\sin t + \sin t + t \cos t}$$

$$= \frac{t \sin t}{t \cos t}$$

$$= \tan t.$$

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Hence, at  $t = \varphi$ , the normal of this curve has gradient  $-\cot\varphi$ , and hence it has equation

$$y - (\sin \varphi - \varphi \cos \varphi) = -\cot \varphi (x - (\cos \varphi + \varphi \sin \varphi))$$
  
$$\sin \varphi y - \sin^2 \varphi + \varphi \sin \varphi \cos \varphi = -\cos \varphi x + \cos^2 \varphi + \varphi \sin \varphi \cos \varphi$$
  
$$\cos \varphi x + \sin \varphi y = \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi$$
  
$$\cos \varphi x + \sin \varphi y = 1.$$

The distance of this normal to the origin is

$$\frac{\left|\cos\varphi\cdot0+\sin\varphi\cdot0-1\right|}{\sqrt{\cos^{2}\varphi+\sin^{2}\varphi}}=1,$$

which is a constant, and hence this curve is tangent to the unit circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

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# 2021.3 Question 2

1. For the first row/component in î,

$$(1 -x x) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot a + (-x) \cdot b + x \cdot c$$

$$= a + \frac{-ab}{b-c} = \frac{ac}{b-c}$$

$$= a + \frac{ac - ab}{b-c}$$

$$= a + (-a)$$

$$= 0,$$

and this is similar for the remaining row and components. Hence, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x & x \\ y & 1 & -y \\ -z & z & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

as desired.

If the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & -x & x \\
y & 1 & -y \\
-z & z & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible, then we must have

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x & x \\ y & 1 & -y \\ -z & z & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is impossible, since a, b and c are distinct.

Hence, this matrix is not invertible, and it must have a zero-determinant, meaning

$$0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x & x \\ y & 1 & -y \\ -z & z & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + (-x) \cdot (-y) \cdot (-z) + x \cdot y \cdot z - 1 \cdot (-y) \cdot z - (-x) \cdot y \cdot 1 - x \cdot 1 \cdot (-z)$$

$$= 1 - xyz + xyz + yz + xy + xz$$

$$= xy + yz + zx + 1,$$

and hence

$$xy + yz + zx = -1.$$

Since  $(x + y + z)^2 \ge 0$ , we have

$$\begin{split} 0 & \leq (x+y+z)^2 \\ & = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(xy+yz+zx) \\ & = \frac{a^2}{(b-c)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(c-a)^2} + \frac{c^2}{(a-b)^2} + 2 \cdot (-1), \end{split}$$

and hence

$$\frac{a^2}{(b-c)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(c-a)^2} + \frac{c^2}{(a-b)^2} \ge 2,$$

as desired.

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#### 2. Consider the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & x & x \\ y & -2 & y \\ z & z & -2, \end{pmatrix}$$

and for the first row/component in î,

$$(-2 \quad x \quad x) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = (-2)a + bx + cx$$

$$= (-2)a + (b+c)x$$

$$= (-2)a + 2a$$

$$= 0.$$

and similarly in the second and third rows/components, and hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & x & x \\ y & -2 & y \\ z & z & -2, \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By similar argument as before, this matrix must have a zero determinant as well, and hence

$$0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & x & x \\ y & -2 & y \\ z & z & -2, \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= (-2)(-2)(-2) + xyz + xyz - (-2)yz - xy(-2) - x(-2)z$$
$$= -8 + 2xyz + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx.$$

and hence

$$xyz + xy + yz + zx = 4,$$

as desired.

Hence, consider

$$(x+1)(y+1)(z+1) = xyz + xy + yz + zx + x + y + z + 1 = 5 + x + y + z.$$

Since a, b, c are all positive real numbers, x, y, z are as well, and hence x + y + z > 0, giving

$$(x+1)(y+1)(z+1) > 5$$
,

which means

$$\frac{2a+b+c}{b+c} \cdot \frac{a+2b+c}{a+c} \cdot \frac{a+b+2c}{a+b} > 5,$$

and hence

$$(2a+b+c)(a+2b+c)(a+b+2c) > 5(b+c)(c+a)(a+b)$$

as desired.

Furthermore, notice that

$$x + y + z = \frac{2a}{b+c} + \frac{2b}{c+a} + \frac{2c}{a+b}$$

$$> \frac{2a}{a+b+c} + \frac{2b}{a+b+c} + \frac{2c}{a+b+c}$$

$$= \frac{2(a+b+c)}{a+b+c}$$

$$= 2.$$

Hence,

$$(x+1)(y+1)(z+1) > 7$$
,

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which means

$$\frac{2a+b+c}{b+c} \cdot \frac{a+2b+c}{a+c} \cdot \frac{a+b+2c}{a+b} > 7,$$

and hence

$$(2a+b+c)(a+2b+c)(a+b+2c) > 7(b+c)(c+a)(a+b)$$

as desired.

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#### 2021.3 Question 3

#### 1. Notice that

LHS = 
$$\frac{1}{2} (I_{n+1} + I_{n-1})$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n+1} dx + \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} dx \right)$   
=  $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} \left[ (\sec x + \tan x)^2 + 1 \right] dx$   
=  $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} \left( \sec^2 x + \tan^2 x + 2 \sec x \tan x + 1 \right) dx$   
=  $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} d(\sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x) dx$   
=  $\int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} d(\sec x + \tan x)$   
=  $\frac{1}{n} \left[ (\sec x + \tan x)^n \right]_0^\beta$   
=  $\frac{1}{n} ((\sec \beta + \tan \beta)^n - (\sec 0 + \tan 0)^n)$   
=  $\frac{1}{n} ((\sec \beta + \tan \beta)^n - 1)$   
= RHS,

as desired.

To show the final part, we would like to show that

$$I_n < \frac{1}{2} (I_{n+1} + I_{n-1}) = \frac{1}{n} ((\sec \beta + \tan \beta)^n - 1),$$

which is equivalent to showing

$$I_{n+1} + I_{n-1} - 2I_n > 0.$$

$$I_{n+1} + I_{n-1} - 2I_n$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n+1} dx + \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} dx - 2 \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^n dx$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} (2\sec^2 x + 2\sec x \tan x - 2\sec x - 2\tan x)$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} (\sec^2 x + \tan^2 x + 2\sec x \tan x - 2\sec x - 2\tan x + 1)$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} [(\sec x + \tan x)^2 - 2(\sec x + 2\tan x) + 1]$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} ((\sec x + \tan x) - 1)^2.$$

For  $0 \le x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\sec x > 0$ ,  $\tan x > 0$ , and so  $\sec x + \tan x > 0$ ,  $(\sec x + \tan x)^{n-1} > 0$ .

Also,  $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x} > \frac{1}{1} = 1$ , and hence  $\sec x + \tan x - 1 > 0$ , so  $((\sec x + \tan x) - 1)^2 > 0$ .

Hence, the integrand is greater than 0 on  $(0, \beta) \subseteq (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

This shows that the desired equation is greater than 0, and hence, we have the desired inequality as desired.

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#### 2. Notice that

$$\frac{1}{2} (J_{n+1} + J_{n-1}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \left[ (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^2 + 1 \right] dx 
= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \left[ \sec^2 x \cos^2 \beta + \tan^2 x + 2 \sec x \tan x \cos \beta + 1 \right] dx 
= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \left( \sec^2 x \cos^2 \beta + \sec^2 x + 2 \sec x \tan x \cos \beta \right) dx 
= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \left( 2 \sec^2 x - \sec^2 x \sin^2 \beta + 2 \sec x \tan x \cos \beta \right) dx 
= \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \left( \sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x \cos \beta \right) dx 
- \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{2} \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \sec^2 x dx.$$

The first part of the integral integrates similarly:

$$\int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} (\sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x \cos \beta) dx$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} d (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} [(\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^n]_0^\beta$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} [(\sec \beta \cos \beta + \tan \beta)^n - (\sec 0 \cos \beta + \tan 0)^n]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} [(1 + \tan \beta)^n - \cos^n \beta].$$

The second part of the integral has a positive integrand over  $(0, \beta)$ , and hence the integral is positive, which means

$$\frac{1}{2} (J_{n+1} + J_{n-1}) > \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} (\sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x \cos \beta) dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} [(1 + \tan \beta)^n - \cos^n \beta].$$

We would like to show that  $J_{n+1} + J_{n-1} - 2J_n > 0$  similar as before to show the final result. Note that

$$J_{n+1} + J_{n-1} - 2J_n$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \left[ (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^2 + 1 - 2 (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x) \right] dx$$

$$= \int_0^\beta (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x)^{n-1} \left[ (\sec x \cos \beta + \tan x) - 1 \right]^2 dx$$

$$> 0,$$

and hence  $J_n < \frac{1}{2} (J_{n+1} + J_{n-1})$ , which shows

$$J_n < \frac{1}{n} \left( (1 + \tan \beta)^n - \cos^n \beta \right),\,$$

as desired.

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# 2021.3 Question 4

1. Since  $\theta$  is the angle between **a** and **b**, we have

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}.$$

Let  $\lambda$  be the angle between **m** and **a**. Hence,

$$\begin{split} \cos \lambda &= \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{m}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{m}|} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \right)}{|\mathbf{m}|} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \left( \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \right)}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|} \\ &= \frac{1 + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|}. \end{split}$$

Similarly, let  $\mu$  be the angle between **m** and **b**, and we must have

$$\cos \lambda = \cos \mu = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|}.$$

Since  $0 \le \lambda, \mu \le \pi$ , and cos is one-to-one when restricted to  $[0, \pi]$ , we must have  $\lambda = \mu$ , which shows that **m** bisects the angle between **a** and **b**.

2. We must have  $\cos \alpha = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ , and  $\cos \beta = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ .

By definition of the projection, we have

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{a} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) \mathbf{c}$$
  
=  $\mathbf{a} - \cos \alpha \mathbf{c}$ ,

and hence

$$\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} - \cos \alpha \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c}$$
$$= \cos \alpha - \cos \alpha$$
$$= 0,$$

as desired.

Notice that

$$|\mathbf{a}_1|^2 = \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_1$$

$$= (\mathbf{a} - \cos \alpha \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \cos \alpha \mathbf{c})$$

$$= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} - 2\cos \alpha \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \cos^2 \alpha \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c}$$

$$= 1 - 2\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha$$

$$= 1 - \cos^2 \alpha$$

$$= \sin^2 \alpha.$$

Since  $|a_1| \ge 0$ , and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\sin \alpha > 0$ , we must have

$$|\mathbf{a}_1| = |\sin \alpha| = \sin \alpha.$$

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The angle  $\varphi$  is given by

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1}{|\mathbf{a}_1||\mathbf{b}_1|}$$

$$= \frac{(\mathbf{a} - \cos \alpha \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \cos \beta \mathbf{c})}{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} - \cos \alpha \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} - \cos \beta \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c}}{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \beta \cos \alpha + \cos \beta \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta}{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}.$$

3. By definition of a projection, we have

$$\mathbf{m}_{1} = \mathbf{m} - (\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) - \left(\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}\right) \mathbf{c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) - \left(\frac{1}{2} (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)\right) \mathbf{c}$$

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

Let  $\nu$  be the angle between  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_1$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \cos \nu &= \frac{\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_1}{|\mathbf{m}_1||\mathbf{a}_1|} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1 \right) \cdot \mathbf{a}_1}{\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1| \sin \alpha} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_1}{|\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1| \sin \alpha} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos \varphi \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{|\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1| \sin \alpha} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta}{|\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1| \sin \alpha}. \end{split}$$

Similarly, let  $\tau$  be the angle between  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and  $\mathbf{b}_1$ , we have

$$\cos \tau = \frac{\sin^2 \beta + \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta}{|\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1| \sin \beta}.$$

Since  $0 \le \nu, \tau \le \pi$ ,  $\nu = \tau$  if and only if

$$\cos \nu = \cos \tau$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta}{|\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1| \sin \alpha} = \frac{\sin^2 \beta + \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta}{|\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1| \sin \beta}$$

$$\sin \beta \left(\sin^2 \alpha + \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta\right) = \sin \alpha \left(\sin^2 \beta + \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \cos \beta\right)$$

$$\sin \alpha \sin \beta (\sin \alpha - \sin \beta) + \cos \alpha \cos \beta (\sin \alpha - \sin \beta) = \cos \theta (\sin \alpha - \sin \beta)$$

$$(\sin \alpha \sin \beta + \cos \alpha \cos \beta) (\sin \alpha - \sin \beta) = \cos \theta (\sin \alpha - \sin \beta)$$

$$(\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos \theta) (\sin \alpha - \sin \beta) = 0.$$

This is if and only if  $\sin \alpha = \sin \beta$ , or  $\cos \theta = \cos(\alpha - \beta)$ .

Since  $0 < \alpha, \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and sin is one-to-one when restricted to  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , the first condition is true if and only if  $\alpha = \beta$ .

Hence,  $\mathbf{m}_1$  bisects the angle between  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{b}_1$  if and only if  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\cos \theta = \cos(\alpha - \beta)$ , as desired.

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#### 2021.3 Question 5

1. When the curves meet, the r values and the  $\theta$  values must be both equal, and hence

$$a + 2\cos\theta = 2 + \cos 2\theta$$
$$a + 2\cos\theta = 2 + 2\cos^2\theta - 1$$
$$2\cos^2\theta - 2\cos\theta + 1 - a = 0,$$

as desired.

By differentiating with respect to theta, for the two curves to touch, we must have

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\theta}(a+2\cos\theta) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\theta}(2+\cos2\theta)$$
$$-2\sin\theta = -2\sin2\theta$$
$$\sin\theta = \sin2\theta$$
$$\sin\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$$
$$\sin\theta(2\cos\theta - 1) = 0.$$

This means, either for the value of  $\sin \theta = 0$  it satisfies the first equation, or for the value of  $2\cos \theta - 1 = 0$  it satisfies the first equation.

For the first case, we must have  $\cos \theta = \pm 1$ , and hence

$$a = 2\cos^2 \theta - 2\cos \theta + 1$$
  
=  $2(\pm 1)^2 - 2(\pm 1) + 1$   
=  $3 \pm 2$ ,

and so a = 1 or a = 5.

For the second case, we have  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , and hence

$$a = 2\cos^2\theta - 2\cos\theta + 1$$
$$= 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1$$
$$= \frac{1}{2},$$

as desired.

2. For the case where  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , the curves meet precisely for  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$  only, and hence  $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$ , which gives  $r = \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}$ .

Both curves are symmetric about the initial line, since cos is an even function.

When  $\theta = 0$ ,  $r_1 = a + 2 = \frac{5}{2}$ , and  $r_2 = 2 + 1 = 3$ .

For  $r_1$ , since  $r \geq 0$ , we must have

$$\frac{1}{2} + 2\cos\theta \ge 0$$
 
$$\cos\theta \ge -\frac{1}{4},$$

which means it only exists for

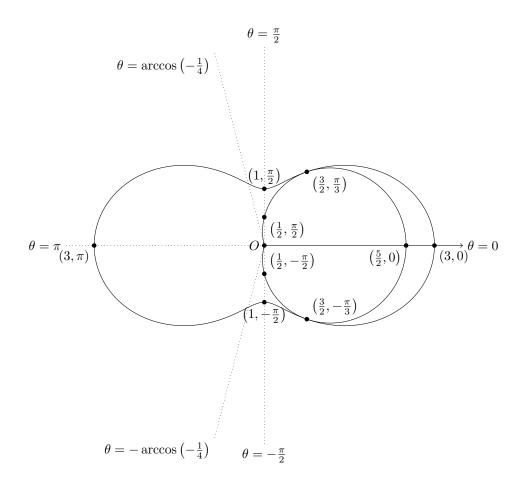
$$-\arccos\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) \leq \theta \leq \arccos\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right).$$

When  $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2} + 2\cos \pm \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

For all values of  $\theta$ , we must have  $r_2 \geq 0$ . When  $\theta = \pi$ ,  $r_2 = 2 + 1 = 3$ , and for  $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $r_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \cos \pm \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $r_2 = 2 + \cos \pm \pi = 1$ .

Hence, the two curves are as follows. All coordinates are in  $(r, \theta)$ .

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3. • a = 1. For  $r_1$ , since  $r \ge 0$ , we must have

$$1 + 2\cos\theta \ge 0$$
 
$$\cos\theta \ge -\frac{1}{2},$$

which means  $-\frac{2}{3}\pi \le \theta \le \frac{2}{3}\pi$ .

The two curves meet when

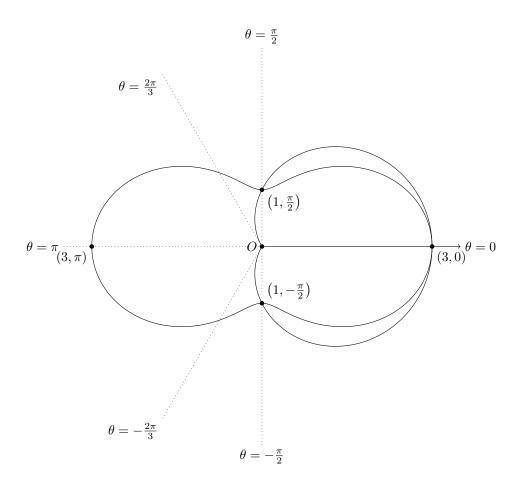
$$2\cos^2\theta - 2\cos\theta = 0$$
$$\cos\theta(\cos\theta - 1) = 0,$$

which is when  $\cos \theta = 0$  or  $\cos \theta = 1$ .

For  $\cos \theta = 0$ , this means  $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and r = 1. For this value of  $\theta$ , the two curves cross.

For  $\cos \theta = 1$ , this means  $\theta = 0$ , and r = 3. For this value of  $\theta$ , the two curves touch.

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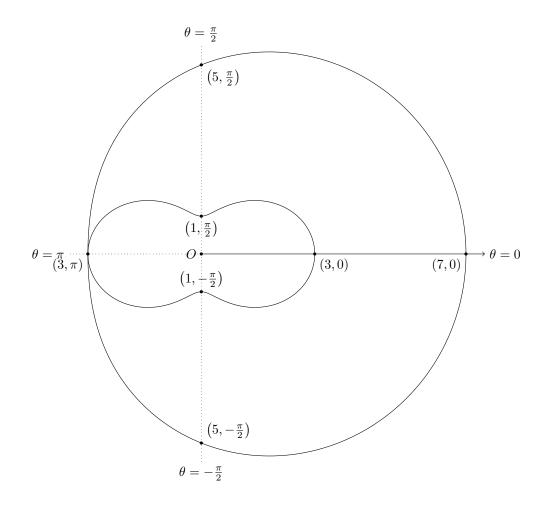
• a = 5. For  $r_1, r \ge 0$  for all  $\theta$ . The two curves meet when

$$2\cos^2\theta - 2\cos\theta = 4$$
$$\cos^2\theta - \cos\theta - 2 = 0$$
$$(\cos\theta - 2)(\cos\theta + 1) = 0,$$

which is when  $\cos \theta = -1$ , since  $\cos \theta \neq 2$ .

For  $\cos\theta=-1$ , this means  $\theta=\pi$ , and r=3. For this value of  $\theta$ , the two curves touch. When  $\theta=0,\ r_1=5+2=7,$  and  $r_2=2+1=3.$  When  $\theta=\pm\frac{1}{2}\pi,\ r_1=5+2\cos\pm\frac{1}{2}\pi=5,$   $r_2=2+\cos\pm\pi=1.$ 

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#### 2021.3 Question 6

1. By multiplying by  $\cot \alpha$  on top and bottom of the fraction, we have

$$f_{\alpha}(x) = \arctan\left(\frac{x + \cot \alpha}{1 - x \cot \alpha}\right)$$
$$= \arctan\left(\frac{x + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)}{1 - x \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)}\right)$$
$$= \arctan \tan\left(\arctan x + \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right).$$

Since  $\arctan x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \alpha\right) \cup \left(\alpha, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , we have

$$\arctan x + \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha \in \left(-\alpha, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi - \alpha\right).$$

Hence, we can simplify this to

$$f_{\alpha}(x) = \arctan \tan \left(\arctan x + \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)$$
$$= \begin{cases} \arctan x + \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha, & x < \tan \alpha, \\ \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha, & x > \tan \alpha. \end{cases}$$

Hence, by differentiating with respect to x, the constants differentiate to 0, and hence

$$f'_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \arctan x$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$ ,

as desired.

The graph consists of 2 branches of arctan, as the simplified expressions suggests. We have the following limiting behaviours of  $f_{\alpha}$ :

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f_{\alpha}(x) = \lim_{x \to -\infty} \arctan x + \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha = -\alpha,$$

$$\lim_{x \to \tan \alpha^{-}} f_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$\lim_{x \to \tan \alpha^{+}} f_{\alpha}(x) = -\frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f_{\alpha}(x) = \lim_{x \to \infty} \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha = -\alpha,$$

which shows that  $f_{\alpha}$  has a horizontal asymptote with equation  $y = -\alpha$ . For the intersection with the y-axis,

$$f_{\alpha}(0) = \arctan 0 + \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha,$$

and for the intersection with the x-axis,

$$f_{\alpha}(x) = 0 \iff x \tan \alpha + 1 = 0 \iff x = -\cot \alpha.$$

The graph looks as follows.

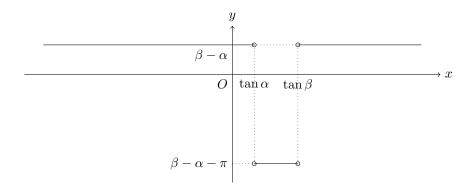
 $(0, \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha)$   $(0, -\cot \alpha)$   $(\tan \alpha, \frac{\pi}{2})$   $(\cot \alpha)$   $(\cot \alpha)$   $(\tan \alpha, -\frac{\pi}{2})$ 

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The domain of this new graph is  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\tan \alpha, \tan \beta\}$ . By considering the functions in the different corresponding ranges, we have

$$f_{\alpha}(x) - f_{\beta}(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\arctan(x) + \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right) - \left(\arctan(x) + \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta\right) = \beta - \alpha, & x < \tan \alpha, \\ \left(\arctan(x) - \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right) - \left(\arctan(x) + \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta\right) = \beta - \alpha - \pi, & \tan \alpha < x < \tan \beta, \\ \left(\arctan(x) - \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right) - \left(\arctan(x) - \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta\right) = \beta - \alpha, & \tan \beta < x. \end{cases}$$

Hence, the graph looks as follows.



#### 2. By differentiation, we have

$$\begin{split} g'(x) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sin^2 x} \cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 x}} \sec^2 x \\ &= \frac{\cos x}{\cos^2 x} - \frac{\sec^2 x}{|\sec x|} \\ &= \sec x - |\sec x| \\ &= \begin{cases} \sec x - \sec x = 0, & 0 \le x < \frac{1}{2}\pi \text{ or } \frac{3}{2}\pi < x \le 2\pi, \\ \sec x - (-\sec x) = 2\sec x, & \frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{3}{2}\pi, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

since  $\sec x$  takes the same sign as  $\cos x$ , which is negative when  $\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{3}{2}\pi$ , and positive when  $0 \le x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$  or  $\frac{3}{2}\pi < x \le 2\pi$  within the range.

For  $\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{3}{2}\pi$ , we must have

$$g(x) = \ln|\tan x + \sec x| + C = \ln(-\tan x - \sec x) + C,$$

and by verifying

$$g(\pi) = \operatorname{artanh}(0) - \operatorname{arsinh}(0) = 0,$$

we can see C = 0.

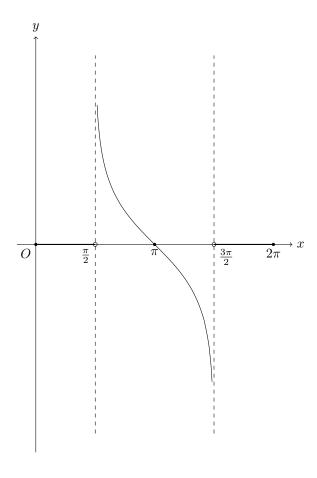
Hence, for  $0 \le x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$  and  $\frac{3}{2}\pi < x \le 2\pi$  respectively, g(x) is constant, and notice that

$$g(0) = g(2\pi) = 0,$$

and hence

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \ln\left(-\tan x - \sec x\right), & \frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{3}{2}\pi, \\ 0, & 0 \le x < \frac{1}{2}\pi \text{ or } \frac{3}{2}\pi \le 2\pi. \end{cases}$$

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#### 2021.3 Question 7

1. Notice that

$$\begin{split} z &= \frac{\exp(i\theta) + \exp(i\varphi)}{\exp(i\theta) - \exp(i\varphi)} \\ &= \frac{\exp(i\theta) + \exp(i\varphi)}{\exp(i\theta) - \exp(i\varphi)} \cdot \frac{\exp(-i\theta) - \exp(-i\varphi)}{\exp(-i\theta) - \exp(-i\varphi)} \\ &= \frac{1 + \exp(i\varphi - i\theta) - \exp(i\theta - i\varphi) - 1}{1 - \exp(i\theta - i\varphi) - \exp(i\varphi - i\theta) + 1} \\ &= \frac{\exp(i(\varphi - \theta)) - \exp(-i(\varphi - \theta))}{2 - \exp(-i(\varphi - \theta)) - \exp(i(\varphi - \theta))} \\ &= \frac{2i\sin(\varphi - \theta)}{2 - 2\cos(\varphi - \theta)} \\ &= \frac{i\sin(\varphi - \theta)}{1 - \cos(\varphi - \theta)} \\ &= \frac{i \cdot 2\sin\frac{\varphi - \theta}{2}\cos\frac{\varphi - \theta}{2}}{1 - (1 - 2\sin^2\frac{\varphi - \theta}{2})} \\ &= \frac{2i\sin\frac{\varphi - \theta}{2}\cos\frac{\varphi - \theta}{2}}{2\sin^2\frac{\varphi - \theta}{2}} \\ &= i\cot\frac{\varphi - \theta}{2}, \end{split}$$

as desired.

The modulus of z is  $\left|\cot\frac{\varphi-\theta}{2}\right|$ . The argument of z is  $\pm\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

2. Let  $a = \exp(i\alpha)$ , and  $b = \exp(i\beta)$ , where  $a - b \neq 2n\pi$  for integer n (this ensures that A and B are distinct). We must have  $x = a + b = \exp(i\alpha) + \exp(i\beta)$ , and  $b - a = \exp(i\beta) - \exp(i\alpha)$ .

The vectors representing the two complex numbers are perpendicular, if and only if their argument differ by  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ , if and only if their ratio has argument  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Notice that the ratios

$$\frac{OX}{AB} = \frac{a+b}{b-a}$$
$$= \frac{\exp(i\alpha) + \exp(i\beta)}{\exp(i\beta) - \exp(i\alpha)}$$

takes the same form as z before, and hence has argument  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ . This hence means OX is perpendicular to AB.

3. Similarly, let  $a = \exp(i\alpha)$ ,  $b = \exp(i\beta)$ , and  $c = \exp(i\gamma)$ , where no pair of  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  differ by some multiple of  $2\pi$  (which ensures that A, B, C are distinct points).

If H is the orthocentre of triangle ABC, then

$$h = a + b + c = \exp(i\alpha) + \exp(i\beta) + \exp(i\gamma),$$

and hence

$$AH = h - a = b + c = \exp(i\beta) + \exp(i\gamma),$$
  
$$BC = c - b = \exp(i\gamma) - \exp(i\beta).$$

If  $h \neq a$ , then  $AH = b + c \neq 0$ , then the angle between AH and BC is given by the argument of the ratio of the complex numbers representing them, and notice

$$\frac{AH}{BC} = \frac{\exp(i\beta) + \exp(i\gamma)}{\exp(i\gamma) - \exp(i\beta)},$$

which takes the same form of z in the first part. Hence, the argument of this must be  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$  since  $b+c\neq 0$ , which shows that AH is perpendicular to BC.

This means that either h = a, or AH is perpendicular to BC, as desired.

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4. Similarly, let  $a = \exp(i\alpha)$ ,  $b = \exp(i\beta)$ ,  $c = \exp(i\gamma)$  and  $d = \exp(i\delta)$ , where no pair of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  differ by some multiple of  $2\pi$  (which ensures that A, B, C, D are distinct points). Hence,

$$q = b + c + d = \exp(i\beta) + \exp(i\gamma) + \exp(i\delta),$$

and the midpoint of AQ, M, represented by complex number m, is given by

$$m = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2}.$$

By symmetry, the midpoint of BR, CS and DP must also be M.

This means that by an enlargement of scale factor -1 about M, A will be transformed to Q, B to R, C to S, and D to P.

Hence, ABCD is transformed to PQRS by an enlargement of scale factor -1, with centre of enlargement being  $\frac{a+b+c+d}{4}$ , the midpoint of AQ.

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#### 2021.3 Question 8

1. We show this by induction on n.

We first consider the base case where n = 1. Notice LHS =  $x_1 = a$ , and

RHS = 
$$2 + 4^{1-1}(a-2) = 2 + (a-2) = a$$
.

Hence, LHS > RHS is true.

Now, assume that the original statement

$$x_n \ge 2 + 4^{n-1}(a-2)$$

is true for some n = k.

Consider the case where n = k + 1. We first notice that since a > 2, we must have

$$x_n \ge 2 + 4^{n-1}(a-2) > 0.$$

Hence, we have

LHS = 
$$x_{k+1}$$
  
=  $x_k^2 - 2$   
 $\geq (2 + 4^{k-1}(a-2))^2 - 2$   
=  $4 + 4^{2k-2}(a-2)^2 + 4 \cdot 4^{k-1}(a-2) - 2$   
=  $2 + 4^k(a-2) + 4^{2k-2}(a-2)^2$   
>  $2 + 4^{(k+1)-1}(a-2)$   
= RHS.

and this shows that the original statement is true for the case n = k + 1 as well.

Hence, the original statement is true for the base case n = 1, and given it holds for n = k, it holds for n = k + 1. By the principle of mathematical induction, it must hold for all integers  $n \ge 1$  given a > 2, as desired.

2. • If direction. We are given that |a| > 2. If a < 0, we must have a < -2, but notice that for  $x_1 = a$ ,  $x_2 = a^2 - 2$ , and for  $x_1 = -a$ ,  $x_2 = (-a)^2 - 2 = a^2 - 2$ . Hence, if the first term only differs by a plus/minus sign, all the terms including and after the second term will behave identically. This means we only have to consider the case a > 2, and since

$$x_n \ge 2 + 4^{n-1}(a-2),$$

and the right-hand side diverges to  $\infty$  as  $n \to \infty$ , we can conclude that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \infty,$$

as desired.

• Only-if direction. We attempt to prove the contrapositive of the only-if direction, i.e. given that  $|a| \leq 2$ , we want to show that  $x_n$  does not diverge to  $\infty$ .

We would like to show that  $|x_n| \leq 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The base case where n = 1 is true, since  $0 \le a \le 2$ .

Now, assume that this is true for some n = k, i.e.

$$|x_n| < 2 \iff -2 < x_n < 2 \iff 0 < x_n^2 < 4.$$

For n = k + 1,

$$x_n = x_{k+1} = x_k^2 - 2,$$

and hence

$$-2 \le x_{k+1} \le 2 \iff |x_{k+1}| \le 2.$$

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So this statement is true for the base case where n = 1, and given it holds for some n = k it holds for the case n = k+1. Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, this statement is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This means that  $x_n$  is bounded above and below, and hence it cannot diverge to infinity. This proves the contrapositive of the only-if direction, and hence the only-if direction is true.

In conclusion, we have shown that  $x_n \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$  if and only if |a| > 2.

3. If this is true for all  $n \ge 1$ , then this is true for n = 1. On one hand,

$$y_1 = \frac{Ax_1}{x_2} = \frac{Aa}{a^2 - 2},$$

and on the other hand

$$y_1 = \frac{\sqrt{x_2^2 - 4}}{x_2} = \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 - 2)^2 - 4}}{a^2 - 2} = \frac{\sqrt{a^4 - 4a^2}}{a^2 - 2} = \frac{a\sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{a^2 - 2}.$$

Hence, we must have

$$A = \sqrt{a^2 - 4}$$

$$A^2 = a^2 - 4$$

$$a^2 = A^2 + 4$$

$$a = \sqrt{A^2 + 4}$$

since a > 2.

We still have to show that this a gives the desired relation for every  $n \ge 1$ . Notice that by definition,

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{A \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i}{x_{n+2}}$$
$$= \frac{A \prod_{i=1}^{n} \cdot \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{x_{n+1}}}{x_{n+2}}$$
$$= y_n \cdot \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{x_{n+2}}.$$

We aim to show this by induction on n. The base case where n = 1 is shown above.

Now, assume that

$$y_n = \frac{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^2 - 4}}{x_{n+1}}$$

for a certain value of n = k.

For n = k + 1,

$$y_n = y_{k+1}$$

$$= y_k \cdot \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{x_{n+2}}$$

$$= frac\sqrt{x_{n+1}^2 - 4x_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{x_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^2 - 4x_{n+1}}}{x_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^4 - 4x_{n+1}^2}}{x_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{(x_{n+1}^2 - 2)^2 - 4}}{x_{n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{x_{n+2}^2 - 4}}{x_{n+2}},$$

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which is precisely the original statement for n = k + 1.

By the principle of mathematical induction, for  $a = \sqrt{A^2 + 4}$ , we have shown that this desired statement holds for the base case n = 1, and given that it holds for some n = k, we can show it holds for n = k + 1. Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, we have that

$$y_n = \frac{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^2 - 4}}{x_{n+1}}$$

for every value of  $n \ge 1$  for this certain value of  $a = \sqrt{A^2 + 4}$ .

Hence, for the value  $a = \sqrt{A^2 + 4}$ , we have the statement holds for all  $n \ge 1$ . We have also shown that if the statement holds for all  $n \ge 1$ , it must be the case that  $a = \sqrt{A^2 + 4}$ . Hence, for precisely this value of  $a = \sqrt{A^2 + 4}$ , we have

$$y_n = \frac{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^2 + 4}}{x_{n+1}}.$$

For this value of a > 2, we have  $x_n \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Hence,

$$y_n = \frac{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^2 + 4}}{x_{n+1}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{x_{n+1}^2}}$$

converges to 1 as  $n \to \infty$ .

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# 2021.3 Question 11

1. From the definitions,  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ , and  $Y = \lfloor X \rfloor$ . Hence, for  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{P}(Y = n) &= \mathbf{P}(\lfloor X \rfloor = n) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(n \leq X < n + 1) \\ &= \int_{n}^{n+1} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x \\ &= \int_{n}^{n+1} \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \, \mathrm{d}x \\ &= \left[ -e^{-\lambda x} \right]_{n}^{n+1} \\ &= -e^{-\lambda (n+1)} + e^{-\lambda n} \\ &= e^{-n\lambda} \left( 1 - e^{-\lambda} \right), \end{split}$$

as desired.

2. Since Z = X - Y, we know that  $Z = \{X\}$  where  $\{x\}$  stands for the fractional part of x. Hence, for  $0 \le z \le 1$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{P}(Z < z) &= \mathrm{P}(\{X\} < z) \\ &= \mathrm{P}(X - Y < z) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathrm{P}(X < Y + z, Y = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathrm{P}(n \le X < n + z) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{n}^{n+z} \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \, \mathrm{d}x \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ -e^{-\lambda x} \right]_{n}^{n+z} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ -e^{-\lambda(n+z)} + e^{-\lambda n} \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n\lambda} \left( 1 - e^{-\lambda z} \right) \\ &= \left( 1 - e^{-\lambda z} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-n\lambda} \\ &= \left( 1 - e^{-\lambda z} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda z}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}}, \end{split}$$

as desired.

3. It must be the case that  $0 \le Z < 1$ , and the cumulative distribution function of Z is given by, for  $0 \le z \le 1$ ,

$$F_Z(z) = \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda z}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}}.$$

By differentiating with respect to z, we get the probability density function of Z is given by, for

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 $0 \le z \le 1$ ,

$$f_Z(z) = F'_Z(z)$$

$$= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda z}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \cdot (\lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda z})$$

$$= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda z}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}},$$

and zero everywhere else.

Hence, the expectation is given by

$$E(Z) = \int_0^1 z f_Z(z) dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{\lambda z e^{-\lambda z}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} dz$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \int_0^1 z e^{-\lambda z} dz$$

$$= -\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \int_0^1 z de^{-\lambda z}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \left[ (z e^{-\lambda z})_0^1 - \int_0^1 e^{-\lambda z} dz \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \left[ z e^{-\lambda z} + \frac{e^{-\lambda z}}{\lambda} \right]_0^1$$

$$= -\frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \left[ \left( e^{-\lambda} + \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda} \right) - \left( 0 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda} - e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}}$$

$$= \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda} - \lambda e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda (1 - e^{-\lambda})}.$$

4. Since  $0 \le z_1 < z_2 \le 1$ , we have  $n \le n + z_1 < n + z_2 \le n + 1$ , and hence

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{P}(Y = n, z_1 < Z < z_2) &= \mathbf{P}(Y = n, z_1 < X - Y < z_2) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(n + z_1 < X < n + z_2) \\ &= \int_{n + z_1}^{n + z_2} \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \\ &= \left[ -e^{-\lambda x} \right]_{n + z_1}^{n + z_2} \\ &= e^{-\lambda (n + z_1)} - e^{-\lambda (n + z_2)} \\ &= e^{-\lambda n} \left[ e^{-\lambda z_1} - e^{-\lambda z_2} \right]. \end{split}$$

On the other hand, notice

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{P}(Y = n) \, \mathbf{P}(z_1 < Z < z_2) &= \mathbf{P}(Y = n) \, (\mathbf{P}(Z < z_2) - \mathbf{P}(Z - z_1)) \\ &= (1 - e^{-\lambda}) e^{-n\lambda} \cdot \left[ \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda z_2}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} - \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda z_1}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} \right] \\ &= e^{-n\lambda} \left[ \left( 1 - e^{-\lambda z_2} \right) - \left( 1 - e^{-\lambda z_1} \right) \right] \\ &= e^{-n\lambda} \left[ e^{-\lambda z_1} - e^{-\lambda z_2} \right]. \end{split}$$

Hence, we have

$$P(Y = n, z_1 < Z < z_2) = P(Y = n) P(z_1 < Z < z_2),$$

and we can conclude that Y and Z are independent.

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# 2021.3 Question 12

1. Let  $X_i$  be the outcome of player i in a die roll. Then we have

$$X_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & X_i = X_j, \\ 0, & X_i \neq X_j. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have

$$P(X_{ij} = 1) = P(X_i = X_j)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} P(X_i = X_j = n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} P(X_i = n) P(X_j = n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6},$$

and hence  $P(X_{ij} = 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$ . Furthermore,

$$E(X_{ij}) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{6},$$

and hence

$$Var(X_{ij}) = E(X_{ij}^2) - (X_{ij})^2 = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 - \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{5}{36}.$$

For any  $1 \le i < j < k \le n$ , we have

$$P(X_{ij} = 1, X_{jk} = 1) = P(X_i = X_j, X_j = X_k)$$

$$= P(X_i = X_j = X_k)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} P(X_i = X_j = X_k = n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} P(X_i = n) P(X_j = n) P(X_k = n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{36}$$

$$= P(X_{ij} = 1) P(X_{jk} = 1),$$

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$$\begin{split} \mathbf{P}(X_{ij} = 1, X_{jk} = 0) &= \mathbf{P}(X_i = X_j, X_j \neq X_k) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^6 \sum_{m \neq n} \mathbf{P}(X_i = X_j = n, X_k = m) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^6 \sum_{m \neq n} \mathbf{P}(X_i = n) \, \mathbf{P}(X_j = n) \, \mathbf{P}(X_k = m) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^6 \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{5}{36} \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X_{ij} = 1) \, \mathbf{P}(X_{jk} = 0), \end{split}$$
 
$$\begin{split} \mathbf{P}(X_{ij} = 0, X_{jk} = 1) &= \mathbf{P}(X_i \neq X_j, X_j = X_k) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^6 \sum_{m \neq n} \mathbf{P}(X_i = m, X_j = X_k = m) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^6 \sum_{m \neq n} \mathbf{P}(X_i = m) \, \mathbf{P}(X_j = n) \, \mathbf{P}(X_k = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^6 \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \\ &= 6 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \\ &= 6 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \frac{5}{36} \\ &= \mathbf{P}(X_{ij} = 0) \, \mathbf{P}(X_{jk} = 1), \end{split}$$

and

$$P(X_{ij} = 0, X_{jk} = 0) = P(X_i \neq X_j, X_j \neq X_k)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} \sum_{m \neq n} \sum_{l \neq n} P(X_i = m, X_j = n, X_k = l)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} \sum_{m \neq n} \sum_{l \neq n} P(X_i = m) P(X_j = n) P(X_k = l)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{6} \sum_{m \neq n} \sum_{l \neq n} \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{25}{36}$$

$$= P(X_{ij} = 0) P(X_{jk} = 0).$$

Hence,  $X_{ij}$  and  $X_{jk}$  are independent, and therefore  $X_{12}$  is independent of  $X_{23}$ .

Similarly, for  $0 \le i < j < k \le n$ , we have  $X_{ij}$  is independent of  $X_{ik}$ , and  $X_{ik}$  is independent of  $X_{jk}$ . Furthermore, for  $0 \le i < j \le n$  and  $0 \le k , where none of <math>i, j, k, l$  are equal, we have  $X_{ij}$  is independent of  $X_{kl}$  since the outcomes are completely irrelevant and independent.

Hence,  $X_{ij}$  s are pairwise independent. Let X be the total score:

$$X = \sum_{0 \le i < j \le n} X_{ij}$$

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and hence we have

$$E(X) = E\left(\sum_{0 \le i < j \le n} X_{ij}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le i < j \le n} E(X_{ij})$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le i < j \le n} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \binom{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{12},$$

and

$$\operatorname{Var}(X) = \operatorname{Var}\left(\sum_{0 \le i < j \le n} X_{ij}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le i < j \le n} \operatorname{Var}(X_{ij})$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le i < j \le n} \cdot \frac{5}{36}$$

$$= \binom{n}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{36}$$

$$= \frac{5n(n-1)}{72},$$

2. Define

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_i,$$

and hence

$$E(Y) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} E(Y_i) = 0.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Var}(Y) &= \operatorname{E}\left(Y^{2}\right) - \operatorname{E}(Y)^{2} \\ &= \operatorname{E}\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_{i}\right)^{2}\right) \\ &= \operatorname{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_{i}^{2} + \sum_{i \neq j} Y_{i} Y_{j}\right) \\ &= \operatorname{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_{i}^{2} + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} Y_{i} Y_{j}\right) \\ &= \operatorname{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_{i}^{2} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{m} Y_{i} Y_{j}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \operatorname{E}\left(Y_{i}^{2}\right) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{m} \operatorname{E}\left(Y_{i} Y_{j}\right), \end{split}$$

as desired.

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#### 3. By definition, we have

$$Z_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & X_i = X_j \text{ is even,} \\ -1, & X_i = X_j \text{ is odd,} \\ 0, & X_i \neq X_j. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have  $P(Z_{ij}=0) = P(X_{ij}=0) = \frac{5}{6}$ , and

$$P(Z_{ij} = 1) = P(Z_{ij} = -1) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - P(Z_{ij} = 0))$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (1 - P(X_{ij} = 0))$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{5}{6}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{12},$$

which means  $E(Z_{ij}) = 0$ .

Consider  $Z_{12} = 1$  and  $Z_{23} = -1$ . If  $Z_{12} = 1$  and  $Z_{23} = -1$ , this means  $X_1 = X_2$  are both even, and  $X_2 = X_3$  are both odd. This is impossible, and hence

$$P(Z_{12} = 1, Z_{23} = -1) = 0.$$

On the other hand,

$$P(Z_{12} = 1) P(Z_{23} = -1) = \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{144} \neq 0,$$

and so  $Z_{12}$  and  $Z_{23}$  are not independent.

Notice that  $X_{ij} = Z_{ij}^2$  and so  $E(Z_{ij}^2) = E(X_{ij}) = \frac{1}{6}$ .

We can say for  $1 \le i < j \le n$  and  $1 \le k < l \le n$ , where none of i, j, k, l are equal, since  $X_i, X_j, X_k$  and  $X_l$  are independent, we must have  $Z_{ij}$  is independent of  $Z_{kl}$ , and hence

$$E(Z_{ij}Z_{kl}) = E(Z_{ij}) E(Z_{kl}) = 0.$$

However, for  $1 \le i < j < k \le n$ , we have

$$P(Z_{ij}Z_{jk} = -1) = P(Z_{ij} = 1, Z_{jk} = -1) + P(Z_{ij} = -1, Z_{jk} = 1) = 0.$$

For the event  $Z_{ij}Z_{jk}=1$ , it must be  $Z_{ij}=Z_{jk}=\pm 1$ , which is the event  $X_{ij}=X_{jk}=1$ , and hence

$$P(Z_{ij}Z_{jk}=1) = P(X_{ij}=X_{jk}=1) = P(X_{ij}=1) P(X_{jk}=1) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$$

Hence, the only remaining case is  $Z_{ij}Z_{jk} = 0$  which gives

$$P(Z_{ij}Z_{jk} = 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{36} = \frac{35}{36},$$

and hence

$$E\left(Z_{ij}Z_{jk}\right) = \frac{1}{36}.$$

Let Z be the total score

$$Z = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} Z_{ij},$$

and hence

$$E(Z) = E\left(\sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} Z_{ij}\right) = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} E(Z_{ij}) = 0.$$

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For the variance, the second part of the sum consists of the non-repeating pairwise products of  $Z_{ij}$  and  $Z_{kl}$  for  $1 \le i, j, k, l \le n$ , i < j and k < l, and finally for non-repeating, i < k or i = k and j < l. Let the indices be  $1 \le i < j < k \le n$ , and the pairs must be one of the following three

$$(Z_{ij}, Z_{ik}), (Z_{ij}, Z_{jk}), (Z_{ik}, Z_{jk})$$

and hence there are

$$3 \cdot \binom{n}{3} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$$

such pairs.

Hence,

$$Var(Z) = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} E(Z_{ij}^2) + 2 \cdot \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{36}$$

$$= \binom{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{36}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{12} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{36}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{36} \cdot [3 + (n-2)]$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{36}(n+1)$$

$$= \frac{n(n^2 - 1)}{36},$$

as desired.

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