

Non-Linear Simultaneous Equations Exam Questions

Questions

Q1.

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 2 \\ 4y^2 - x^2 &= 11\end{aligned}$$

(7)

(Total 7 marks)

Q2.

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}y - 3x + 2 &= 0 \\ y^2 - x - 6x^2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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(Total 7 marks)

Q3.

Given the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y &= 1 \\ x^2 - 4ky + 5k &= 0\end{aligned}$$

where k is a non zero constant,

(a) show that

$$x^2 + 8kx + k = 0$$

(2)

Given that $x^2 + 8kx + k = 0$ has equal roots,

(b) find the value of k .

(3)

(c) For this value of k , find the solution of the simultaneous equations.

(3)

(Total 8 marks)

Q4.

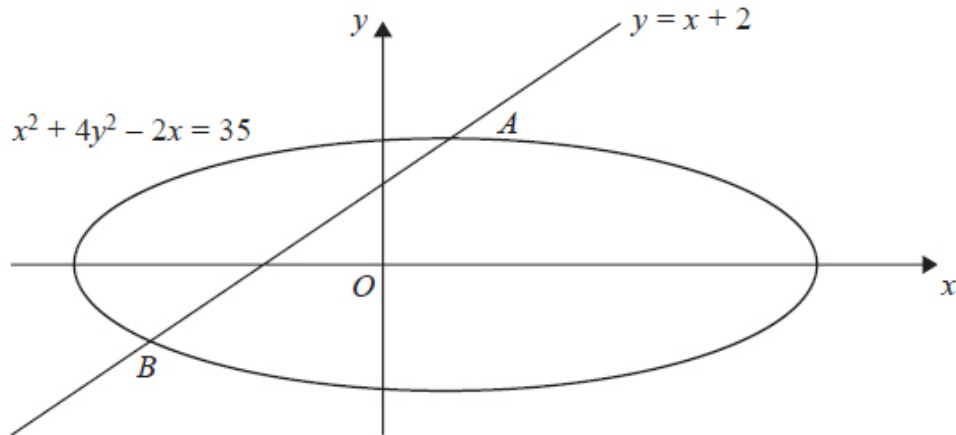


Figure 2

The line $y = x + 2$ meets the curve $x^2 + 4y^2 - 2x = 35$ at the points A and B as shown in Figure 2.

(a) Find the coordinates of A and the coordinates of B .

(6)

(b) Find the distance AB in the form $r\sqrt{2}$ where r is a rational number.

(3)

(Total 9 marks)

Q5.

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}y - 2x - 4 &= 0 \\4x^2 + y^2 + 20x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(7)

(Total for question = 7 marks)

Q6.

(a) By eliminating y from the equations

$$y = x - 4$$

$$2x^2 - xy = 8,$$

show that

$$x^2 + 4x - 8 = 0$$

(2)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve the simultaneous equations

$$y = x - 4,$$

$$2x^2 - xy = 8,$$

giving your answers in the form $a \pm b\sqrt{3}$, where a and b are integers.

(5)

(Total 7 marks)

Q7.

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$y + 4x + 1 = 0$$

$$y^2 + 5x^2 + 2x = 0$$

(6)

(Total for question = 6 marks)

Q8.

The straight line L_1 passes through the points $(-1, 3)$ and $(11, 12)$.

(a) Find an equation for L_1 in the form $ax + by + c = 0$,

where a , b and c are integers.

(4)

The line L_2 has equation $3y + 4x - 30 = 0$.

(b) Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of L_1 and L_2 .

(3)

(Total 7 marks)

Q9.

The curve C has equation $y = \frac{3}{x}$ and the line l has equation $y = 2x + 5$.

(a) Sketch the graphs of C and l , indicating clearly the coordinates of any intersections with the axes.

(3)

(b) Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of C and l .

(6)

(Total 9 marks)

Q10.

The straight line with equation $y = 3x - 7$ does not cross or touch the curve with equation $y = 2px^2 - 6px + 4p$, where p is a constant.

(a) Show that $4p^2 - 20p + 9 < 0$

(4)

(b) Hence find the set of possible values of p .

(4)

(Total for question = 8 marks)

Q11.

(a) On separate axes sketch the graphs of

(i) $y = -3x + c$, where c is a positive constant,

(ii) $y = \frac{1}{x + 5}$

On each sketch show the coordinates of any point at which the graph crosses the y -axis and the equation of any horizontal asymptote.

(4)

Given that $y = -3x + c$, where c is a positive constant, meets the curve $y = \frac{1}{x + 5}$ at two distinct points,

(b) show that $(5 - c)^2 > 2$

(3)

(c) Hence find the range of possible values for c .

(4)

(Total for question = 11 marks)

Q12.

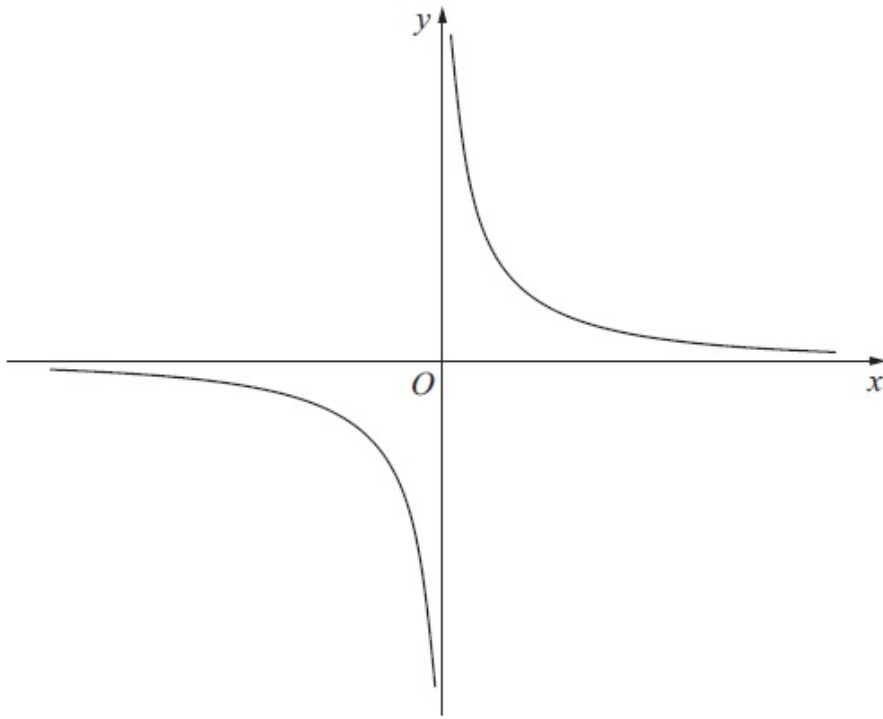


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the curve with equation $y = \frac{2}{x}, x \neq 0$

The curve C has equation $y = \frac{2}{x} - 5, x \neq 0$, and the line l has equation $y = 4x + 2$

(a) Sketch and clearly label the graphs of C and l on a single diagram.

On your diagram, show clearly the coordinates of the points where C and l cross the coordinate axes.

(5)

(b) Write down the equations of the asymptotes of the curve C .

(2)

(c) Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of $y = \frac{2}{x} - 5$ and $y = 4x + 2$

(5)

(Total 12 marks)

Q2.

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$y - 3x + 2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$y^2 - x - 6x^2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

(7)

From (1) $y = 3x - 2$

(Total 7 marks)

Sub for y in (2) $(3x - 2)^2 - x - 6x^2 = 0$

$$9x^2 + 4 - 12x - x - 6x^2 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 13x + 4 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - x - 12x + 4 = 0$$

$$x(3x - 1) - 4(3x - 1) = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(3x - 1) = 0$$

Either $x - 4 = 0$ or $3x - 1 = 0$

$$\underline{x = 4}$$

$$3x = 1$$

$$\underline{x = \frac{1}{3}}$$

When $x = 4$

$$y = 3(4) - 2$$

$$\underline{y = 10}$$

When $x = \frac{1}{3}$

$$y = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 2$$

$$\underline{y = -1}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 4 \\ y = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{3} \\ y = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times 4 \\ + 12 \\ \hline -1 \quad -12 \end{array}$$

Q4.

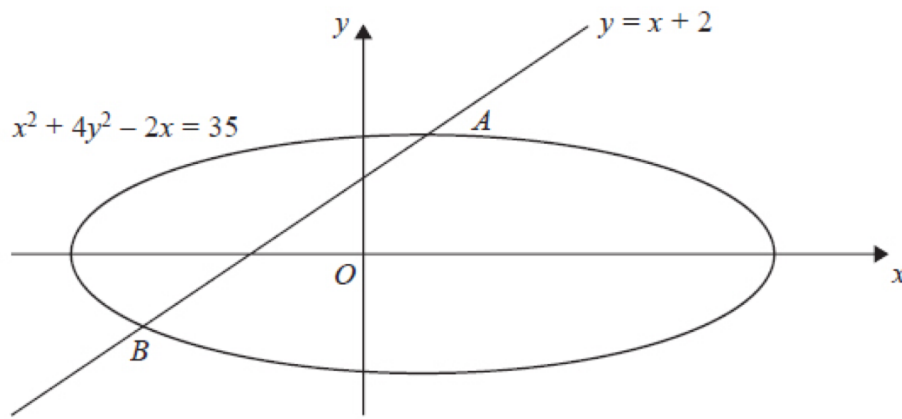


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(b) Find the distance AB in the form $r\sqrt{2}$ where r is a rational number.

(3)

a)

$$y = x + 2 \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 + 4y^2 - 2x = 35 \quad (2)$$

Sub for y
in (2)

$$x^2 + 4(x+2)^2 - 2x = 35$$

$$x^2 + 4[x^2 + 4 + 4x] - 2x - 35 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4x^2 + 16 + 16x - 2x - 35 = 0$$

$$5x^2 + 14x - 19 = 0$$

$$x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{19}{5}$$

$$y = 1 + 2$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 \\ y = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$y = -\frac{19}{5} + 2$$

$$y = -\frac{9}{5}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{19}{5} \\ y = -\frac{9}{5} \end{cases}$$

$$A(1, 3)$$

$$B\left(-\frac{19}{5}, -\frac{9}{5}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5) \quad |AB| &= \sqrt{\left(1 - -\frac{19}{5}\right)^2 + \left(3 - -\frac{9}{5}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{24}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{24}{5}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2\left(\frac{24}{5}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{24}{5}\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Q6.

(a) By eliminating y from the equations

$$y = x - 4 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$2x^2 - xy = 8, \quad \textcircled{2}$$

show that

$$x^2 + 4x - 8 = 0$$

(2)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve the simultaneous equations

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giving your answers in the form $a \pm b\sqrt{3}$, where a and b are integers.

(5)

a) Sub for y in $\textcircled{2}$

$$2x^2 - x(x-4) = 8$$

$$2x^2 - x^2 + 4x = 8$$

$$\underline{x^2 + 4x - 8 = 0}$$

b)

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \times 1 \times -8}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{48}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 \times 3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm 4\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = -2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

Q1.

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 2 & \textcircled{1} \\ 4y^2 - x^2 &= 11 & \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

(7)

From ①

$$y = 2 - x$$

(Total 7 marks)

Sub for y
in ②

$$4(2-x)^2 - x^2 = 11$$

$$4(4 + x^2 - 4x) - x^2 - 11 = 0$$

$$16 + 4x^2 - 16x - x^2 - 11 = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 16x + 5 = 0$$

$$(3x - 1)(x - 5) = 0$$

Either

$$3x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 5 = 0$$

$$3x = 1$$

$$\underline{x = \frac{1}{3}}$$

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

$$\underline{y = \frac{5}{3}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \frac{1}{3} \\ y = \frac{5}{3} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\underline{x = 5}$$

$$y = 2 - 5$$

$$\underline{y = -3}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = 5 \\ y = -3 \end{array} \right.$$

Q3.

Given the simultaneous equations

$$2x + y = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 - 4ky + 5k = 0 \quad (2)$$

where k is a non zero constant,

(a) show that

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Given that $x^2 + 8kx + k = 0$ has equal roots,

(b) find the value of k .

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(c) For this value of k , find the solution of the simultaneous equations.

a) From ①

$$y = 1 - 2x$$

Sub for y
in ②

$$x^2 - 4k(1 - 2x) + 5k = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4k + 8kx + 5k = 0$$

$$\underline{x^2 + 8kx + k = 0}$$

b) Equal roots $\Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (8k)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times k = 0$$

$$64k^2 - 4k = 0$$

$$4k(16k - 1) = 0$$

$$k \neq 0 \quad \therefore 16k - 1 = 0$$

$$16k = 1$$

$$\underline{k = \frac{1}{16}}$$

c)

$$x^2 + \frac{8}{16}x + \frac{1}{16} = 0$$

$$16x^2 + 8x + 1 = 0$$

$$(4x + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$4x + 1 = 0$$

$$4x = -1$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{4} \\ y = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{y = 1 + \frac{2}{4}}$$

$$\underline{y = \frac{3}{2}}$$

Q5.

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$y - 2x - 4 = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$4x^2 + y^2 + 20x = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

(7)

From $\textcircled{1}$ $y = 2x + 4$

(Total for question = 7 marks)

Sub for y in $\textcircled{2}$

$$4x^2 + (2x+4)^2 + 20x = 0$$

$$4x^2 + 4x^2 + 16 + 16x + 20x = 0$$

$$8x^2 + 36x + 16 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 9x + 4 = 0$$

$$(2x+1)(x+4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+1=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x+4=0$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$\underline{x = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\underline{x = -4}$$

$$y = 2(-\frac{1}{2}) + 4$$

$$\underline{y = 3}$$

$$y = 2(-4) + 4$$

$$\underline{y = -4}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{2} \\ y = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -4 \\ y = -4 \end{cases}$$