

HSC Trial Examination 2020

Mathematics Extension 2

Solutions and marking guidelines

Section I

Sample answer	Syllabus content, outcomes performance bar	
Question 1 A Let P be $n^2 + 4n + 1$ is even and let Q be n is odd.	MEX-P1 The Nature of Proof MEX12–8	Bands E2–E3
The contrapositive of $P \Rightarrow Q$ is $(\sim Q) \Rightarrow (\sim P)$.		
So the contrapositive is "If <i>n</i> is even, then $n^2 + 4n + 1$ is odd".		
Question 2 A Integration by parts takes the form $\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$.	MEX-C1 Further Integration MEX12–5	Bands E2–E3
Let $u = x^2$ and $\frac{dv}{dx} = e^{-x}$.		
So $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$ and $v = -e^{-x}$.		
Substituting into $\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$ gives:		
$\int x^2 e^{-x} dx = -x^2 e^{-x} - \int (-e^{-x})(2x) dx$		
So $\int x^2 e^{-x} dx = -x^2 e^{-x} + \int 2x e^{-x} dx$.		
Question 3 D	MEX-C1 Further Integration	
In general, if the factor in the denominator is $(ax + b)^n$, then the corresponding term(s) in the partial fraction decomposition is $\frac{A_1}{ax + b} + \frac{A_2}{(ax + b)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(ax + b)^n}.$	MEX12-5	Bands E2–E3
Here, $(x-3)^2$ corresponds to $\frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{(x-3)^2}$.		
If the factor in the denominator is $ax^2 + bx + c$ (with no linear factors), then the corresponding term in the partial fraction decomposition is $\frac{Cx + D}{ax^2 + bx + c}.$		
So the partial fraction form is $\frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{(x-3)^2} + \frac{Cx+D}{x^2+2}$.		
Question 4 B	MEX-N1 Introduction to Comp	-
Geometrically, to form OC from OA, we rotate OA anticlockwise	MEX12-4	Bands E2–E3
through an angle of $\frac{\pi}{2}$ and then double the length of OA .		
Anticlockwise rotation through $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is equivalent to multiplying		
by i , and doubling the length is achieved by multiplying by 2.		
So the complex number that corresponds to vertex C is $2iw$.		

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Question 5 C To disprove a statement of the form $P \Rightarrow Q$, we require a counterexample for which P is true and Q is not true. Here P is $x > y$.	MEX-P1 The Nature of Proof MEX12–2 Bands E2–E.
For A, Q is $x^2 > y^2$. For example, with $x = -2$ and $y = -3$, $-2 > -3$ is true but $4 > 9$	
is not true, and so Q is not true. A is incorrect. For B , Q is $\frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{y}$.	
For example, with $x = 3$ and $y = -2$, $3 > -2$ is true but $\frac{1}{3} < -\frac{1}{2}$ is not true and so Q is not true. B is incorrect.	
For \mathbb{C} , Q is $x + z > y + z$.	
An inequality is unchanged when the same amount is added to both sides, so Q is true and hence C is correct.	
For D , Q is $xz > yz$.	
For example, with $x = 3$, $y = 2$ and $z = -2$, $3 > 2$ is true $-6 > -4$ is not true and so Q is not true. D is incorrect.	
Question 6 A	MEX-M1 Applications of Calculus
The period is 3 seconds.	to Mechanics MEX12-6 Bands E3-E
$3 = \frac{2\pi}{n} \Rightarrow n = \frac{2\pi}{3}$	24112 0
When $t = 0$, $x = 12$.	
So the equation of motion is $x = 12\cos\frac{2\pi t}{3}$.	
Question 7 D	MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors
The radius of the sphere is given by $r^2 = \underline{a} - \underline{c} ^2$.	MEX12–3 Bands E3–E
$\underline{a} - \underline{c} = (3\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + \underline{k}) - (-3\underline{i} + \underline{j} - 2\underline{k})$	
$=6\underline{i}+2\underline{j}+3\underline{k}$	
$r^2 = 6^2 + 2^2 + 3^2$	
= 49	
The equation of the sphere is $ y - \underline{c} ^2 = r^2$ where $y = x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} + z\underline{k}$.	
In Cartesian form, the equation of the sphere is	
$(x+3)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (z+2)^2 = 49.$	
Question 8 B	MEX-N1 Introduction to Complex Numbers
If $z = x + yi$, then $\overline{z} = x - yi$.	MEX12-4 Bands E3-E4
Substituting these into $i\overline{z} - iz = 2$ gives:	
i(x - yi) - i(x + yi) = 2	
$-2i^2y = 2$	
2y = 2	
y = 1	

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Question 9 C	MEX-M1 Applications	s of Calculus
$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{2v}$ and so $v\frac{dv}{dx} = a = v\left(\frac{1}{2v}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore, the acceleration	to Mechanics MEX12–6	Bands E3–E4
is constant.		
Since the acceleration is also positive, the velocity is increasing.		
Question 10 C	MEX-V1 Further Wor	k with Vectors
The angle between the two vectors is defined as the angle between their positive directions – the angle formed when the two vectors are placed 'tail-to-tail'. $\frac{2\pi}{3}$	MEX12-3	Bands E3–E4
Hence the angle between \underline{a} and \underline{b} is $\pi - \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$.		
$ \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = \underline{a} \underline{b} \cos \theta $		
$=a^2\cos\frac{\pi}{3}$ since $ \underline{a} = \underline{b} $ and $ \underline{a} =a$		
$=\frac{1}{2}a^2 \text{ since } \cos\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$		

Section II

Sample answer	Syllabus content, outcomes, targeted performance bands and marking guide
Question 11	
(a) Let the other root be β . $-i\beta = 1 - i \qquad \text{(product of roots)}$ $\beta = \frac{1 - i}{-i} \times \frac{i}{i}$ $= 1 + i$ $-i + 1 + i = -b \qquad \text{(sum of roots)}$ $b = -1$	MEX-N1 Introduction to Complex Numbers MEX12-4 Bands E2-E3 • Gives the correct solution
(b) (i) $a + c = (2 + m)i + (2 + n)j + k$ As $a + c$ is parallel to b , $a + c = \lambda b$. $\lambda b = 2\lambda j + 2\lambda k$ $(2 + m)i + (2 + n)j + k = 2\lambda j + 2\lambda k$ Equating components of $a + c$ and λb and solving for λ gives $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$. So $2 + m = 0$ and $2 + n = 1$. Hence $m = -2$ and $n = -1$.	MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors MEX12–3 Bands E2–E3 • Gives the correct solution
(ii) If \underline{c} is a unit vector, then $ \underline{c} = 1$, and so $\sqrt{m^2 + n^2} = 1$. Squaring both sides gives $m^2 + n^2 = 1$. (1) Applying the condition $\underline{c} \cdot \underline{a} = 0$ gives: $(m\underline{i} + n\underline{j}) \cdot (2\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} + \underline{k}) = 0$ $2m + 2n = 0$ $m = -n$ (2) Substituting (2) into (1) and solving for n gives: $2n^2 = 1 \Rightarrow n = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Substituting into (2) gives: $m = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ or $m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, n = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors MEX12–3 Bands E2–E3 Gives the correct solution

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(c)	$u = 1 - \sin 2x$ $du = -2\cos 2x dx$ $= -2(2\cos^2 x - 1) dx$ $= 2(1 - 2\cos^2 x) dx$ When $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $u = 0$ and when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $u = 1$. $\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{1 - \sin 2x} (1 - 2\cos^2 x) dx = \int_{0}^{1} u^{\frac{1}{2}} (\frac{1}{2} du)$ $= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \left[u^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{0}^{1}$	MEX-C1 Further Integration MEX12–5 Bands E2–E4 • Gives the correct solution
(d)	$= \frac{1}{3}(1-0)$ $= \frac{1}{3}$ (i) $ z = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2}$ $= 2$ $Arg z = tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ $= \frac{\pi}{6}$ So $z = 2(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6})$.	MEX-N1 Introduction to Complex Numbers MEX12-4 Bands E2-E3 • Gives the correct solution

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(ii) $\overline{z} = \sqrt{3} - i$ = $2\left(\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right)$

Applying de Moivre's theorem gives

$$z^n = 2^n \left(\cos\frac{n\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{n\pi}{6}\right)$$
 and

$$\overline{z}^n = 2^n \left(\cos\left(-\frac{n\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{n\pi}{6}\right)\right).$$

Using $\cos(-\theta) = \cos\theta$ and $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin\theta$ to form $z^n - \bar{z}^n$ gives:

$$z^{n} - \overline{z}^{n} = 2^{n} \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{6} \right) -$$

$$2^{n} \left(\cos \left(-\frac{n\pi}{6} \right) + i \sin \left(-\frac{n\pi}{6} \right) \right)$$

$$= 2^{n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{6} - 2^{n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{6} + 2^{n} i \sin \frac{n\pi}{6} + 2^{n} i \sin \frac{n\pi}{6}$$

$$= 2^{n+1} i \sin \frac{n\pi}{6}$$

$$z^n - \overline{z}^n = 0 \Rightarrow \sin\frac{n\pi}{6} = 0$$

$$\sin\frac{n\pi}{6} = \sin k\pi$$

$$k = 1 \Rightarrow n = 6$$

Hence the smallest possible integer is 6.

MEX-N1 Introduction to Complex Numbers
MEX12-4 Bands E2-E4

- Applies de Moivre's theorem on z and \overline{z} to form expressions for z^n and $\overline{z}^n \dots 1$

Question 12

(a) Let $u = u_1 + 2i$ and $v = -1 + v_2i$.

$$u + v = (u_1 - 1) + (2 + v_2)i \tag{1}$$

$$-uv = (u_1 + 2v_2) + (2 - u_1v_2)i$$
 (2)

Equating the real components of (1) and (2) gives

$$u_1 - 1 = u_1 + 2v_2 \Rightarrow v_2 = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Equating the imaginary components of (1) and (2) with $v_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$ gives $-\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}u_1 \Rightarrow u_1 = -1$.

So the two complex numbers are u = -1 + 2i and $v = -1 - \frac{1}{2}i$.

MEX-N2 Using Complex Numbers MEX12–4 Band

EX12–4 Bands E2–E3

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(b) $\left| e^{2i\theta} + e^{-2i\theta} \right| = 1$

Use of Euler's formula and $cos(-2\theta) = cos 2\theta$ and $sin(-2\theta) = -sin 2\theta$ gives:

$$|\cos 2\theta + i\sin 2\theta + \cos(-2\theta) + i\sin(-2\theta)| = 1$$
$$|\cos 2\theta + \cos 2\theta + i\sin 2\theta - i\sin 2\theta| = 1$$
$$2|\cos 2\theta| = 1$$

So
$$\cos 2\theta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$
 and $-2\pi < 2\theta \le 2\pi$.

$$\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, \pm \left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$
 and

$$\cos 2\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2\theta = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}, \pm \left(2\pi - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, \pm \frac{5\pi}{6}, \pm \frac{\pi}{3}, \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

MEX-N2 Using Complex Numbers

MEX12-7, 12-8 Bands E2-E4

Finds all EIGHT correct values for θ 3

(c) Consider n = 1.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$$
 and $\frac{(-1)^1 1!}{(1+x)^{1+1}} = -\frac{1}{1+x^2} = \frac{dy}{dx}$

True when n = 1.

Suppose true for n = k.

So
$$\frac{d^k y}{dx^k} = \frac{(-1)^k k!}{(1+x)^{k+1}}$$
.

Required to show it is true for n = k + 1.

That is,
$$\frac{d^{k+1}y}{dx^{k+1}} = \frac{(-1)^{k+1}(k+1)!}{(1+x)^{k+2}}$$
.

LHS =
$$\frac{d^{k+1}y}{dx^{k+1}}$$

= $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d^k y}{dx^k} \right)$
= $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{(-1)^k k!}{(1+x)^{k+1}} \right)$
= $(-1)^k k! (-(k+1)(1+x)^{-(k+2)})$
= $\frac{(-1)^{k+1} (k+1)!}{(1+x)^{k+2}}$
= RHS

If true for n = k, then true for n = k + 1.

Hence, by mathematical induction, true for $n \ge 1$.

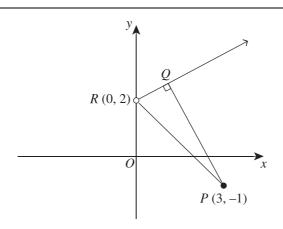
MEX-P2 Further Proof by Mathematical Induction

MEX12-2

Bands E2-E3

Syllabus content, outcomes, targeted Sample answer performance bands and marking guide MEX-N2 Using Complex Numbers Substituting z = x + yi into Arg $(z - 2i) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ gives: (d) MEX12-4 Bands E2-E3 $Arg(x + (y - 2)i) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ Substitutes z = x + yi and attempts $\frac{y-2}{x} = \tan\frac{\pi}{6}$ to express y in terms of x OR $\frac{y-2}{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ $y - 2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x$ $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + 2, x > 0$ MEX-N2 Using Complex Numbers (ii) MEX12-4 Bands E2-E3 • Correctly sketches the relation 1 (0, 2)0

(iii)



The complex number z lies on the ray Arg $(z - 2i) = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

|z-3+i| is the distance from the point P(3,-1) to the ray.

The minimum distance from point P to a point Q on the ray occurs when $\angle RQP = \frac{\pi}{2}$. This is the condition for the least possible value of |z - 3 + i|.

$$RP = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2} \qquad \angle QRP = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4}$$
$$= 3\sqrt{2}$$
$$= \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$\frac{QP}{3\sqrt{2}} = \sin\frac{5\pi}{12}$$

The compound angle formula $\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$ can be used to find the exact value of $\sin \frac{5\pi}{12}$.

$$\sin \frac{5\pi}{12} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$= \sin\frac{\pi}{4}\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + \cos\frac{\pi}{4}\sin\frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$QP = \frac{3\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{3(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{2}$$

So the least possible exact value of |z - 3 + i| is $\frac{3(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{2}$.

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- Obtains the exact value of $\sin \frac{5\pi}{12}$ 3
- Recognises that the minimum distance from *P* to *Q* occurs when $\angle RQP = \frac{\pi}{2} \dots 1$

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Que	stion 13	
(a)	Assume that there exists $p, q \in N$ such that $\log_2 5 = \frac{p}{q}$ where $q \ge 1$ and the highest common factor of p and q is 1. $\log_2 5 = \frac{p}{q} \Rightarrow 5 = 2^q$ Taking the q th power of both sides gives $5^q = 2^p$. EITHER: Therefore, 5 is a factor of 5^q but not a factor of 2^p . OR 2 is a factor of 2^p but not a factor of 5^q . OR 5^q is odd and 2^p is even. Then: No p and q such that $p, q \in N$ satisfies the equation $5^q = 2^p$ and this equation must be a contradiction. So $\log_2 5$ is an irrational number.	MEX-P1 The Nature of Proof MEX12-2 Bands E2-E3 • Gives the correct proof
(b)	(i) $x = a \sin(nt + \alpha)$ When $t = 0$, $x = \frac{a}{2}$ and so $\frac{a}{2} = a \sin \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$. So $x = a \sin\left(nt + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$.	MEX-M1 Applications of Calculus to Mechanics MEX12–6, MEX12–7 Bands E2–E4 • Gives the correct solution
	(ii) Find the value of t when $x = a$. $a = a \sin\left(nt + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \Rightarrow \sin\left(nt + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 1$ $nt + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{3n}$	MEX-M1 Applications of Calculus to Mechanics MEX12–6, MEX12–7 Bands E2–E4 • Gives the correct solution

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(iii)	$v^{2} = n^{2}(a^{2} - x^{2}) \text{ and when } x = \frac{2a}{3}, v = V.$ $Note: v^{2} = n^{2}(a^{2} - x^{2}) \text{ can be derived from the}$ $differential \ equation \ \frac{d}{dx}(\frac{1}{2}v^{2}) = -n^{2}(x - c), \text{ where}$ $c = 0.$ $V^{2} = \frac{5n^{2}a^{2}}{9}$ $a^{2} = \frac{9V^{2}}{5n^{2}}$ $a = \frac{3V}{\sqrt{5}n}$ Using $v_{\text{max}} = na$ gives: $v_{\text{max}} = n\left(\frac{3V}{\sqrt{5}n}\right)$ $= \frac{3V}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ (m s}^{-1})$	MEX-M1 Applications of Calculus to Mechanics MEX12-6, MEX12-7 Bands E2-E4 • Gives the correct solution
(c) (i)	The position vector of the point $(-1, 2, -3)$ is $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$.	MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors MEX12–3 Bands E2–E3 • Gives the correct solution
	So the vector equation of l_1 is $r_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.	
(ii)	The vector equation of l_2 can be written as $\underline{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$	MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors MEX12–3 Bands E2–E3 • Gives the correct solution
	So $\begin{pmatrix} -1\\2\\3 \end{pmatrix}$ is a vector parallel to l_2 .	

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MEX12-3

Sample answer

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AND checks that the lines intersect. 2

Attempts to solve two of the equations

Equates three components AND

Bands E2-E3

MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors

(iii) At the point of intersection, $r_1 = r_2$.

Equating the three components:

$$s - 1 = -t + 1 \Rightarrow s + t = 2 \tag{1}$$

$$-2s + 2 = 2t - 2 \Rightarrow -2s - 2t = -4 \tag{2}$$

$$2s - 3 = 3t + 6 \Rightarrow 2s - 3t = 9$$
 (3)

(2) + (3) gives:

$$-5t = 5 \Rightarrow t = -1$$

Substituting t = -1 into (3) and solving gives:

$$2s + 3 = 9 \Rightarrow s = 3$$

Substituting s = 3 and t = -1 into (1) gives:

$$3 - 1 = 2$$

Hence the lines intersect.

Thus from r_2 :

$$\underline{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the point of intersection is (2, -4, 3).

Note that substituting s = 3 into r_1 gives:

$$\underline{r}_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\2\\-3 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\-2\\2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\\-4\\3 \end{pmatrix}$$

This gives the same point.

- (iv) The angle between l_1 and l_2 is the angle between the two direction vectors of the lines.
 - l_1 is parallel to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and l_2 is parallel to $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

Let θ be the required angle.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}}{\left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \left[\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right]}$$

$$= \frac{-1 - 4 + 6}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2} \times \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{14}}$$

So $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{14}}\right)$.

Converting to degrees,

 θ = 84.9° (correct to one decimal place).

- MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors
 MEX12–3 Bands E2–E3
- Obtains the correct value for $\cos \theta \dots 2$

		Sample answer	Syllabus content, outcomes, targeted performance bands and marking guide
Ques	tion 14		
(a)	(i)	The forces acting on the parachutist are the force due to weight (acting in the same direction as the motion) and the force due to air resistance (acting in the opposite direction to the motion). From Newton's second law, the equation of motion is $m\ddot{x} = mg - mkv^2$. Hence $\ddot{x} = g - kv^2$.	
	(ii)	$\ddot{x} = v \frac{dv}{dx} = g - kv^2$ Separating variables gives: $\int dx = \int \frac{v}{g - kv^2} dv$ Using integration by substitution (or recognition) gives: $x + c_1 = -\frac{1}{2k} \ln g - kv^2 $ $Ae^{-2kx} = g - kv^2 \text{ where } A = e^{-2kc_1}$ When $x = 0$, $v = 0$ and so $A = g$. $ge^{-2kx} = g - kv^2$ $kv^2 = g(1 - e^{-2kx})$ $v^2 = \frac{g}{k}(1 - e^{-2kx})$	MEX-C1 Further Integration MEX12–5, 12–7 Bands E2–E4 Gives the correct solution
	(iii)	Terminal velocity is achieved when $\ddot{x} = 0$. $g - kv^2 = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{g}{x^2}$ Substituting $v = 6g$ gives: $k = \frac{g}{36g^2}$ $= \frac{1}{36g}$ OR $v^2 = \frac{g}{k}(1 - e^{-2kx})$ As $x \to \infty$, $1 - e^{-2kx} \to 1$. $v^2 = \frac{g}{k} \Rightarrow k = \frac{g}{v^2}$ Substituting $v = 6g$ gives: $k = \frac{g}{36g^2}$ $= \frac{1}{36g}$	MEX-M1 Applications of Calculus to Mechanics MEX12-6, 12-7 Bands E2-E4 Gives the correct solution1

Syllabus content, outcomes, targeted Sample answer performance bands and marking guide From Newton's second law, the equation of motion MEX-C1 Further Integration MEX12-5, 12-6, 12-7 Bands E2-E4 is $m\ddot{x} = mg - \frac{1}{10}mgv$. $\ddot{x} = \frac{dv}{dt} = g\left(1 - \frac{v}{10}\right)$ • Obtains $gt + c_2 = -10 \ln \left| 1 - \frac{v}{10} \right|$ Separating variables gives: $\int g dt = \int \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v}{10}} dv$ • Obtains $\frac{dv}{dt} = g\left(1 - \frac{v}{10}\right)$ $gt + c_2 = -10 \ln \left| 1 - \frac{v}{10} \right|$ OR equivalent merit.....1 $Be^{-\frac{gt}{10}} = 1 - \frac{v}{10}$ where $B = e^{-\frac{c_2}{10}}$ When t = 0, v = 5g and so $B = 1 - \frac{g}{2}$. $\frac{v}{10} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{g}{2}\right)e^{-\frac{gt}{10}}$ $v = 10 + 5(g - 2)e^{-\frac{gt}{10}}$ MEX-M1 Applications of Calculus (v) Substituting v = 2g and t = T into to Mechanics $v = 10 + 5(g - 2)e^{-\frac{gt}{10}}$ and solving for T gives: MEX12-6, 12-7 Bands E2-E4 $2(g-5) = 5(g-2)e^{-\frac{gT}{10}}$ $e^{-\frac{gT}{10}} = \frac{2(g-5)}{5(g-2)}$ $e^{\frac{gT}{10}} = \frac{5(g-2)}{2(g-5)}$ $\frac{gT}{10} = \ln \left[\frac{5(g-2)}{2(g-5)} \right]$ $T = \frac{10}{g} \ln \left[\frac{5(g-2)}{2(g-5)} \right]$

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(b) (i)	The z^5 terms cancel, leaving a quartic equation that will have only four roots. Hence the equation does not have five roots. OR As $e^{2k\pi i} = 1$, the equation can be written as $e^{2k\pi i}z^5 = (z+1)^5$. Taking the fifth root of each side of the equation gives: $e^{2k\pi i}z^5 = z + 1$, $z = 0$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$. So $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$. So $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$. So $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$, $z = 1$. So $z = 1$, $z = 1$. So $z = 1$, $z =$	MEX-N2 Using Complex Numbers MEX12-4, 12-7, 12-8 Bands E2-E4 • Gives a correct explanation

(ii) Using $e^{2k\pi i} = 1$ gives $e^{2k\pi i}z^5 = (z+1)^5$.

Hence
$$e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{5}}$$
 $z = z + 1, k = 1, 2, 3, 4.$

k = 0 is excluded because this gives z = z + 1.

Note: The above work may be seen in part (b) (i). Solving for z where k = 1, 2, 3, 4 gives:

$$z\left(e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{5}} - 1\right) = 1$$

$$z = \frac{1}{\frac{2k\pi i}{5} - 1}$$

Multiplying the numerator and denominator of the RHS

by
$$e^{-\frac{k\pi i}{5}}$$
 gives:

$$z = \frac{e^{\frac{-k\pi i}{5}}}{\left(e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{5}} e^{\frac{-k\pi i}{5}}\right) - e^{\frac{-k\pi i}{5}}}$$

$$=\frac{e^{-\frac{k\pi i}{5}}}{\frac{k\pi i}{5} - e^{-\frac{k\pi i}{5}}}$$

Using $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$ gives

$$e^{\frac{k\pi i}{5}} - e^{-\frac{k\pi i}{5}} = 2i\sin\frac{k\pi}{5}.$$

$$z = \frac{\cos\left(-\frac{k\pi}{5}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{k\pi}{5}\right)}{2i\sin\frac{k\pi}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{\cos\frac{k\pi}{5} - i\sin\frac{k\pi}{5}}{2i\sin\frac{k\pi}{5}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2i}\cot\frac{k\pi}{5} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\cot\frac{k\pi}{5}, k = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

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- Determines $e^{\frac{k\pi i}{5}} e^{-\frac{k\pi i}{5}} = 2i\sin\frac{k\pi}{5}$

and finds
$$z = \frac{\cos\left(-\frac{k\pi}{5}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{k\pi}{5}\right)}{2i\sin\frac{k\pi}{5}}$$

• Obtains
$$z = \frac{e^{\frac{k\pi i}{5}}}{\frac{k\pi i}{5} - e^{\frac{k\pi i}{5}}}$$

OR equivalent merit.....2

• Obtains
$$z = \frac{1}{\frac{2k\pi i}{5} - 1}$$

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(iii) The roots of $z^5 = (z+1)^5$ are $z = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\cot\frac{k\pi}{5}, k = 1, 2, 3, 4.$

The roots of $iz^5 = (iz + 1)^5$ are $iz = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\cot\frac{k\pi}{5}, k = 1, 2, 3, 4.$

$$z = -i\left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\cot\frac{k\pi}{5}\right), k = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

Multiplication by -i is equivalent to a clockwise rotation through $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Hence the roots of $iz^5 = (iz+1)^5$ can be obtained by rotating the points $z = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\cot\frac{k\pi}{5}, k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ through $\frac{\pi}{2}$ clockwise about the origin.

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Obtains

$$z = -i\left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\cot\frac{k\pi}{5}\right), k = 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots 1$$

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(a) (i) Using $\overrightarrow{OM} \cdot \overrightarrow{MC} = 0$ gives:

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AM}$$

$$= a + kb$$

$$\overrightarrow{MC} = \overrightarrow{MA} + \overrightarrow{AO} + \overrightarrow{OC}$$

$$= -k\underline{b} - \underline{a} + \underline{b}$$
$$= (1 - k)\underline{b} - \underline{a}$$

 $\overrightarrow{OM} \cdot \overrightarrow{MC} = (a + kb) \cdot ((1 - k)b - a)$

$$= (1 - k)(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}) - (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{a}) + k(1 - k)(\underline{b} \cdot \underline{b}) - k(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b})$$

$$= (1 - k)(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}) - |\underline{a}|^2 + k(1 - k)|\underline{b}|^2 - k(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b})$$

$$= (1 - 2k)(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}) - |\underline{a}|^2 + k(1 - k)|\underline{b}|^2$$

$$= 2(1 - 2k)\cos\alpha|\underline{a}|^2 - |\underline{a}|^2 + 4k(1 - k)|\underline{a}|^2$$

$$(as |\underline{b}| = 2|\underline{a}| \text{ and } \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = 2|\underline{a}|^2\cos\alpha)$$

$$= 2(1 - 2k)\cos\alpha|\underline{a}|^2 - (1 - 4k + 4k^2)|\underline{a}|^2$$

$$= 2(1 - 2k)\cos\alpha|\underline{a}| - (1 - 4k + 4k)|\underline{a}|$$

$$= 2(1 - 2k)\cos\alpha|\underline{a}|^2 - (1 - 2k)^2|\underline{a}|^2$$

$$= (1 - 2k)|a|^2(2\cos\alpha - (1 - 2k))$$

Given
$$\overrightarrow{OM} \cdot \overrightarrow{MC} = 0$$
, so $(1 - 2k)|a|^2 (2\cos\alpha - (1 - 2k)) = 0$.

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(ii) $(1-2k)|\underline{a}|^2(2\cos\alpha - (1-2k)) = 0$ $1-2k=0 \text{ or } 2\cos\alpha - (1-2k) = 0 \text{ } (|\underline{a}|^2 \neq 0)$

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } k = \frac{1}{2} - \cos \alpha$$

As
$$0 \le k \le 1$$
, $0 \le \frac{1}{2} - \cos \alpha \le 1$.

$$-\frac{1}{2} \le \cos \alpha \le \frac{1}{2}$$

So
$$\frac{\pi}{3} \le \alpha \le \frac{2\pi}{3}$$
, $\alpha \ne \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Note: If $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$, there is only one possible position for M.

MEX-V1 Further Work with Vectors MEX12–3, 12–7 Bands E2-

- Determines $k = \frac{1}{2}$ OR $k = \frac{1}{2} \cos \alpha \dots 1$

(b) (i) Let
$$t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$$
 and so $\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \frac{x}{2}$.

Using the identity $\sec^2 \frac{x}{2} = 1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}$ and knowing

$$t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$$
 gives:

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(1+t^2)$$

$$dx = \frac{2dt}{1+t^2}$$

From *t*-formulae, $\cos x = \frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}$.

When x = 0, t = 0 and $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, t = 1.

Substituting into $I = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{2}{3 + 5\cos x} dx$ gives:

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{2}{3 + 5\left(\frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}\right)} \times \frac{2dt}{1 + t^2}$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{4}{8 - 2t^2} dt$$
$$= \int_0^1 \frac{2}{4 - t^2} dt$$

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(ii)
$$\frac{2}{4-t^2} = \frac{2}{(2+t)(2-t)} = \frac{A}{2+t} + \frac{B}{2-t}$$

$$2 = A(2-t) + B(2+t)$$

Using the cover up method:

Substituting t = 2 and solving for B and substituting t = -2 and solving for A.

$$2 = 4B \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}$$
; $2 = 4A \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$

Using the equating coefficients method:

Forming 2 = 2A + 2B and 0 = -A + B and solving for *A* and *B*.

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } B = \frac{1}{2}$$

Then:

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2+t} + \frac{1}{2-t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln|2+t| - \ln|2-t| \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\ln 3 - 0 - (\ln 2 - \ln 2))$$

$$= \ln \sqrt{3}$$

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(c) (i) We are required to find T such that

$$\frac{g}{4} + gT\sin\theta - \frac{g}{2}T^2 = 0.$$

$$T = \frac{-g\sin\theta \pm \sqrt{g^2\sin^2\theta - 4\left(-\frac{g}{2}\right)\left(\frac{g}{4}\right)}}{-g}$$

$$= \sin\theta \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{2\sin^2\theta + 1}$$

$$\cos 2\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2\theta \Rightarrow 2\sin^2\theta = 1 - \cos 2\theta$$
$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{1 - \cos 2\theta} \ (\sin\theta > 0)$$

Substituting for $2\sin^2\theta$ and $\sin\theta$ into

$$T = \sin \theta \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{2 \sin^2 \theta + 1}$$
 gives:

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{1 - \cos 2\theta} \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{2 - \cos 2\theta}$$

$$\sqrt{2-\cos 2\theta} > \sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta}$$
.

We require T > 0 and so

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{1 - \cos 2\theta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{2 - \cos 2\theta}.$$

Hence
$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta} + \sqrt{2-\cos 2\theta}).$$

MEX-M1 Applications of Calculus to Mechanics

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- Attempts to solve

(ii) $R = (g \cos \theta)T$ where

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{1-\cos 2\theta} + \sqrt{2-\cos 2\theta}).$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 + \cos 2\theta} \ (\cos \theta > 0)$$

Substituting for T and $\cos \theta$ into $R = (g \cos \theta)T$ gives:

$$R = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{1 + \cos 2\theta} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{1 - \cos 2\theta} + \sqrt{2 - \cos 2\theta})\right)$$

So
$$R = \frac{g}{2}(\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 2\theta} + \sqrt{2 + \cos 2\theta - \cos^2 2\theta}).$$

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(iii) When $\theta = 45^{\circ}$, $R = \frac{g}{2}(1 + \sqrt{2})$.

When $\cos 2\theta = \frac{1}{5}$, $R = \frac{g}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{24}{25}} + \sqrt{\frac{54}{25}} \right)$.

Let *d* represent the extra distance attained.

$$\sqrt{24} = 2\sqrt{6}$$
 and $\sqrt{54} = 3\sqrt{6}$.

$$d = \frac{g}{2} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5} + \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{5} \right) - \frac{g}{2} (1 + \sqrt{2})$$
$$= \frac{g}{2} (\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2} - 1)$$

So the extra distance attained is $\frac{g}{2}(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}-1)$ metres.

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Question 16

(a) Integration by parts takes the form

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx.$$

Use $u = \tan^{-1} x$ and $\frac{dv}{dx} = x^n$.

So
$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$
 and $v = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$.

Substituting into $\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$ gives:

$$\begin{split} I_n &= \int_0^1 x^n \tan^{-1} x dx \\ &= \left[(\tan^{-1} x) \left(\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right) \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \right) - \frac{1}{n+1} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+1}}{1+x^2} dx \end{split}$$

Multiply both sides by (n + 1).

So
$$(n+1)I_n = \frac{\pi}{4} - \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+1}}{1+x^2} dx$$
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(ii) Using part (a) (i):

Setting n = 0 gives:

$$I_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - \left[\frac{1}{2}\ln(1+x^2)\right]_0^1$$

So
$$I_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$$
.

OR

Integration by parts takes the form

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx.$$

Put
$$u = \tan^{-1} x$$
 and $\frac{dv}{dx} = 1$.

So
$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$
 and $v = x$.

Substituting into $\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$ gives:

$$I_0 = \int_0^1 \tan^{-1} x dx = \left[x \tan^{-1} x \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$I_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - \left[\frac{1}{2}\ln(1+x^2)\right]_0^1$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\ln 2$$

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(iii)
$$(n+1)I_n = \frac{\pi}{4} - \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+1}}{1+x^2} dx$$

Replacing n with n + 2 gives:

$$(n+3)I_{n+2} = \frac{\pi}{4} - \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+3}}{1+x^2} dx$$

Attempting to form $(n+3)I_{n+2} + (n+1)I_n$:

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} - \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+3}}{1+x^2} dx + \frac{\pi}{4} - \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+1}}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n+1}(1+x^2)}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \int_0^1 x^{n+1} dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n+2}$$

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(iv) $(n+3)I_{n+2} + (n+1)I_n = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n+2}$

Substituting n = 0 gives:

$$3I_2 + I_0 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \tag{1}$$

Substituting n = 2 gives:

$$5I_4 + 3I_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \tag{2}$$

(2) – (1) gives
$$5I_4 - I_0 = \frac{1}{4}$$
.

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{5} \left(I_0 + \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

Substituting $I_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$ into $I_4 = \frac{1}{5} \left(I_0 + \frac{1}{4} \right)$ gives:

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{4} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{20} (1 + \pi - 2 \ln 2)$$

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Bands E2–E4

- Obtains the two equations AND attempts to solve for I₄

(b) (i) Since squares cannot be negative, $(\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_2})^2 \ge 0$.

Expanding the LHS gives:

$$a_1 - 2\sqrt{a_1 a_2} + a_2 \ge 0$$

 $a_1 + a_2 \ge 2\sqrt{a_1 a_2}$

So
$$\frac{a_1 + a_2}{2} \ge \sqrt{a_1 a_2}$$
.

OR

$$\begin{split} \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2} - \sqrt{a_1 a_2} &= \frac{1}{2} (a_1 + a_2 - 2\sqrt{a_1 a_2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((\sqrt{a_1})^2 + (\sqrt{a_2})^2 - 2\sqrt{a_1 a_2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_2})^2 \\ &\geq 0 \end{split}$$

So
$$\frac{a_1 + a_2}{2} \ge \sqrt{a_1 a_2}$$
.

MEX-P1 The Nature of Proof

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(ii) Let $x = (a_1 a_2 ... a_n)^n > 0$.

Taking the *n*th power of both sides of the equality gives:

$$x^n = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n \Rightarrow \frac{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n}{x^n} = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{a_1}{x}\right)\left(\frac{a_2}{x}\right)...\left(\frac{a_n}{x}\right) = 1$$

Note that $\frac{a_1}{x} > 0$, $\frac{a_2}{x} > 0$, ..., $\frac{a_n}{x} > 0$.

If $a_1 a_2 ... a_n = 1$, then $a_1 + a_2 + ... + a_n \ge n$.

$$\frac{a_1}{x} + \frac{a_2}{x} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{x} \ge n$$

$$\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \ge x$$

$$\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \ge (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

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- Obtains $\frac{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n}{x^n} = 1$

(iii) $2^n - 1 = 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 2 + 1$

 2^{n-1} , 2^{n-2} , ..., 2, 1 are unequal positive numbers.

Hence using the strong inequality

$$\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} > (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^n$$
 gives:

$$\frac{2^{n}-1}{n} > (2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-2} \times \dots 2 \times 1)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= (2^{(n-1)+(n-2)+\dots+2+1})^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \left(2^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{2^{n}-1}{n} > 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \Rightarrow 2^{n}-1 > n\left(2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\right)$$

So $2^n - 1 > n\sqrt{2^{n-1}}$ for integers $n \ge 1$.

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- Obtains

$$(2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-2} \times ...2 \times 1)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}3$$

Establishes

$$\frac{2^{n}-1}{n} > (2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-2} \times \dots 2 \times 1)^{\frac{1}{n}} \dots 2$$

Obtains

$$2^{n} - 1 = 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 2 + 1$$