

VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3&4

Suggested Solutions

2024 Trial Examination 2

Section A – Multiple-choice questions

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Question 1 C

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$f(x) := 3 \cdot x - 1$	Done
$g(x) := 6 \cdot x + 2$	Done
$f(g(3))$	59

Question 2 D

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$y(x) := m \cdot x^2 - 2 \cdot m \cdot x + 4 \cdot m$	Done
$\Delta y \left(\frac{-2 \cdot m}{2 \cdot m} \right)$	$3 \cdot m$

Since $m < 0$, $3m$ is the maximum value.**Question 3 C**

Using a CAS calculator gives:

solve $\left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{m}{k+1} = \frac{2}{k} \\ \frac{2}{k} = \frac{m-3}{4} \end{array} \right) m, k$	$m = \frac{5}{3}$ and $k = -6$
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Question 4 B

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$m := 0 \cdot 0.1 + 1 \cdot 0.25 + 2 \cdot 0.35 + 3 \cdot 0.3$	1.85
$2 \cdot m - 3$	0.7

Question 5 B

Using the chain rule gives:

$$h'(x) = f'(4x + 7) \times (4x + 7)'$$

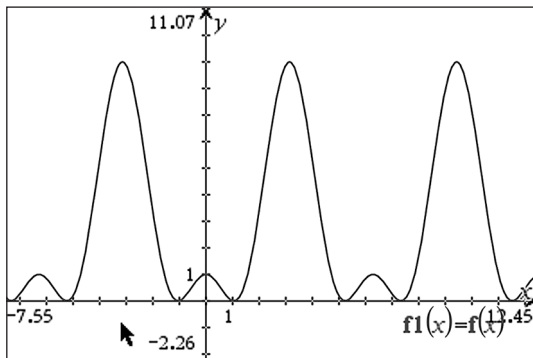
$$= 4 \times f'(4x + 7)$$

$$h'(11) = 4 \times f'(4 \times 11 + 7)$$

$$= 4 \times f'(51)$$

Question 6 D

Using a CAS calculator to sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ gives:



Reading from the graph, the maximum value is 9.

This can be verified by solving $f(x)$ using a CAS calculator.

$f(x) := (2 \cdot \cos(x) - 1)^2$	Done
$\text{solve}\left(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))=0, x\right) 0 < x < 4$	$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ or $x = \pi$
$f(\pi)$	9

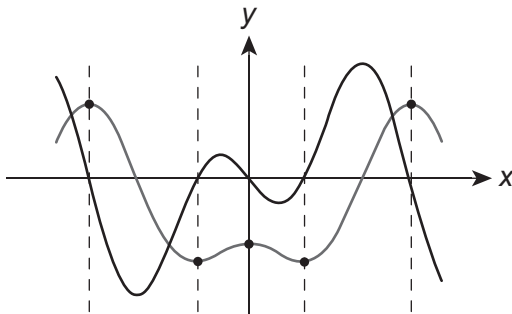
Question 7 D

Each stationary point on f will be an intercept on f' .

When f is increasing, $f' > 0$.

When f is decreasing, $f' < 0$.

This is shown in the graph below.



Question 8 B

$$\Pr(A) = x \Rightarrow \Pr(B) = \frac{2}{3}x$$

$$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$$

Since A and B are independent:

$$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B)$$

$$0.34 = x + \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}x^2$$

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\text{solve}\left(0.34 = x + \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}x^2, x\right)$
$x = 0.224086 \text{ or } x = 2.27591$

Question 9 C

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\text{solve}\left(p^4 = \frac{16}{2401}p\right)$	$p = \frac{-2}{7} \text{ or } p = \frac{2}{7}$
$\text{binomCdf}\left(4, \frac{2}{7}, 0, 1\right)$	0.676801

Question 10 B

B is correct. Reading from the graph, the range is $[-3, 9]$ and the period is 8. The graph crosses the y -axis at 3. Equation **B** is the only option that satisfies all three of these conditions.

A and **C** are incorrect. The period of the graphs represented by these equations is 4.

D is incorrect. The y -intercept of the graph represented by this equation is 9.

Question 11 C

$$y = 3$$

$$y_{\text{new}} = 2 \times 3 - 1$$

$$= 5$$

$$x = -2$$

$$\frac{x_{\text{new}}}{2} + 1 = -2$$

$$x_{\text{new}} = -6$$

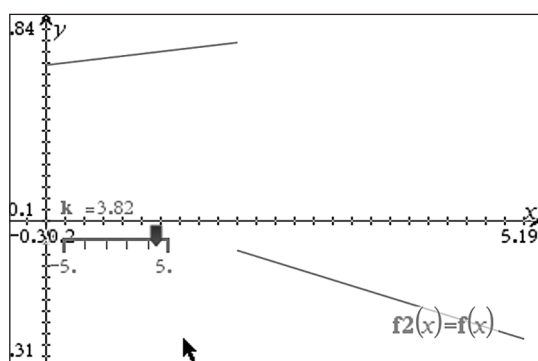
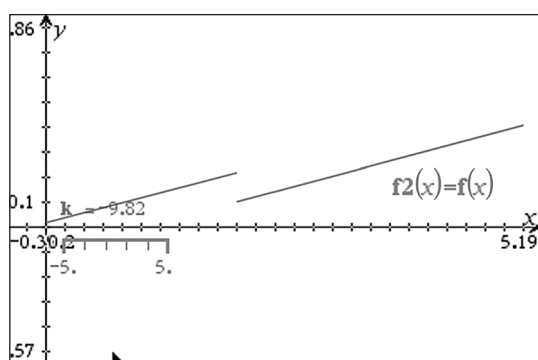
Question 12 A

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} \frac{x+k}{10} + 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \frac{1-x}{k}, & 2 \leq x \leq 5 \end{cases} \quad \text{Done}$$

$$\text{solve} \left(\int_0^5 f(x) dx = 1, k \right)$$

$$k = -9.81909 \text{ or } k = 3.81909$$

The valid probability density function should satisfy $f(x) \geq 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 5$.Using a CAS calculator to check the graphs for each value of k gives:Therefore, $k = -9.82$.**Question 13 A**

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$$a(u) := \frac{1}{2} \cdot u \cdot u \cdot (u-2)^2 \quad \text{Done}$$

$$\text{solve} \left(\frac{d}{du} (a(u)) = 0, u \right) \quad u=0 \text{ or } u=1 \text{ or } u=2$$

$$a(\{0, 1, 2\}) \quad \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right\}$$

Question 14 C

$\Pr(\text{at most two different colours}) = 1 - \Pr(\text{three different colours})$

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$1 - \frac{6 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 2}{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9}$	$\frac{25}{33}$
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Note that the three different colours can be drawn in six different ways.

Question 15 A

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$z := \text{invNorm}(1 - 0.12, 0, 1)$	1.17499
$\text{solve}\left(\frac{22 - 16}{s} = z, s\right)$	$s = 5.10644$
$s := 5.10644$	5.10644
$\text{normCdf}(-\infty, 15, 16, s)$	0.422371

Question 16 B

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

Let $f(x) = x^2 - n$.

Thus, $f'(x) = 2x$.

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{x_0^2 - n}{2x_0}$$

In pseudocode, this is equivalent to $x \leftarrow x - (x * x - \text{num}) / (2 * x)$.

Question 17 D

$$\int_1^4 (f(x) + 2x) dx = 15$$

$$\int_1^4 f(x) dx + [x^2]_1^4 = 15$$

$$\int_1^4 f(x) dx = 0$$

This means that the sum of the signed areas is zero. Unless f is a constant function that is equal to zero (which is not an option), this is only possible if f has at least one x -intercept.

Therefore, while all options could possibly be correct, only option **D** must be correct.

Question 18 D

The derivative function, which is quadratic, should not have any roots. This means that the discriminant must be negative.

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$f(x) := x^3 + p \cdot x^2 - p \cdot x$	Done
$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$	$3 \cdot x^2 + 2 \cdot p \cdot x - p$
$\text{solve}((2 \cdot p)^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot -p < 0, p)$	$-3 < p < 0$

Question 19 C

Using a CAS calculator gives:

$f(x) := \ln(x-2)$	Done
$y(x) := \text{tangentLine}(f(x), x=a)$	Done
$y(0)$	$\ln(a-2) - \frac{2}{a-2} - 1$
$\text{solve}(y(0)=0, a)$	$a=6.31914$

Question 20 D

$$\log_{a\sqrt{b}}(c) = x$$

$$\frac{\log_c(c)}{\log_c(a\sqrt{b})} = x$$

$$\frac{1}{\log_c(a) + \frac{1}{2}\log_c(b)} = x$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\log_c(b) = \frac{1}{x} - \log_c(a)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\log_c(b) = \frac{1 - x\log_c(a)}{x}$$

$$x\log_c(b) = 2 - 2x\log_c(a)$$

$$\log_c(b^x) = 2 - \log_c(a^{2x})$$

Section B

Question 1 (11 marks)

a. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$f(x) := (1 - 4 \cdot x) \cdot e^x$	Done
$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$	$(-4 \cdot x - 3) \cdot e^x$

$$f'(x) = (-4x - 3)e^x$$

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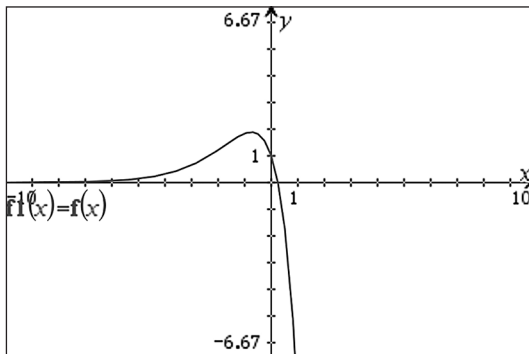
b. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\text{tangentLine}(f(x), x=0)$	$1 - 3 \cdot x$
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$$y = -3x + 1$$

A1

c. Using a CAS calculator gives:



$\text{solve}\left(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))=0, x\right)$	$x = \frac{-3}{4}$
$f\left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)$	$4 \cdot e^{\frac{-3}{4}}$

Reading from the graph, the minimum value does not exist.

The maximum value occurs at $x = -\frac{3}{4}$.

A1

$$\therefore \text{range} = \left(-\infty, 4e^{\frac{-3}{4}}\right]$$

A1

d. i. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$$\Delta \text{ solve}(f(x)=1,x) \quad x=-2.33666 \text{ or } x=0.$$

$$\int_{-2.34}^0 (f(x)-1) dx$$

correct boundaries A1
correct integrand A1

ii. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$$\int_{-2.33666}^0 (f(x)-1) dx \quad 1.27674$$

1.28

A1

e. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$$\begin{array}{l} y(x):=\text{tangentLine}(f(x),x=a) \quad \text{Done} \\ y(x) \quad (4 \cdot a^2 - a + 1) \cdot e^a - (4a + 3) \cdot e^a \cdot x \\ \Delta \text{ solve}(y(0)=2.5,a) \\ a=-2.19936 \text{ or } a=-1.35165 \text{ or } a=0.50360 \end{array}$$

The equation of the tangent at $x = a$:

$$y = (4a^2 - a + 1)e^a - (4a + 3)e^a x$$

M1

$$y(0) = 2.5$$

$$a = -2.20, -1.35, 0.50$$

A1

f. $f(x) = (1 - 4x)e^x \rightarrow (ax + b)e^{-2x + 4}$

From the index of e :

$$x \rightarrow -2x + 4$$

M1

$$\therefore (1 - 4x) \rightarrow 1 - 4(-2x + 4)$$

$$1 - 4(-2x + 4) = ax + b$$

$$8x - 15 = ax + b$$

$$\therefore a = 8, b = -15$$

A1

Question 2 (12 marks)

a. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$f(w) := \frac{1}{15} \cdot e^{-\frac{w}{15}}$	Done
$\int_0^{\infty} (w \cdot f(w)) dw$	15

15 minutes

A1

b. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\int_{18}^{\infty} f(w) dw$	0.301194
$0.30119421186582 \cdot 120$	36.1433

$$\Pr(W > 18) = 0.3012$$

A1

36 passengers

A1

c. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\frac{\int_{18}^{20} f(w) dw}{\int_{18}^{\infty} f(w) dw}$	0.124827
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$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(W < 20 | W > 18) &= \frac{\Pr(18 < W < 20)}{\Pr(W > 18)} \\ &= 0.1248 \end{aligned}$$

M1

A1

d. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\text{normCdf}(10, 15, 28.3, 5.6)$	0.008233
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0.0082

A1

e. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\text{invNorm}(0.2, 28.3, 5.6)$	23.5869
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$$T = 23.6$$

A1

f. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$p := \text{normCdf}(-\infty, 25, 28.3, 5.6)$	0.277835
$\text{binomCdf}(7, p, 3, 7)$	0.303292

$$\Pr(T < 25) = 0.2778 = p$$

A1

$$X \sim \text{Bi}(7, p)$$

M1

$$\Pr(X \geq 3) = 0.3033$$

A1

g.
$$\hat{p} = \frac{0.72 + 0.84}{2}$$

$$= 0.78$$

A1

$$0.06 = 1.64 \sqrt{\frac{0.78 \times 0.22}{n}}$$

$$n = 129$$

A1

Note: Accept answers that are rounded to 128.

Question 3 (14 marks)

a. maximum = 16 and minimum = -4

A1

b. 15

A1

c.
$$\text{period}_g = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{60}}$$

$$= 120$$

$$\text{period}_f = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{80}}$$

$$= 160$$

A1

Therefore, the period of h is:

$$\text{LCM}(120, 160) = 10 \times 2^4 \times 3$$

$$= 480$$

A1

d. Finding the t -values for the stationary points gives:

$h(t) := g(t) - f(t)$	Done
\triangle solve $\left(\frac{d}{dt}(h(t))=0, t\right) 0 \leq t \leq 400$ $t=24.013$ or $t=79.4467$ or $t=142.123$ or $t=\rightarrow$	

$$\frac{d}{dt} h(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 24.013, 79.4467, 142.123, \dots$$

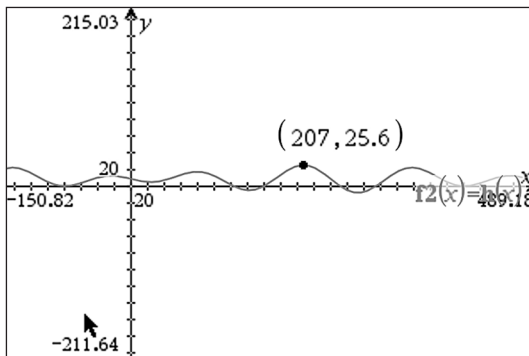
M1

Finding the respective values for $h(t)$ gives:

$h(\{24.013, 79.4467, 142.123\})$	$\{5.15255, 17.6639, -4.68183\}$
$h(\{207.195, 272.805, 337.877\})$	$\{25.6148, -7.61478, 22.6818\}$

The maximum value of $h(t)$ occurs at $t = 207.195$.

This can be justified by analysing the graph of $h(x)$.



Thus, the maximum difference occurs at $t = 207.195$.

M1

The maximum difference is 25.6°C .

A1

e. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\frac{1}{60} \int_0^{60} h(t) dt$	7.70543
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$$\frac{1}{60} \int_0^{60} h(t) dt = 7.7^\circ\text{C}$$

M1

A1

f. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$\Delta \text{ solve } \left(\frac{d}{dt}(f(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(g(t)), t \mid 0 \leq t \leq 100 \right)$ $t = 24.013 \text{ or } t = 79.4467$

$$f'(t) = g'(t)$$

$$t = 24.013, 79.4467, \dots$$

M1

The temperatures will decrease at the same rate for the first time at $t = 79.4$ minutes.

A1

g.

$$10 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{60}\right) + 6 \xrightarrow{y_{\text{new}} = \frac{7}{10}y} 7 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{60}\right) + \frac{21}{5}$$

$$\xrightarrow{y_{\text{new}} = y + \frac{54}{5}} 7 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{60}\right) + 15$$

$$\xrightarrow{t_{\text{new}} = \frac{3}{4}t} 7 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{80}\right) + 15$$

dilation by a factor of $\frac{7}{10}$ from the t -axis A1

translation of $\frac{54}{5}$ units upwards A1

dilation by a factor of $\frac{4}{3}$ from the y -axis A1

Question 4 (11 marks)

a. $f(-1) = -\frac{11}{12} < 0$

$$f(0) = 1 > 0$$

f is continuous.

Therefore, $f(x)$ crosses the x -axis between -1 and 0 .

M1

Note: All three conditions are required to obtain full marks.

b. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$f'(x) := \frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$	<i>Done</i>
$-0.5 - \frac{f(-0.5)}{f'(-0.5)}$	-0.579235
$-0.5792349726776 - \frac{f(-0.5792349726776)}{f'(-0.5792349726776)}$	-0.577835

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

M1

$$x_1 = -0.5792$$

A1

$$x_2 = -0.5778$$

A1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c. } f'(x) &= \frac{1}{8}x^2 - \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{3}{2} \\
 &= 0 \\
 \Delta &= \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - 4 \times \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{2} \\
 &= -\frac{3}{16} < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

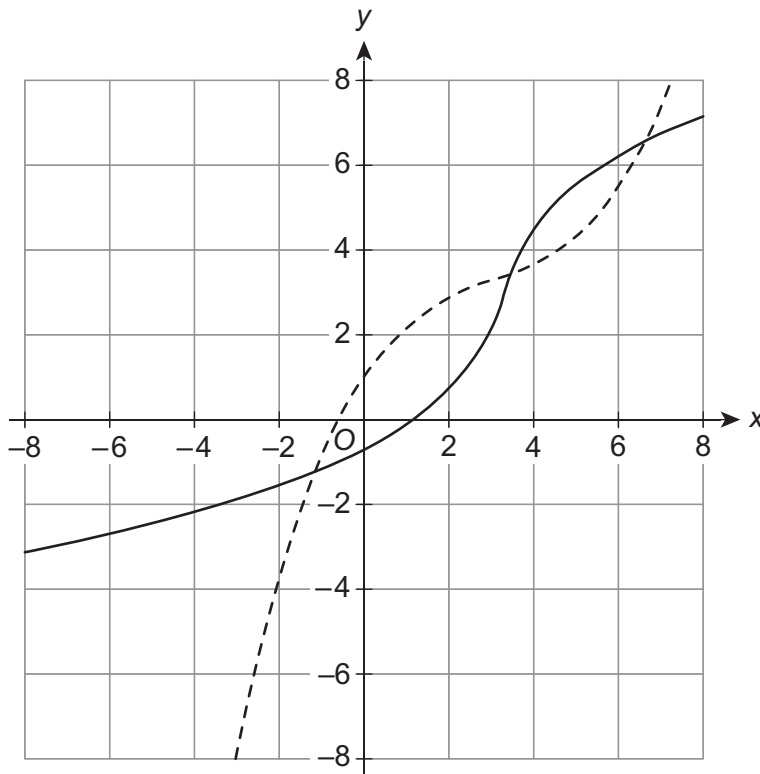
$f'(x)$ has no solutions and $f > 0$ for all values of x .

M1

d. Since f is increasing for all values of x and its graph crosses the x -axis between -1 and 0 , it will have only one root.

M1

e.



an increasing function with correct intercepts A1

an increasing function with correct points of intersection A1

Note: The original graph is shown by the dashed line. The correct shape is required in order to obtain full marks.

f. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{solve}(f(x)=x,x) \\ x=-1.05932 \text{ or } x=3.40441 \text{ or } x=6.65491 \\ 2 \cdot \left(\int_{-1.05932}^{3.40441} (f(x)-x) dx + \int_{3.40441}^{6.65491} (x-f(x)) dx \right) \\ 9.67664 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = x$$

$$x = -1.05932, 3.40441, 6.65491$$

M1

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \left(\int_{-1.06}^{3.40} (f(x) - x) dx + \int_{3.40}^{6.65} (x - f(x)) dx \right) \\ = 9.7 \end{aligned}$$

A1

A1

Question 5 (12 marks)

a. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$$\begin{array}{l} f(x) := \frac{a \cdot x + 2}{x - a} \quad \text{Done} \\ \text{solve}(f(x)=y,x) \quad x = \frac{2 \cdot (2 \cdot y + 1)}{y - a} \end{array}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{4x + 2}{x - a}$$

A1

$$x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{a\}$$

A1

b. Using a CAS calculator gives:

$f(x) = -x + a$	$\frac{a \cdot x + 2}{x - 4} = a - x$
$\text{factor}(f(x) - (-x + a))$	$\frac{x^2 - 4 \cdot x + 2 \cdot (2 \cdot a + 1)}{x - 4}$
$\text{solve}(16 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (2 \cdot a + 1) > 0, a)$	$a < \frac{1}{2}$

There are two conditions for $S_1 > 0$.

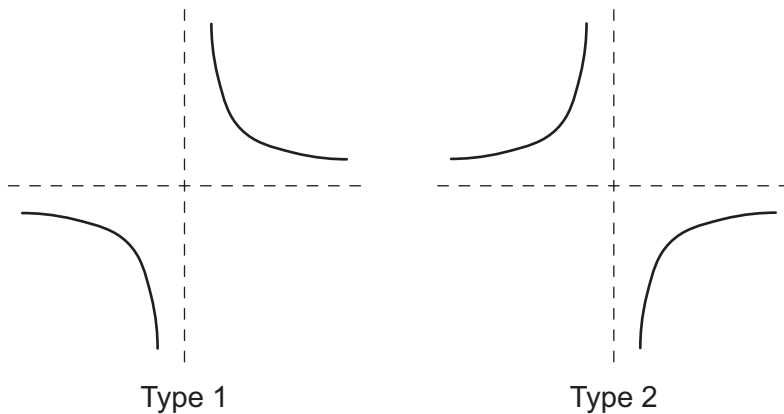
Condition 1: $f(x) = -x + a$ must have two solutions.

$$\Delta > 0$$

$$a < \frac{1}{2}$$

A1

Condition 2: The graph of $y = f(x)$ must have the shape of Type 1, as shown below.



A change between these types occurs when $y = f(x)$ is linear.

$$\frac{ax + 2}{x - 4} = \frac{a(x - 4)}{x - 4} = \frac{ax - 4a}{x - 4}$$

Hence:

$$-4a = 2$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2}$$

By observation, Type 1 is satisfied when $a > -\frac{1}{2}$.

Therefore, $S_1 > 0$ when $-\frac{1}{2} < a < \frac{1}{2}$.

A1

c. Using a CAS calculator gives:

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a:=0                                0
solve(f(x)=-x,x)                    x=-((sqrt(2)-2) or x=sqrt(2)+2)
integrate(f(x)+x)dx from 2-sqrt(2) to 2+sqrt(2)  2*ln(-(2*sqrt(2)-3))+4*sqrt(2)
    
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$$f(x) = -x$$

$$x = 2 \mp \sqrt{2}$$

M1

$$\int_{2-\sqrt{2}}^{2+\sqrt{2}} (f(x) + x) dx$$

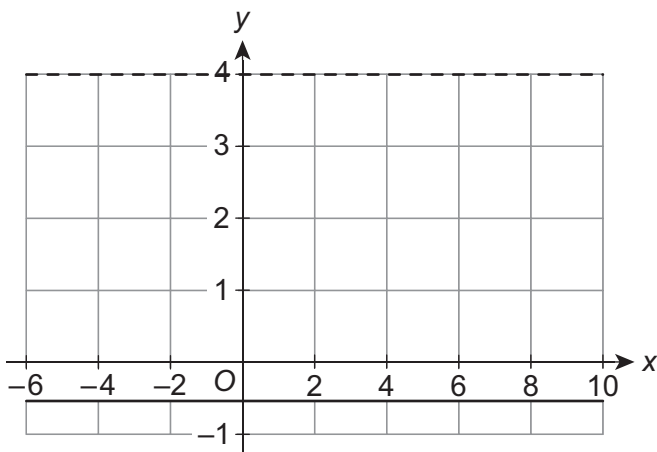
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$$= 2 \log_e (3 - 2\sqrt{2}) + 4\sqrt{2}$$

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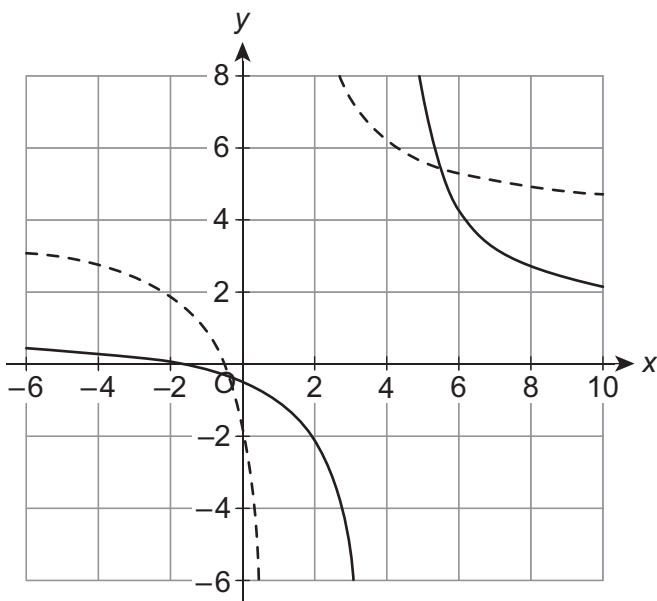
d. When $a = -0.5$, both graphs are parallel lines.

M1



When $a > -0.5$, there is no region enclosed between the graphs.

M1

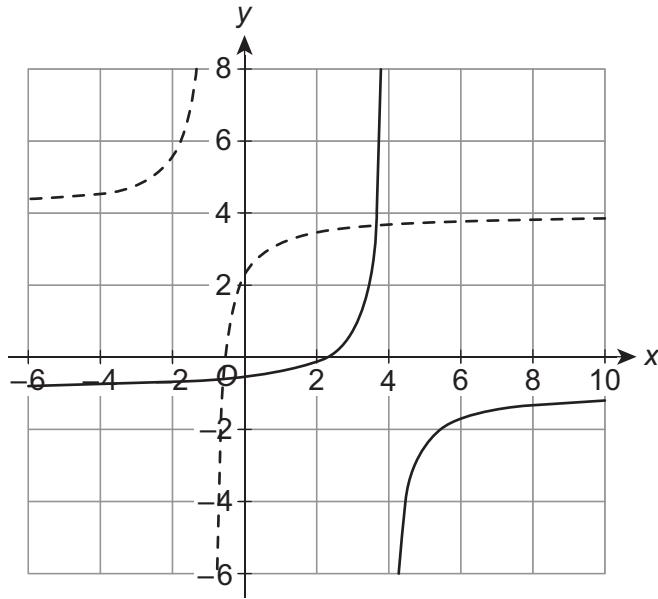


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When $a < -0.5$, there is an enclosed area between the graphs.

A1

Therefore, $S_2 > 0$ when $a < -0.5$.

- e. S_2 is between the asymptotes $x = 4$, $x = a$, $y = 4$ and $y = a$.

M1

The region between these four asymptotes forms a square and contains S_2 .Since the area of this square is $(4 - a)^2$, $S_2 < (4 - a)^2$.

M1