

## Other Functions & Graphs

## Mark Schemes

### Question 1

Let  $f(x) = \frac{3x-2}{2x+1}$ , for  $x \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $g(x) = -x - 2$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The graphs of  $f$  and  $g$  intersect at points A and B.

(a) Find the coordinates of A and B.

(b) Find the length of the line segment AB.

a)  $f(x) = g(x)$

$$\frac{3x-2}{2x+1} = -x-2$$

[5]  $3x-2 = (-x-2)(2x+1) = -2x^2 - 5x - 2$

[3]  $2x^2 + 8x = 2x(x+4) = 0 \quad \therefore x = 0, -4$

Sub  $x = 0, -4$  into  $f(x)$  or  $g(x)$ .

$$g(-4) = -(-4) - 2 = 2 \quad \therefore (-4, 2)$$

$$g(0) = -(0) - 2 = -2 \quad \therefore (0, -2)$$

$$\boxed{A(-4, 2) \text{ and } B(0, -2)}$$

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b) Distance between two points =  $\sqrt{(x_2-x_1)^2 + (y_2-y_1)^2}$

$$\boxed{|AB| = \sqrt{(0+4)^2 + (-2-2)^2} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2} \text{ units}}$$

[5]

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## Question 2

Consider the functions  $f(x) = -x^5 + 2020$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-x)^3}} - 2$ .

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(c) For the graph of  $g$ , find the equation of

- (i) the vertical asymptote
- (ii) the horizontal asymptote.

a) i)  $y$ -intercepts occur when  $x = 0$ .

Sub  $x = 0$  into  $f(x)$ .

$$f(0) = -(0)^5 + 2020$$

$$f(0) = 2020$$

[2]

Hence the  $y$ -intercept for  $f$  is  $(0, 2020)$ .

ii) Sub  $x = 0$  into  $g(x)$ .

$$g(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-(0))^3}} - 2$$

$$g(0) = -1$$

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b) i)  $x$ -intercepts occur when the function equals zero.

Set  $f(x) = 0$  and solve for  $x$  on your GDC.

$$-x^5 + 2020 = 0$$

$$x \approx 4.58$$

[2]

Hence the  $x$ -intercept for  $f$  is  $(4.58, 0)$ .

ii) Set  $g(x) = 0$  and solve for  $x$  on your GDC.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-x)^3}} - 2 = 0$$

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[2]

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i) The vertical asymptote is when the denominator of  $g(x)$  equals zero.

$$[\text{denominator of } g] = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(1-x)^3} = 0$$

[2]

$$x = 1$$

Hence the equation of the vertical asymptote is  $x = 1$

[2]

ii) As  $x$  tends towards negative infinity ( $-\infty$ ),  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-x)^3}}$  tends towards zero.

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-x)^3}} - 2$$

[3]

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = 0 - 2 = -2$$

Hence the equation of the horizontal asymptote is  $y = -2$ .

### Question 3

Consider the function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{2x-3}$  for  $x \neq \frac{3}{2}$  and the line  $x - 7y + 2 = 0$ .

The graph of  $f$  and the line intersect at points A and B.

(a) Find the coordinates of A and B.

(b) Find the midpoint of the line segment AB.

a) Let  $y = f(x)$

$$y = \frac{x+2}{2x-3}$$

[5] Sub  $y = f(x)$  into the line equation

[2] 
$$x - 7\left(\frac{x+2}{2x-3}\right) + 2 = 0$$

$$x - \frac{7x-14}{2x-3} + 2 = 0$$

$$x(2x-3) - 7x - 14 + 2(2x-3) = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 3x - 7x - 14 + 4x - 6 = 2x^2 - 6x - 20 = 0$$

$$2(x^2 - 3x - 10) = 2(x-5)(x+2) = 0 \quad \therefore x = -2, 5$$

Sub  $x = -2, 5$  into  $f$ .

$$f(-2) = \frac{-2+2}{2(-2)-3} = 0$$

$$\therefore A(-2, 0)$$

$$f(5) = \frac{5+2}{2(5)-3} = 1$$

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$$\therefore A(-2, 0)$$

$$\therefore B(5, 1)$$

(b) Find the midpoint of the line segment AB.

b) Midpoint =  $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$

$$\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{-2+5}{2}, \frac{0+1}{2}\right)$$

[5]

$$\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

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### Question 4

Let  $f(x) = \ln(x+2)$ ,  $x > -2$ .

(a) Find the coordinates of:

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- (ii) the  $y$ -intercept.

(b) State the equation of the vertical asymptote to the graph of  $f$ .

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  intersects with its inverse, twice.

(c) Find the two coordinates where  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ .

a)  $x$ -intercepts occur when  $f(x) = 0$ .

$$0 = \ln(x+2)$$

$$1 = x+2$$

$$x = -1$$

[2]

$x$ -intercept at  $(-1, 0)$ .

[2]

$y$ -intercepts occur when  $x = 0$ .

$$f(0) = \ln(0+2)$$

$$f(0) = 0.6931\dots$$

$$= 0.693 \quad (3\text{sf})$$

[2]

$y$ -intercept at  $(0, 0.693)$ .

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b)  $f(x)$  is undefined when  $x+2 < 0$ .

$$x+2 < 0$$

Vertical asymptote:  $x = -2$

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$$y = f(x)$$

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[2]

$$x = \ln(y + 2)$$

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$$y = e^x - 2$$

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Graph  $f(x)$  and  $f^{-1}(x)$  on your GDC and find their intersection.

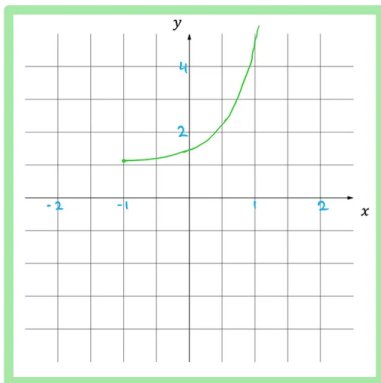
**Intersection :**

**$(-1.84, -1.84)$  and  $(1.14, 1.14)$**

## Question 5

Let  $f(x) = 0.5e^{2x} + 1$ , for  $-1 \leq x \leq 2$ .

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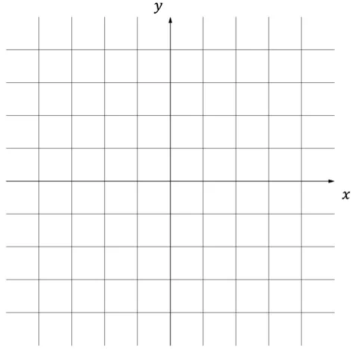
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$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= f(x) \\
 y &= 0.5e^{2x} + 1 \\
 x &= 0.5e^{2y} + 1 \\
 \frac{x-1}{0.5} &= e^{2y} \\
 2y &= \ln 2(x-1) \\
 y &= \frac{1}{2} \ln 2(x-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

[3]

$\therefore A = \frac{1}{2} \quad b = 2 \quad c = 1$

[4]

### Question 6

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A model for the mass of carbon-14,  $m$  g, in an object of age  $t$  years is

$$m = m_0 e^{-kt}$$

where  $m_0$  and  $k$  are constants.

(a) For an object initially containing 100g of carbon-14, write down the value of  $m_0$

[1]

(b) Briefly explain why, if  $m_0 = 100$ ,  $m$  will equal 50g when  $t = 5700$  years.

[2]

(c) Using the values from part (b), show that the value of  $k$  is  $1.22 \times 10^{-4}$  to three significant figures.

[2]

(d) A different object currently contains 60g of carbon-14. In 2000 years' time how much carbon-14 will remain in the object?

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$$100 = m_0 e^{-k(0)} = m_0$$

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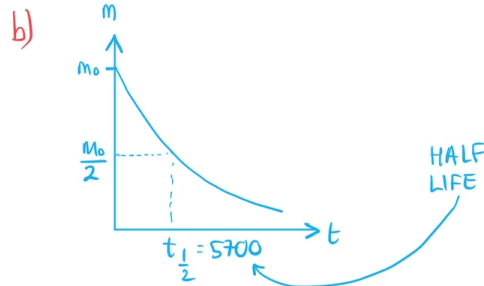
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c) Sub values from (b) into model

$$50 = 100 e^{-k \cdot 5700}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{-k \cdot 5700}$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{2} = \ln e^{-5700k}$$

$$\ln \frac{1}{2} = -5700k$$

$$k = \frac{-\ln \frac{1}{2}}{5700} = 1.22 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (3sf)}$$



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d) Sub  $m_0 = 60$  and  $t = 2000$  into model

$$m = 60e^{-1.22 \times 10^{-4}(2000)}$$

$$m = 47.0\text{g} \quad (3\text{sf})$$

## Question 7

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$$P = P_0 y^k$$

to predict future years' profits.  
 $EP$  is the profit in the  $y^{\text{th}}$  year of business.  
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(a) Write down two equations connecting  $P_0$  and  $k$ .

[2]

(b) Find the values of  $P_0$  and  $k$ .

[2]

(c) Find the predicted profit for years 3 and 4.

[2]

(d) Show that

$$P = P_0 y^k$$

can be written in the form

$$\log P = \log P_0 + k \log y.$$

[2]

a)  $P = 2500 \quad y = 1$   
 $P = 3700 \quad y = 2$

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- (b) Find the values of  $P_0$  and  $k$ .  $P_0 = 2500$   $k = 0.566$  [2]
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b) dividing ① by ②

$$\frac{2500}{3700} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$$

$$k = \log_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{2500}{3700}\right) = 0.566 = k \quad (3\text{cf})$$

sub  $k = 0.566$  into ①

$$2500 = P_0 (1)^{0.566} = P_0$$

$$P_0 = \text{£}2500$$

c) Using  $P_0$  and  $k$  from (b)

$$P = 2500 y^{0.566}$$

$$\text{at } y = 3 \quad P = 2500(3)^{0.566} =$$

$$y = 4 \quad P = 2500(4)^{0.566} =$$

to the nearest penny

$$\text{£}4653.70$$

$$\text{£}5476$$

exactly!

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d)  $\log P = \log P_0 y^k$   
*rewrite as two terms*  
 $= \log P_0 + \log y^k$   
*rewrite powers as coefficient*

$$\log P = \log P_0 + k \log y$$

## Question 8

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 The population of birds, within the reserve, is modelled by

$$B = 16e^{0.85t}$$

$B$  is the number of birds after  $t$  years of being released into the reserve.

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[1]

(b) According to this model, how many birds will be in the reserve after 3 years?

[2]

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[2]

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b)  $t=3$   
 $B = 16e^{0.85(3)} = 205 \text{ (3sf)}$

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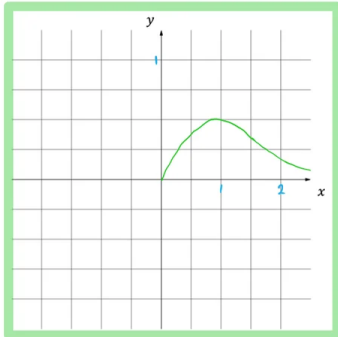
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c) Sub  $B=500$  into equation  
 $500 = 16e^{0.85t}$   
 $\frac{125}{4} = e^{0.85t}$   
 $\ln \frac{125}{4} = \ln e^{0.85t}$   
 $= 0.85t(\ln e)^1$   
 $t = \frac{1}{0.85} \ln \frac{125}{4} = 4.05 \text{ y (3sf)}$

## Question 9

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- (a) On the following grid, sketch the graph of  $y = V_1(t)$ .



[3]

- (b) Find, to the nearest minute, the time when the vaccine volume,  $V_1$  reaches a maximum value.

[2]

- (c) Rebecca experienced side-effects from the vaccine between the times when the volume reached its maximum value until it had dropped to half of its maximum value. Find, to the nearest minute, the length of time that Rebecca experienced side-effects from taking the vaccine.

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- (d) The vaccine is medically determined to be no longer in Rebecca's bloodstream when it drops down to 1% of its maximum value. Find the time that the vaccine is no longer in Rebecca's bloodstream.

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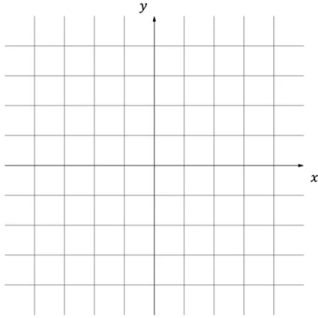
- (e) Rebecca's friend, Zara, also had the vaccine on the same day. The volume in Zara's bloodstream can be modelled by an equation of the form  $V_2(t) = 1.766te^{-1.3t}$ . Calculate, to the nearest minute, how much faster  $V_2$  took to reach a maximum volume compared to  $V_1$ .

[1]

a) Graph  $V_1(t)$  on your GDC.

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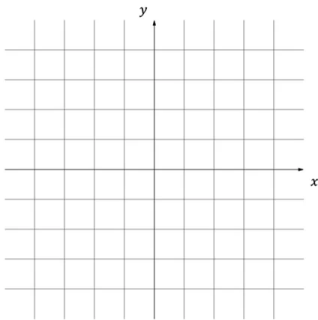
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[3]

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[1]

b) Find the maximum of  $V_1(t)$  on your GOC.

maximum: (0.8, 0.5)

0.8 × 24 hours = 19.2 hours

19.2 hours = 19 hrs and 12 mins

9am + 19 hrs and 12 mins = 4:12 am

4:12 am on Tuesday

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c) Maximum: (0.8, 0.5)

Find  $t$  when  $V(t) = 0.25$

$0.25 = 1.7te^{-1.25t}$

$t = 2.14348$

$\therefore$  days =  $2.14348 - 0.8$   
= 1.34348

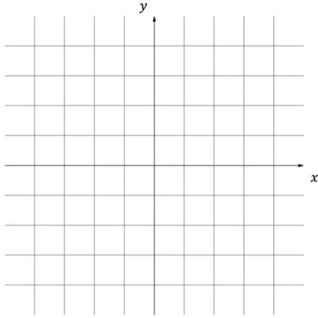
$0.34348 \times 24 = 8.24352$

$0.24352 \times 60 = 14.6 \approx 15$

1 day 8hrs and 15mins

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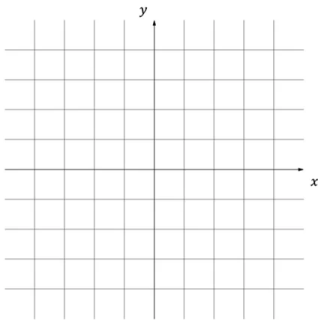
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[1]

d) Maximum: (0.8, 0.5)  
 Find  $t$  when  $V(t) = 0.005$   
 $0.005 = 1.7te^{-1.25t}$   
 $t = 6.11126$  days  
 $0.11126 \times 24 = 2.67024$   
 $0.67024 \times 60 = 40.2 \approx 40$  mins  
 $t = 6$  days + 2 hrs + 40 mins

11:40am on Sunday.

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[1]

e) Graph  $V_2(t)$  and find its maximum  
 maximum: (0.769, 0.5)  
 time =  $0.8 - 0.769$   
 $= 0.031$  days  
 $0.031 \times 24 = 0.744$  hrs  
 $0.744 \times 60 = 44.64$  mins

45 minutes

### Question 10

Let  $f(x) = e^x + 1$  and  $g(x) = 4x + a$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a$  is a constant.

(a) Find  $(g \circ f)(x)$ .

(b) Given that  $(g \circ f)(0) = 2$ , find the value of  $a$ .

(c) Solve the equation  $(g \circ f)(x) = 0$ .

(a)  $f(x) \rightarrow g(x)$

[2]

$$(g \circ f)(x) = 4(e^x + 1) + a$$

[2]

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[3]

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(b)  $(g \circ f)(0) = 2 = 4e^0 + 4 + a$

[2]

$$2 = 4 + 4 + a$$

[2]

$$a = -6$$

[3]

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$$a = -6$$

(c)  $4e^x + 4 - 6 = 0$

[2]

$$4e^x = 2$$

[2]

$$e^x = \frac{1}{2}$$

[3]

$$x = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$x = -\ln 2$$

(c) Solve the equation  $(g \circ f)(x) = 0$ .



### Question 11

Let  $f(x) = ab^x$ , where  $x, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \geq 0, a, b > 1$ .

The graph of  $f$  contains the points (0, 3) and (2, 75).

(a) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

(b) Find an expression for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

(b) Find the value of  $f^{-1}(375)$ .

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(a) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$a = 3$      $b = 5$

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(a) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

(b) Find an expression for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

$f^{-1}(x) = \log_5\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$

(b) Find the value of  $f^{-1}(375)$ .

(a) Substitute the coordinates into  $f(x)$  to form two equations involving  $a$  and  $b$

$$3 = ab^0$$

[3]

$a = 3$

[3]

$$75 = (3)b^2$$

[2]

$$25 = b^2$$

$b = 5$

(b)  $f(x) = (3)(5)^x$

Write in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  and rearrange to make  $x$  the subject

[3]

$$y = 3 \times 5^x$$

[3]

$$\frac{y}{3} = 5^x$$

[2]

$$\log_5\left(\frac{y}{3}\right) = x$$

Replace  $x$  with  $f^{-1}(x)$  and  $y$  with  $x$

$f^{-1}(x) = \log_5\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$

(c)  $f^{-1}(375) = y = \log_5\left(\frac{375}{3}\right)$

[3]

$$y = \log_5(125)$$

[3]

$$5^y = 125$$

$$y = 3$$

[2]

$f^{-1}(375) = 3$

## Question 12

Consider  $f(x) = \ln(\sqrt{x^2 - 16})$ .

(a) Find the largest possible domain  $D_f$  for  $f$  to be a function.

Let  $f(x) = \ln(\sqrt{x^2 - 16})$ , for  $x \in D_f$ .

(b) Explain why

- (i)  $f$  is an even function
- (ii) the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  does not exist.

(a) You cannot take a log of a number that is less than or equal to zero

[2]

$$x^2 - 16 > 0$$

$$x^2 > 16$$

$$x > 4 \text{ or } x < -4$$

[3]

$$D_f = -\infty < x < -4, 4 < x < \infty$$

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(b) (i)  $f(x) = f(-x)$  for all of  $D_f$

[2]

(ii)  $f^{-1}(x)$  does not exist for  $x \in D_f$  because  $f(x)$  is not a one-to-one function

[3]

### Question 13

Let  $f(x) = \frac{2(x+1)}{x-1}$ , for  $x \neq 1$ , and  $g(x) = x + 1$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The graphs of  $f$  and  $g$  intersect at points A and B.

(a) Find the coordinates of A and B.

[5]

(b) Find the equation of the straight line that passes through A and B, giving your answer in the form  $ax + by + d = 0$ .

[3]

(c) Write down the gradient of the line that is perpendicular to the line passing through A and B.

[2]

a)  $f(x) = g(x)$

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

$$2x+2 = (x+1)(x-1) = x^2-1$$

$$x^2-2x-3 = (x-3)(x+1) = 0 \quad \therefore x = -1, 3$$

Sub  $x = -1, 3$  into  $f(x)$  or  $g(x)$ .

$$g(-1) = (-1) + 1 = 0 \quad \therefore (-1, 0)$$

$$g(3) = (3) + 1 = 4 \quad \therefore (3, 4)$$

$A(-1, 0) \text{ and } B(3, 4)$

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b) Find the gradient,  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

$$m_{AB} = \frac{0-4}{-1-3} = \frac{-4}{-4} = 1$$

Use point-gradient formula:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$m = 1 \quad B(3, 4) \rightarrow \text{you could use } A(-1, 0)$$

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

$x - y + 1 = 0$

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[2]

c) Perpendicular gradient:  $m_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{m}$

$$m_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{(1)}$$

$$m_{\perp} = -1$$