

# A 51—II

## OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

### General Certificate of Education

Summer Examination, 1964

### Advanced Level

### PURE MATHEMATICS, PAPER II

Thursday, 25 June. Time allowed: 3 hours

Write the number of the paper, A 51/II, on the left at the head of each sheet of your answers in the space provided.

Complete answers to a few questions receive more credit than scrappy attempts at the whole paper. A pass may be obtained on good answers to about four questions.

Mathematical tables are provided.

1. Prove that, if  $t = \tan \frac{1}{2}\theta$ ,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}.$$

If  $\beta, \gamma$  are solutions of the equation

$$p \cos \theta + q \sin \theta = r$$

which do not differ by an integral multiple of  $2\pi$ , prove that

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}\beta \tan \frac{1}{2}\gamma = \frac{r-p}{r+p} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \frac{1}{2}\beta + \tan \frac{1}{2}\gamma = \frac{2q}{r+p}.$$

If  $\beta, \gamma$  are two such solutions of the equation for  $\theta$

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

prove that

$$a^2 \cos \beta \cos \gamma + a(\sin \beta + \sin \gamma) + 1 = 0.$$

2. The bisectors of the angles  $B$  and  $C$  of triangle  $ABC$  meet the opposite sides at  $E$  and  $F$ . Find the projections of  $EF$  on  $BC$  and perpendicular to  $BC$  and prove that the acute angle between  $EF$  and  $BC$  is

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{|b-c|\sin A}{(a+b)\cos C + (a+c)\cos B}.$$

3. Two vertical towers of heights  $h$  ft. and  $k$  ft. stand on level ground. To a man at a point  $D$  on the line joining the feet  $B$  and  $C$  of the towers, the angles of elevation of the tops of the towers are both  $\alpha$ . On walking  $a$  ft. along a straight horizontal path inclined at an acute angle  $\beta$  to the line joining the feet of the towers, to a point  $A$ , the man finds that the angles of elevation of the tops of the towers are both  $\gamma$ . Prove that  $AD$  bisects angle  $BAC$  and that

$$\left| \frac{a}{h} - \frac{a}{k} \right| = 2 \cot \alpha \cos \beta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a^2}{hk} = \cot^2 \gamma - \cot^2 \alpha.$$

4. The perpendiculars from the vertices of triangle  $ABC$  to the opposite sides meet at  $P$ . Prove that angle  $BPC$  is  $180^\circ - A$ .

Prove also that the circumcircles of triangles  $BPC$ ,  $CPA$ ,  $APB$  have equal radii and that their centres form a triangle congruent to  $ABC$  and having  $P$  as its circumcentre.

5. Spheres are drawn each passing through two fixed points,  $P$  and  $Q$ , and touching a fixed plane  $p$ .  $P$  and  $Q$  are on the same side of  $p$ . Prove that the locus of the point of contact of the spheres with the plane is a circle whose centre is the point of intersection of  $PQ$  with  $p$ .

Prove also that the centres of the spheres lie on the curve of intersection of a certain right circular cylinder, whose axis is perpendicular to  $p$ , with a certain plane perpendicular to  $PQ$ .

6. Prove that the coordinates of any point on the normal to the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  at the point  $P(a \cos \alpha, b \sin \alpha)$  can be put in the form

$$((1-b^2t)a \cos \alpha, (1-a^2t)b \sin \alpha),$$

and show that the distance between the points for which the values of  $t$  are  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  is

$$ab(t_1 - t_2)\sqrt{(b^2 \cos^2 \alpha + a^2 \sin^2 \alpha)}.$$

If the normal meets the ellipse again at  $R$ , prove that

$$PR = \frac{2ab(b^2 \cos^2 \alpha + a^2 \sin^2 \alpha)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{b^4 \cos^2 \alpha + a^4 \sin^2 \alpha}.$$

7. Find the equation of the chord of the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  joining the points  $(at_1^2, 2at_1)$ ,  $(at_2^2, 2at_2)$ , and show that it intersects the axis of the parabola at the point  $(-at_1t_2, 0)$ .

$XY$  is any chord of a parabola through the point  $(5a, 0)$ . The circle on  $XY$  as diameter cuts the parabola again at  $Z$  and  $W$ . Prove that  $ZW$  passes through the focus of the parabola.

8. The parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  and the hyperbola  $4xy = a^2$  meet at  $P$ . Their common tangent touches the parabola at  $Q$  and the hyperbola at  $R$ . Prove that  $PR$  is the tangent at  $P$  to the parabola and that  $QP$  is the tangent at  $P$  to the hyperbola.

9. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve

$$y = a \sin^3 \theta, \quad x = a \cos^3 \theta$$

at the point  $\theta = \alpha$ . Show that the tangents at the points  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\pi$ ,  $\alpha + \pi$  and  $\alpha + \frac{3}{2}\pi$  form a square whose diagonals are  $y + x \tan(\alpha + \frac{1}{4}\pi) = 0$  and  $y - x \tan(\alpha + \frac{3}{4}\pi) = 0$ .

10. Show that the equation in polar coordinates,  $r = a \cos \theta$ , represents a circle, and find where it meets the curve

$$r = a(1 + \cos 2\theta).$$

Trace the curves and calculate the area common to the circle and a loop of the other curve.