

HSC Advanced Maths Exam Booklet: Differentiation, Geometrical Applications of Calculus



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- 1. For the graph of y = f(x) shown, state the point at which f'(x) < 0 and f''(x) > 0.
 - A. A B. B C. C D. D

2. The minimum value of $x^2 - 7x + 10$ is:

- A. 2 B. $3\frac{1}{2}$ C. $-2\frac{1}{4}$ D. $2\frac{1}{4}$
- 3. Differentiate with respect to *x*:

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



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4. Differentiate the following with respect to *x*.

 $(x + 1)^2$

5. Differentiate with respect to *x*:

 $(2x + 1)^5$

6. y = f(x) is shown on the number plane.

Which of the following statements is true?

- A. y = f(x) is decreasing and concave up.
- B. y = f(x) is decreasing and concave down.
- C. y = f(x) is increasing and concave up.
- D. y = f(x) is increasing and concave down.





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7. Differentiate $\frac{x^2}{5x+1}$

- 8. Consider the function defined by $f(x) = x^3 6x^2 + 9x + 2$.
 - A. Find f'(x).

B. Find the coordinates of the two stationary points.

C. Determine the nature of the stationary points.



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D. Sketch the curve y = f(x) for $0 \le x \le 4$ clearly labeling the stationary points.(2)

9. Differentiate with respect to *x*.

A.
$$\frac{1}{2x^4}$$

B.
$$\frac{\log x}{x}$$

C. $cos^2 3x$



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10. The graph shows the derivative, y', of a function y = f(x)



A. State the values(s) of x where y = f(x) is increasing.

B. State the values(s) of x where y = f(x) has a point of inflexion.





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C. State the values(s) of x where y = f(x) has a minimum turning point.

D. If f(0) = 1 sketch the graph of y = f(x).



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11. A designer T-shirt manufacture finds that the total cost, \$C to make *x* T-shirts is $C = 4000 + \frac{3x}{20} + \frac{x^2}{1000}$ and the selling price \$E for each T-shirt sold is $30 - \frac{x}{200}$.

Assuming all but 30 T-shirts are sold:

A. Show that the total sales, \$S is given by $S = -\frac{x^2}{200} + \frac{603x}{20} - 900$

B. Show that the profit, \$P is given by $P = -\frac{3}{200}x^2 + 30x - 4900$



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C. Find the maximum profit and show that the price for selling each T-shirt must be \$17.50 to achieve this maximum profit.

12. Consider the function $f(x) = x^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}x - 1\right)$

A. Show that $f'^{(x)} = x^2 - 2x$

B. Find any turning points and determine their nature.



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C. Find any points of inflexion.

D. Sketch the curve in the domain $-1 \le x \le 3$



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13. On the compass diagram below, Mary is at position A, 25km due north of position B. John is at B, Mary walks towards B at 4km/h. John moves due west at 6km/h.



A. Show that the distance between Mary and John after *t* hours is given by: $d^2 = 52t^2 - 200t + 625$





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B. Letting $L = d^2$ find the time when L is minimum.

C. Hence find the minimum distance between john and Mary correct to the nearest kilometer.



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- 14. Consider the curve $y = 2 + 3x x^2$
 - A. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

B. Locate any stationary points and determine their nature.

- C. For what values of *x* is the curve concave up?
- D. Sketch the curve for $-2 \le x \le 2$.



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15. The diagram below shows the graph of a gradient function y = f'(x).



A. Write down the values of *x* where the curve is stationary.

B. For what value of *x* will the curve have a maximum turning point?



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C. Copy or trace the diagram into your writing booklet. Draw a possible curve for = f(x), clearly showing what is happening to the curve as the values of *x* increase indefinitely.

16. *ABCDE* is a pentagon with perimeter 30 cm. The pentagon is constructed with an equilateral triangle $\triangle ABE$ joining a rectangle *BCDE*.



A. Show that
$$y = \frac{30-3x}{2}$$
.



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B. Show that the area of
$$\triangle ABE$$
 is $y = \frac{\sqrt{3x^2}}{4} cm^2$

C. Hence show that the area of the pentagon is
$$15x + \frac{(\sqrt{3}-6)x^2}{4} cm^2$$
.

D. Find the exact value of *x* for which the area of the pentagon will be a maximum. Justify your solution.



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- 17. A rectangular sheet of metal measures 200cm by 100cm. Four equal squares with side lengths *x* cm are cut out of all the corners and then the sides of the sheet are turned up to form an open rectangular box.
 - A. Draw a diagram representing this information.

B. Show that the volume of the box can be represented by the equation $V = 4x^3 - 600x^2 + 20\ 000x$

C. Find the value of *x* such that the volume of the tool box is a maximum. (Answer to the nearest cm)



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- 18. Consider the curve $y = x^3 + 3x^2 9x 2$
 - A. Find any stationary points and determine their nature.

B. Find the coordinates of any point(s) of inflexion.

C. Sketch the curve labelling the stationary points, point of inflexion and *y* - intercept.





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19. A 30 cm length of wire is used to make two frames. The wire is to be cut into two parts. One part is bent into a square of side *x* Cm and the remaining length is bent into a circle of radius r cm.



A. The circumference of a circle, C, is found using the formula $C = 2\pi r$ Show that the expression for r in terms of x is $r = \frac{15-2x}{\pi}$



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B. Show that the combined area, *A*, of the two shapes can be written as $A = \frac{(4+\pi)x^2 - 60x + 225}{\pi}$

C. Find the value of *x* for which the combined area of the two frames be minimised. Give your answer correct to 2 significant figures.



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20. A rectangular sheet of cardboard measures 12cm by 9cm. From two corners, squares of *x* cm are removed as Shown. is folded along the dotted to form a tray as shown.



A. Show that the volume, Vcm^3 , of the tray is given by $V = 2x^3 - 33x^2 + 108x$.

B. Find the maximum volume of tray



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- 21. Sketch the curve that has the following properties.
 - A. f(2) = 1B. f'(2) = 0C. f''(2) = 0D. $f'^{(x)} \ge 0$ for all real *x*.



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22. The intensity *I* produced by a light of power *W* at a distance *x* metres from the light is given by $=\frac{W}{x^2}$. Two lights L_1 and L_2 , of power *W* and 2*W* respectively, are positioned 30 metres apart.



A. Write down an expression for the combined intensity I_c of L_1 and L_2 at a point *P* which is *x* metres from L_1 , as shown in the diagram.

B. Find $\frac{dI_e}{dx}$.



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C. Find the distance PL_1 , correct to the nearest centimetre, so that combined intensity of L_1 and L_2 is at its minimum.

- 23. The velocity of a train increases from 0 to *V* at *a* constant rate a. velocity then remains constant at *V* for a certain time. After this time the velocity decreases to 0 at a rate *b*. Given that the total distance travelled by train is *s* and the time for the Journey is *T*.
 - A. Draw a velocity-time graph for the above information,



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B. Show that the time (*T*) for the journey is given by $T = \frac{s}{v} + \frac{1}{2}V\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)$.

C. When *a*, *b* and *s* are find the speed that will minimize the time for the journey.



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24. A circus marquee is supported by a center pole, and secured by the rope *ABCD*. George, a curious monkey, wants to know how quickly he can climb up and down the marquee along the rope *ABCD*.



A. If BE = CF = 4 metres and AD = 7 meter, show that $BC = 7 - \frac{8}{\tan \theta}$



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B. Hence show that the total time(*t*) needed for George to climb up and down the marquee, in minutes, is given by: $t = \frac{7}{4} + \frac{4-2\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}$

C. Given that $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, find value of θ for which the time taken by George to climb up and down the marquee is a minimum.



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- 25. An open cylindrical water tank has base radius *x* meters and height *h* meters. Each square meter of base cost a dollars to manufacture and each square metre of the curved surface costs b dollars, where *a* and *b* are constants. The combined cost of the base and curved surface is *c* dollars.
 - A. Find *c* in the term of *a*, *b*, *x* and *h* (Note that the curved surface has area $2\pi xh$.)

B. Show that the volume V of the tank in cubic metres is given by $V = \frac{x}{2b} (c - \pi a x^2).$



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C. If x can vary, prove that V is maximised when the cost of the base is $\frac{c}{3}$ dollars.

26. Let *f* and *g* be functions where f'(2) = 2, g(2) = 1, f'(1) = 3 and g'(2) = -2

What is the gradient of the tangent to the curve y = f[g(x)] at the point where x = 2?

A. 6
B. 3
C. 2
D. -6



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27. The diagram below shows a design to be used on a new brand of jam. The design consists of three circular sectors each of radius r cm. The angle of two of the sectors is θ radian and the angle of the third sector is 3θ radian as shown.



Given that the area of the design is $25 \ cm^2$,

A. Show that $=\frac{10}{r^2}$.

B. Find the external perimeter of the design, *P*, in terms of *r*.



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C. Given that *r* can vary, find the value of *r* for which *P* is minimum.

28. A rectangular beam of width *w* cm and depth *d* cm is cut from a cylindrical pine log as shown.

The diameter of the cross-section of the *log* (and hence the diagonal of the cross-section of the beam is 15 cm). The strength *S* of the beam is proportional to the product of its width and the square of its depth, so that $S = kd^2w$.



A. Show that $S = k (225 w - w^3)$.



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B. Find numerically the dimensions that will maximize the strength of the beam. Justify your answer.

C. Find the strength *S* of the beam if its cross sectional area is a square with diagonal 15 cm.

D. Express as a percentage, how much stronger will beam of strength be in comparison to the square beam in part iii to the nearest %.



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29. A lot of land has the form of a right triangle, with perpendicular sides 60 and 80 meters long.



B. Show that $y = 100 - \frac{25}{12} x$



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C. Find the length and width of the largest rectangular building that can be erected facing the hypotenuse of the triangle.



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30. An isosceles trapezium ABCD is drawn with its vertices on a semi-circle center 0 and diameter 20 cm (see diagram). OE is the altitude of ABCD.



A. Prove that $\triangle BOE = \triangle COE$

B. Hence of otherwise, show that the area of the trapezium ABCD is given by: $A = \frac{1}{4} (x + 20)\sqrt{400 - x^2}$ Where *x* is the length of BC



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C. Hence find the length of BC so that the area of the trapezium ABCD is a maximum.

31. Evaluate:
$$\lim_{x \to 16} \frac{x-16}{\sqrt{x-4}}$$



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32. A function is defined by the following properties: y = 0 when x = 1; $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when x = -3, 1 and 5; and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$ for $x \le -1$ and 1 < x < 3. Sketch a possible graph of the function.



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33. An isosceles triangle *ABC* with AB = AC is inscribed in a circle centre *O* and of radius *R* units.

Given that OM = x units, $OM \perp BC$ and M is the midpoint of BC,



A. Show that the area of $\triangle ABC$, *S* square units, is given by: $S = (R + x)\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$

B. Hence show that the triangle with maximum area is an equilateral triangle.



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- 34. When a ship is travelling at a speed of $v \, km/hr$, its rate of consumption of fuel in tonnes per hours given by $125 + 0.004v^3$.
 - A. Show that on a voyage of 5000km at a speed Of $v \, km/hr$ the formula for the total fuel used, T tonnes, is given by: $T = \frac{625000}{v} + 20v^2$

B. Hence find the speed for the greatest fuel economy and the amount of fuel used at this speed. (Justify your answer.)



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A. Justify the graph of $f(x) = x - \frac{1}{x^2}$ is always concave down.

B. Sketch the graph $(x) = x - \frac{1}{x^2}$, showing all intercept(s) and stationary point(s).



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36. The diagram shows a 16 cm high Wine glass that is being filled with water at a constant rate (by volume). Let y = f(t) be the depth of the liquid in the glass as a function of time.



A. Write down the approximate depth y_1 , at which $\frac{dy}{dt}$ is a minimum.





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B. Write down the approximate depth y_2 , at which $\frac{dy}{dt}$ is a maximum.

C. If the glass takes 8 seconds to fill, graph y = f(t) and identify any points on your graph where the concavity changes.



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37. Find
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \left(\frac{4^{h} - 1}{2^{h} - 1} \right)$$

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A. Show that $\frac{ds_{\infty}}{dx} = \frac{-x^2+2x+1}{(1-x)^2}$

B. Find the minimum value of the sum to infinity. Justify your answer.



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39. At a music concert two speaker towers are placed 75 metres apart. The intensity of sound produced by a speaker tower of power P at a distance x metres from the tower is given by $I = \frac{4P}{\pi r^2}$.



The speakers in S_1 , have a power output of P but the older speakers in tower S_2 produce 25% less power. Rebecca R stands in between the two towers and x metres from tower S_1 as shown in the diagram above.

A. Show that the sound intensity produced by speaker tower S_2 at point *R* is $I = \frac{3P}{\pi(75-x)^2}$.

Given that the total sound intensity from both speaker towers I_T at point R is

$$I = \frac{4P}{\pi r^2} + \frac{3P}{\pi (75 - x)^2} ,$$



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B. Find $\frac{dI_T}{dx}$.

C. Hence find the value of *x* which minimizes the sound intensity So that Rebecca knows where best to stand to enjoy the concert. Give your answer to three significant figures.



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- 40. The derivative of $y = x^x$ is
 - A. $x \cdot x^{x-1}$
 - B. $(1 + \log_e x) \cdot x^x$
 - C. $2x \cdot x^x$
 - D. $(x \log_e x) \cdot x^x$
- 41. A rectangular piece of paper is 30 centimetres high and 15 centimetres wide. The lower right-hand corner is folded over so as to reach the leftmost edge of the paper. Let x be the horizontal distance folded and y be the vertical distance folded as shown in the diagram.



A. By considering the areas of three triangles and trapezium that make up the total area of the paper, show

$$y = \frac{\sqrt[x]{15(2x - 15)}}{2x - 15}$$



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B. Show that the crease, C. is found by the expression

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{2x^3}{2x - 15}}$$

C. Hence, find the minimum length of *C*.





42. The diagram shows a triangular piece of land ABC with dimensions AB = c metres, AC = b metres and BC = a metres where $a \le b \le c$. The owner of the land wants to build a straight fence to divide the land into two pieces of equal area. Let *S* and *T* be the points On *AB* and *AC* respectively so that *ST* divides the land into two equal areas. Let AS = x metres, AT = ymetres and ST = z metres.



A. Show that $xy = \frac{1}{2}bc$.

B. Use the cosine rule in triangle AST to show that $z^2 = x^2 + \frac{b^2 c^2}{4x^2} - bc \cos A$.



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C. Show that the value of z^2 in the equation in part (ii) is a minimum when

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{bc}{2}}.$$

D. Show that the minimum length of the fence is $\sqrt{\frac{(p-2b)(p-2c)}{2}}$ metres, where P = a + b + c. (You may assume that the value of x given in part (iii) is feasible).



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43. Two corridors meet at right angles. One has a width of *A* metres, and the other has a width of *B* metres. Mario the plumber wants to find the length of longest pipe, L that he can carry horizontally around the corner as seen in the diagram below. Assume that the pipe has negligible diameter.



A. Show that $L = A \sec \theta + B \csc \theta$.

B. Explain why the length of the pipe, L, needs to be minimized in order to obtain the length of longest pipe that can be carried around the corner.



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C. Hence show that When $\tan \theta = \sqrt[3]{\frac{B}{A}}$ the solution will be minimized. (You do **NOT** need to test to show that the solution will give a minimum length).

D. Hence using the result in part (a), show that the length of the largest pipe that can be carried around the corner is $L = \left(A^{\frac{2}{3}} + B^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{\frac{2}{2}}$



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44. The diagram below shows two towns A and B that are 16 km apart, and each at a distance of *d* km from a water well at *W*.

Let *M* be the midpoint of *AB*, *P* be a point on the line segment *MW*, and $\theta = \angle APM = \angle BPM$.

The two towns are to be supplied with water from *W*, via three straight water pipes: *PW*, *PA* and *PB* as shown below.



A. Show that the total length of the water pipe *L* is given by $L = 8f(\theta) + \sqrt{d^2 - 64}$ Where, $f(\theta)$ is given in part (b) above.





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B. Find the minimum value L if d = 20.

C. If d = 9, show that the minimum value of L cannot be found by using the same methods as used in part (ii).Explain briefly how to find the minimum value of L in this case.



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45. The diagram below shows a straight rod *AB* of length 8 m hinged to the ground at *A*. *CD* is a rod of 1m.

The end *C* is free to slide along *AB* while the end is touching the ground floor such that *CD* is perpendicular to the ground.



Let DE = x m and $\angle BAE = \theta$, where $\frac{1}{8} < \sin \theta < 1$.

A. Express *x* in terms of θ .

B. Find the maximum value of *x* as θ varies.



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C. Let *M* be the area of trapezium *CDEB*. Show that $M = \left(\frac{1+8\sin\theta}{2}\right)(8\cos\theta - \cot\theta)$

D. Does *M* attain a maximum when x reaches its maximum? Justify your answer.



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46. An irrigation channel has a cross-section in the shape of a trapezium as shown in the diagram. The bottom and sides of the trapezium are 4 metres long.
Suppose that the sides of the channel make an angle of θ with the horizontal



A. Show that the cross-sectional area is given by $A = 16(\sin \theta + \cos \theta - 1)$.

B. Show that $\frac{dA}{d\theta} = 16(2\cos^2\theta + \cos\theta - 1)$





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C. Hence, show that the maximum cross-sectional area occurs when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

D. Hence, find the maximum area of the irrigation channel correct to the nearest square metre.



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The diagram above that the distance between a boy's home *H* and his school *S* is 6 km. A canal *ABCD* is 1km from both his home and winter canal is frozen, so he take an alternate route *HBCS*, walking *HB*, skating *BC* and walking *CS*. His walking is 4km/h and his skating is 12km/h. Let $\angle AHB = \angle DSC = \theta$.

A. Show that the time taken for this alternate route is $T = \frac{1}{2\cos\theta} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\tan\theta}{6}$.

B. Find, to the nearest minute, the value of θ which minimizes the time taken for the journey to school.



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48. The diagram shows the graph of the function $y = \ln(x^2)$, (x > 0). The points P(1,0), Q(e, 2) and $R(t, \ln t^2)$ all lie on the curve. The area of ΔPQR is maximum when the tangent at R is parallel to the line through P and Q.



A. Find gradient of the line through P and Q.

B. Find the value of *t* that gives the maximum area for ΔPQR .





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C. Hence find the maximum area of ΔPQR

49. If the straight line y = mx is a tangent to the curve $= e^{\frac{x}{2}}$, find the exact value of *m*. Clearly show your working.



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50. A cable link is to be constructed between two points *L* and *N*, which are situated on opposite banks of a river of width *I km*. *L* lies 3 km upstream from *N*. It costs three times as much to lay a length of cable underwater as it does to lay the same length overland. The following diagram is a sketch of the cables where θ is the angle *NM* makes with the direct route across the river.



A. Show $MN = \sec \theta$ and $MR = \tan \theta$.



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B. If segment *LM* costs c dollars per km, show the total cost (*T*) of laying the cable from *L* to *M* to *N* is given by: $T = 3c - c \tan \theta + 3c \sec \theta$

C. At what angle, θ , should the cable cross the river in order to minimise the total cost of laying the cable?