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## Year 11 (2U) Mathematics

### Preliminary Yearly Examination

Wednesday September 9, 2009

**Time Allowed:** 2 hours *plus* 5 minutes reading time

**Total Marks:** 84

There are 7 questions, each of equal value.

Start a new booklet for each question.

All necessary working should be shown in every question.

Full marks may not be awarded if work is careless or badly arranged.

Approved calculators may be used.

**Total marks - 84**  
**Attempt Questions 1 - 7**  
**ALL questions are of equal value**

Start each question in a SEPARATE booklet

Question 1 (12 marks)	Marks
(a) Factorise $x^2 - 7x + 12$	2
(b) Find correct to 3 significant figures places $\frac{5.31^2}{6.84 - 2.91}$	2
(c) Solve for $x$ and $y$ where $3x - 2y = 7$ and $4x + 3y = -2$	2
(d) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left( \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right)$	2
(e) Rationalise the denominator $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$ . Simply your answer.	2
(f) Simplify $\frac{2}{5} \frac{x-2}{3}$	2

**Question 2** (12 marks)

START A NEW BOOKLET.

**Marks**

- (a) If  $\sqrt{45} + \sqrt{20} = \sqrt{a}$  find the value of  $a$ . 3
- (b) Consider the equation of the parabola  $x^2 - 4x - 8y = 8$ .
- (i) Write this equation in the form  $(x - h)^2 = 4a(y - k)$ . 2
- (ii) Hence, find the coordinates of the vertex and the focus. 2
- (c) A retailer increased the price for a pair of shoes by 6%. The new price of the shoes is \$132.50. What was the old price? 2
- (d) Show that the points A(-4,5), B(2,-3) and C(-1,1) are collinear. 3

**Question 3** (12 marks)

START A NEW BOOKLET.

**Marks**

- (a) Find the exact area of an equilateral triangle with a side length of  $x$  cm. 2
- (b) Solve for  $x$  where  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$   
 $2 \sin x = 1$  4
- (c) Solve for  $x$   $|4 - x| < 2$  2
- (d) Show that  $f(x) = (x - x^7)^8$  is an even function. 1
- (e) Find the range of values of  $k$  for which the equation  $x^2 + 3x + 1 = kx$  has real roots. 3

**Question 4** (12 marks)

START A NEW BOOKLET.

**Marks**

- (a) In a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\angle CAB = 38^\circ$ ,  $BC = 16 \text{ cm}$  and  $AC = 18 \text{ cm}$ .  
Find the size of  $\angle ABC$  to the nearest minute.

2

- (b) (i) Express  $x^{-1} + y^{-1}$  as a single fraction.

2

- (ii) Hence show that

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

2

- (c) Show that  $-3x^2 + 6x - 7 < 0$  for all  $x$ .

2

- (d) A function  $y = f(x)$  is given by the rule

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ 4 & \text{if } x < 2 \end{cases}$$

- (i) Draw this graph from  $x = -4$  to  $x = 4$

3

- (ii) Evaluate  $2f(5) + f(2)$

1

**Question 5** (12 marks)

START A NEW BOOKLET.

**Marks**

- (a) The points  $A(-1, -1)$ ,  $B(1, 3)$  and  $C(5, 1)$  form the triangle  $ABC$ .

- i) Find the gradient of the sides of the triangle.

3

- ii) Hence, or otherwise, show that the triangle is right-angled.

1

- iii) Show that the co-ordinates of  $M$ , the midpoint of the hypotenuse, is  $(2, 0)$ .

1

- iv) Show that a circle, centre  $M$ , passes through  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . Find the equation of the circle.

3

- (b) Simplify  $\frac{\sin(180^\circ + \alpha)}{\cos(-\alpha)}$

2

- (c) Solve for  $x$ :  $2(4^x) - 3(2^x) + 1 = 0$

2

**Question 6** (12 marks)

START A NEW BOOKLET.

**Marks**(a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$ 

(i)  $2x + \sqrt{x}$ . 1

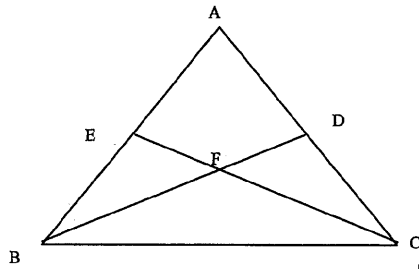
(ii)  $\sqrt{2x-3}$  2

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

(iv)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$  2

(b) In  $\triangle ABC$ , altitudes  $BD$ ,  $CE$  are equal.  $EC$  meets  $BD$  at  $F$ .

NOT TO SCALE

(i) Prove  $\triangle BDC \cong \triangle CEB$  2(ii) Explain why  $\angle ABC = \angle ACB$  1(iii) Prove  $\angle FBC = \angle FCB$  2**Question 7** (12 marks)

START A NEW BOOKLET.

**Marks**(a) Express  $3x^2 + 4x + 1$  in the form  $Ax(x-1) + B(x+3) + C$  2(b) (i) Find the point  $P$  where  $3x + 5y - 2 = 0$  cuts the  $y$  axis. 1(ii) Hence, or otherwise, find the perpendicular distance from  $P$  to  $3x + 5y + 2 = 0$  2(c) If  $y = \frac{(3x+4)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{x^3}}$ , where  $n$  is a constant, show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3[3x+4]^{n-2}[x(2n-5)-4]}{2x^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$
 4

(d) If the smaller root of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  is one less than the larger root,

show that

$$b^2 - a^2 = 4ac$$
 3

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Question 1

(a)  $x^2 - 7x + 12$   
 $(x-3)(x-4)$  ✓✓

(b) 7.174580153  
 $= 7.17$  (3 sig fig) ✓✓

(c)  $3x - 2y = 7$  — (1)  
 $4x + 3y = -2$  — (2)

①  $\times 4$     ②  $\times 3$

$12x - 8y = 28$  — (3)

$12x + 9y = -6$  — (4)

③ - ④  $-17y = 34$

$y = -2$  ✓

sub  $y = -2$  into ①

$3x - 2(-2) = 7$

$3x + 4 = 7$

$3x = 3$   
 $x = 1$  ✓

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{(x-3)}$  ✓

$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3$

$= 6$  ✓

(e)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}+1}$

$= \frac{2\sqrt{3}+2}{3-1}$  ✓

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

(f)  $\frac{2}{5} - \frac{(x-2)}{3}$

$= \frac{6 - 5(x-2)}{15}$  ✓

$= \frac{6 - 5x + 10}{15}$

$= \frac{16 - 5x}{15}$  ✓

Marker's Notes (Q1) - BMM

(a) lots of students lost a mark for turning this expression into an equation!!  
 Factorise ≠ solve!

(b) 3 sig fig ≠ 3 decimal places.

(c) OK done.

(d) fairly well done

(e) lots of careless simplifying!  
 learn to simplify and not cancel!  
 You simplify by factorising first.

(f) careful when expanding brackets  
 as in step 3 above.

Question 2

1)  $\sqrt{45} + \sqrt{20} = \sqrt{a}$

$3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{5}$  ✓

$= 5\sqrt{5}$

$= \sqrt{25} \cdot \sqrt{5}$  ✓

$= \sqrt{125}$

$\therefore a = 125$  ✓

2)  $x^2 - 4x - 8y = 8$

i) complete the □

$x^2 - 4x + \left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2 = 8y + 8 + 4$

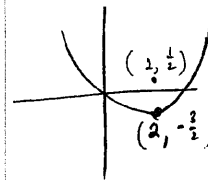
$(x-2)^2 = 8y + 12$  ✓

$(x-2)^2 = 8\left(y + \frac{3}{2}\right)$  ✓

$(x-2)^2 = 4(2)\left(y + \frac{3}{2}\right)$

ii) vertex @  $\left(2, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$  ✓

Focus @  $\left(2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$  ✓



(c)  $106\% = 132.50$

$17\% = (132.50 \div 106) = 1.25$  ✓

$100\% = (132.50 \div 106) \times 100$

$= 125$  ✓

(d) collinear  $\therefore$  same gradient.

$m_{AB} = \frac{-3-5}{2+4} = \frac{-8}{6} = \frac{-4}{3}$  ✓

$m_{BC} = \frac{1+3}{-1-2} = \frac{4}{-3}$  ✓

$m_{AC} = \frac{1-5}{-1+4} = \frac{-4}{3}$  ✓

$m_{AB} = m_{BC} = m_{AC}$

$\therefore A, B, C$  are collinear.

Marker's Notes

(a) poorly done. Many students left answers as  $5\sqrt{5}$   $\therefore a=5$ . This lost 2 marks.

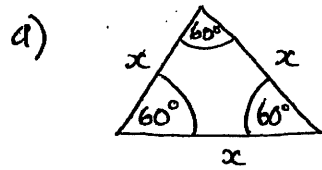
(b) (i) Most students completed the □ correctly but did not factorise the RHS accurately. Always leave your coeff. of  $y$  as 1.

(ii) Marks were lost here for moving the  $x$ -coord instead of the  $y$ -coord. When in doubt, draw a diagram

(c) surprisingly poorly done. These sorts of questions are very common.

(d) very well done! ☺

### QUESTION 3 SOL'NS.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot x \cdot x \cdot \sin 60^\circ \checkmark \\ &= \frac{x^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3} x^2}{4} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

OR BY USING  
 $\frac{1}{2}bh$ .

b)  $2 \sin x = 1$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

$\sin x$  is +ve in Q1 & Q2.

Q1:  $x = 30^\circ \checkmark$

Q2:  $180^\circ - 30^\circ = 150^\circ \checkmark$

c)  $|4 - x| < 2$

$$4 - x < 2$$

$$2 < x \checkmark$$

$$4 - x > -2$$

$$6 > x \checkmark$$

OR  $2 < x < 6$

d) EVEN F'N:  $f(x) = f(-x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= (-x + x^7)^8 \\ &= [-(x - x^7)]^8 \\ &= (x - x^7)^8 \\ &= f(x) \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

e)  $x^2 + 3x + 1 = kx$

$$x^2 + (3 - k)x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac, \quad \Delta \geq 0 \text{ for real roots.}$$

$$(3 - k)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \geq 0$$

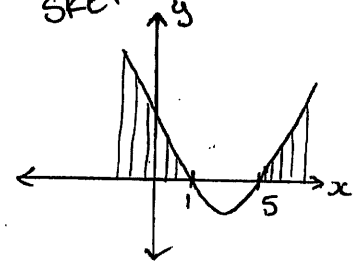
$$k^2 - 6k + 9 - 4 \geq 0 \checkmark$$

$$k^2 - 6k + 5 \geq 0$$

$$(k - 5)(k - 1) \geq 0 \checkmark$$

$$\therefore k \leq 1, \quad k \geq 5 \checkmark$$

SKETCH!



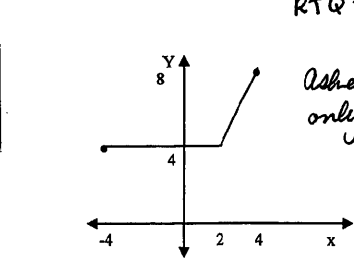
4 (a)  $\frac{\sin \theta}{18} = \frac{\sin 38^\circ}{16}$  ✓ *✓ = 1 mark*

$\sin \theta = \frac{18 \sin 38^\circ}{16}$   
 $\sin \theta = .692619..$   
 $\theta = 43^\circ 50' 136'' 10'$  NOTE: 2 possible angles L's

(b) (i)  $x^{-1} + y^{-1} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$  ✓ *many struggled with addition of fractions!!*  
 $= \frac{x+y}{xy}$  ✓

(ii)  $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^{-1} + y^{-1}} = xy(x-y)$   
 LHS =  $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^{-1} + y^{-1}} = \frac{(x-y)(x+y)}{\frac{x+y}{xy}} = \frac{xy(x-y)(x+y)}{x+y} = xy(x-y) = \text{RHS}$

(c)  $-3x^2 + 6x - 7 < 0$  if  $a < 0$  and  $\Delta < 0$   
 $a = -3 \therefore$  true ✓  
 $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \times -3 \times -7 = -48 \therefore$  true ✓



(ii)  $2f(5) + f(2) = 2 \times 10 + 4 = 24$

5(a) (i)  $M_{AB} = \frac{3-1}{1-1} = 2$   
 $M_{BC} = \frac{1-3}{5-1} = \frac{-1}{2}$   
 $M_{AC} = \frac{1-1}{5-1} = \frac{1}{3}$

(ii)  $2 \times \frac{-1}{2} = -1 \therefore$  a right-angled triangle.  
 $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$

(iii) Midpoint of AC  $\left( \frac{-1+5}{2}, \frac{-1+1}{2} \right) = M(2, 0)$

Q 445 (HRK) *Sajid*  
 (iv)  $D_{MA} = \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (0-1)^2} = \sqrt{10}$

$D_{MB} = \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (0-3)^2} = \sqrt{10}$

$D_{MC} = \sqrt{(2-5)^2 + (0-1)^2} = \sqrt{10}$   
 $\therefore M$  is the centre of the circle  
 $(x-2)^2 + y^2 = 10$

(b)  $\frac{\sin(180^\circ + \alpha)}{\cos(-\alpha)} = \frac{-\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = -\tan \alpha$

(c)  $2(4^x) - 3(2^x) + 1 = 0$   
 $= 2(2^x)^2 - 3(2^x) + 1 = 0$

let  $u = 2^x \therefore 2u^2 - 3u + 1 = 0$   
 $(2u-1)(u-1) = 0$   
 $u = 2^x = \frac{1}{2}, u = 2^x = 1$   
 $\therefore x = -1, x = 0$

5a(iv) also accepted reference to right  $\angle$  in semi-circle.

b) Not well done!

needs revision!! ... serious revision this is VERY basic and important material that keeps coming into various applications.

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MARKERS NOTES

(a)(i) Answer can be left as  $2 + \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}, 2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}, \frac{4\sqrt{x}+1}{2\sqrt{x}}$  or  $\frac{4x+\sqrt{x}}{2x}$

(ii) Don't forget to multiply by the derivative of the function inside the brackets!

$y = (2x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(2x-3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2 = (2x-3)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

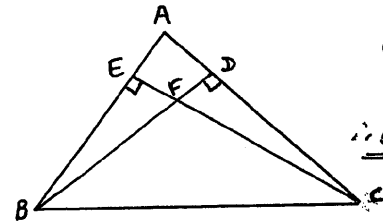
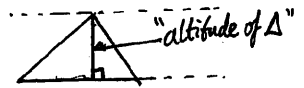
(iii) Most students obtained  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(x-2) - (2x+1)}{(x-2)^2} = \frac{-5}{(x-2)^2}$

but forgot to put brackets around this so ended up with +1 on the numerator instead of -1. Some remembered the quotient rule incorrectly or had the numerator terms the wrong way around.

(iv)  $y = 2x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$  or  $\frac{-2}{3\sqrt[3]{x^4}}$  *many made a meal out of this!*

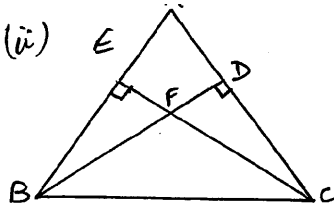
Make sure you clearly write "y=" and " $\frac{dy}{dx} =$ " rather than " $2x^{-\frac{1}{3}} = -\frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ " which is not correct!

(b)(i) Very few students realised that "altitudes" of a triangle meet opposite sides at  $90^\circ$ . This was critical as the proof was conditional on RHS



BC is a common hypotenuse of  $\triangle BDC$  and  $\triangle CEB$   
 $\hat{BEC} = \hat{CDB} = 90^\circ$  (altitudes of a triangle meet sides at  $90^\circ$ )  
 $BD = CE$  (given)  
 $\therefore \triangle BDC = \triangle CEB$  (RHS)

(b) (ii)



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{EBC} &= \hat{DCB} \text{ (corresponding angles in congruent triangles are equal)} \\ \hat{ABC} &= \hat{ECB} \\ \hat{ACB} &= \hat{DCB} \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \hat{EBC} &= \hat{DCB} \\ \hat{ABC} &= \hat{ECB} \\ \hat{ACB} &= \hat{DCB} \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{(Same angles).}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\hat{ABC} = \hat{ACB}}$$

NB, you need to do these bits!

(iii) The easiest method is:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{DBC} &= \hat{ECB} \text{ (corresponding angles in congruent triangles are equal)} \\ \left. \begin{aligned} \hat{FBC} &= \hat{DBC} \\ \hat{FCB} &= \hat{ECB} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(same angles)} \\ \therefore \underline{\hat{FBC} = \hat{FCB}} & \text{ as required} \end{aligned}$$

NB: You can still do parts (ii) and (iii) even if you can't do (i) and use the result  $\triangle BDC \equiv \triangle CEB$

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$$\begin{aligned} 7(a) \quad 3x^2 + 4x + 1 &= Ax(x-1) + B(x+3) + C \\ &= Ax^2 - Ax + Bx + 3B + C \\ \therefore 3 &= A \\ 4 &= -A + B \therefore B = 7 \\ 1 &= 3B + C \therefore C = -20 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} 3 &= A \\ 4 &= -A + B \\ 1 &= 3B + C \end{aligned}} \right\} -1$$

$$\therefore 3x^2 + 4x + 1 = 3x(x-1) + 7(x+3) - 20$$

$$(b) (i) 3(0) + 5y + 2 = 0 \therefore y = -\frac{2}{5} \therefore P\left(0, -\frac{2}{5}\right) \quad -1$$

(ii) distance from  $\left(0, -\frac{2}{5}\right)$  to  $3x + 5y + 2 = 0$  is

$$d = \frac{\left| 3(0) + 5\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) + 2 \right|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 5^2}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{34}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{34}} \times \frac{\sqrt{34}}{\sqrt{34}} = \frac{4\sqrt{34}}{34} = \frac{2\sqrt{34}}{17}$$

2

$$(c) y = \frac{(3x+4)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{x^3}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(n-1)(3x+4)^{n-2} \times 3 - (3x+4)^{n-1} \times \frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}}{x^3} \quad -1$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{x}(3x+4)^{n-2} \left[ x(n-1) - \frac{1}{2}(3x+4) \right]}{x^3} \quad -1$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+4)^{n-2} \left[ \frac{2x(n-1) - (3x+4)}{2} \right]}{x^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+4)^{n-2} [2xn - 2x - 3x - 4]}{2x^{\frac{5}{2}}} \quad -1$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+4)^{n-2} [2xn - 5x - 4]}{2x^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{3(3x+4)^{n-2} [x(2n-5) - 4]}{2x^{\frac{5}{2}}} \quad -1$$

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(d) let the roots be  $\alpha, \alpha+1$

$$\alpha + \alpha + 1 = \frac{-b}{a} \therefore 2\alpha + 1 = \frac{-b}{a} \quad \leftarrow -1$$

$$\therefore 2\alpha = \frac{-b}{a} - 1 \therefore \alpha = \frac{-b-a}{2a} \dots A$$

$$\text{and } \alpha(\alpha+1) = \frac{c}{a} \dots B$$

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$$\text{sub A into B and } \therefore \frac{-b-a}{2a} \left( \frac{-b-a}{2a} + 1 \right) = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$(-b-a) \left[ \frac{-b-a}{2a} + 1 \right] = 2c$$

$$\frac{(-b-a)(-b-a+2a)}{2a} = 2c$$

$$(-b-a)(-b-a+2a) = 4ac$$

$$-(a+b)(a-b) = 4ac$$

$$b^2 - a^2 = 4ac \quad \leftarrow -1$$



## Comments on Year 11 - 2 Unit Preliminary Exam, 2009

### Question 7 – PSJ

(a)  $3x^2 + 4x + 1 \equiv Ax(x-1) + b(x+3) + c$

- ✓ Most students handled this question fairly well.
- ✓ No students found A, B, C by substitution.
- ✓ Many students made algebraic errors such as  $-Ax + Bx = -(A+B)x$

(b) (i)

- ✓ Fairly well done, though a large number of students simply wrote  $P = \frac{2}{5}$ .
- ✓ Some students found both x and y intercepts and wrote  $P = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{5})$ .

(ii)

- ✓ Fairly well done.
- ✓ But some students used the incorrect line from Part (i); viz.  
 $3x + 5y - 2 = 0$  instead of  $3x + 2y + 2 = 0$ .
- ✓ Besides substituting the incorrect point, some students used the perpendicular distance formula incorrectly, viz.

$$d = \frac{|3(0) + 5(\frac{2}{5}) + 2|}{\sqrt{0^2 + (\frac{2}{5})^2}}$$

(c)

- ✓ Very poorly done.
- ✓ Most students struggled algebraically with the question.
- ✓ Most students could not combine fractional indices and could only manage the first step of the Quotient rule, if they quoted it properly.
- ✓ Factorising the numerator proved far too difficult for most.
- ✓ Only a few students gained 4 marks for this part.

(d)

- ✓ Many students were able to obtain the 2 equations :

$$2\alpha + 1 = -\frac{b}{a} \text{ and } \alpha(\alpha + 1) = \frac{c}{a}, \text{ but were unsuccessful in eliminating } \alpha.$$