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1. (5 points)

(a) Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the line $2x - 3y + 4 = 0$ and the parabola $y^2 = 4x$.

(b) Determine the value of c for which the line $2x - 3y + c = 0$ is tangent to the parabola. Find the coordinates of the point of tangency.

(c) Show that the equation of the normal at the point $P(p^2, 2p)$ (with $p \neq 0$) on the parabola is

$$y = -px + p^3 + 2p$$

(d) The normal cuts the parabola again at point Q . Find, in terms of p , the coordinates of point Q .

2. (8 points)

(a) Show that $x = 1$ is a solution to the equation:

$$8x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$$

And hence factorize the polynomial $P(x) = 8x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 3x + 1$ into a product of linear and cubic factor.

(b) Using the formula:

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$$

or otherwise, solve the equation:

$$\cos 4\theta = \cos 3\theta$$

for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

(c) By applying double angle and compound angle formulas express both $\cos 4\theta$ and $\cos 3\theta$ in terms of $\cos \theta$ only.

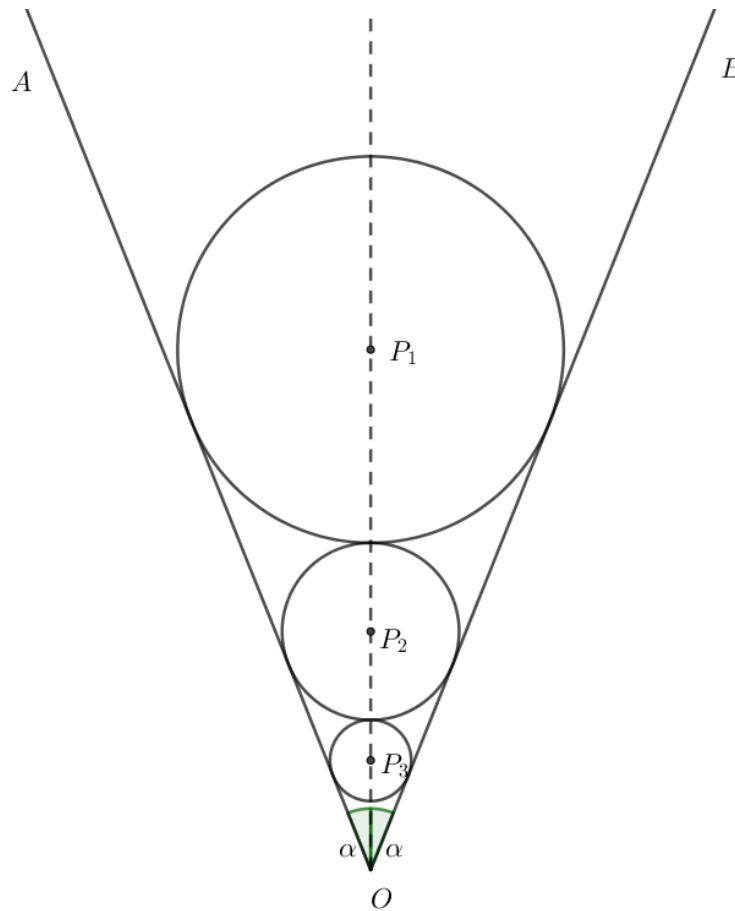
(d) Hence show that the solutions to the equation

$$8x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

are $\cos \frac{2\pi}{7}$, $\cos \frac{4\pi}{7}$ and $\cos \frac{6\pi}{7}$.

(e) Hence, or otherwise, find the value of $\sec \frac{2\pi}{7} \sec \frac{4\pi}{7} \sec \frac{6\pi}{7}$.

3. (7 points)



The diagram represents two straight lines OA and OB inclined at an angle 2α . The circle of centre P_1 has radius r and touches each of OA and OB . A sequence of circles is drawn, decreasing in radius, each touching OA , OB and its immediate predecessor.

(a) Prove that the radii of these circles are in geometric progression.

Let S_n denote the sum of the areas of the first n circles and S denote the sum to infinity of areas of all the circles.

(b) Prove that

$$S - S_n < \frac{1}{100}S$$

whenever

$$n > \frac{1}{\log_{10}\left(\frac{1+\sin\alpha}{1-\sin\alpha}\right)}$$

(c) Prove also that if the area of the first circle is equal to the sum of the areas of all the other circles then $\sin\alpha = 3 - 2\sqrt{2}$.