
AS & A Level Mathematics (9709) Paper 1 [Pure Mathematics 1]

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Chapter 2

Functions



13. 9709_m22_qp_12 Q: 5

- (a) Express $2x^2 - 8x + 14$ in the form $2[(x - a)^2 + b]$. [2]

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The functions f and g are defined by

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 14 \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (b) Describe fully a sequence of transformations that maps the graph of $y = f(x)$ onto the graph of $y = g(x)$, making clear the order in which the transformations are applied. [4]

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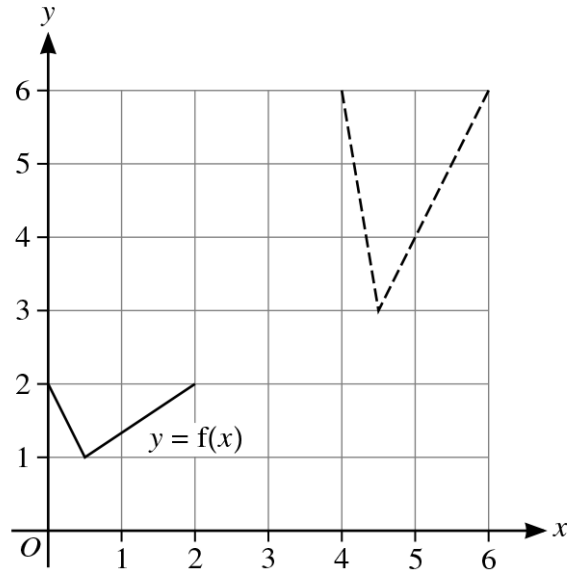
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15. 9709_m21_qp_12 Q: 5



In the diagram, the graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown with solid lines. The graph shown with broken lines is a transformation of $y = f(x)$.

- (a) Describe fully the two single transformations of $y = f(x)$ that have been combined to give the resulting transformation. [4]

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- (b) State in terms of y , f and x , the equation of the graph shown with broken lines. [2]

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17. 9709_s21_qp_11 Q: 9

Functions f and g are defined as follows:

$$f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - 4 \text{ for } x \geq 2,$$

$$g(x) = ax + 2 \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where a is a constant.

- (a) State the range of f . [1]

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- (b) Find $f^{-1}(x)$. [2]

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- (c) Given that $a = -\frac{5}{3}$, solve the equation $f(x) = g(x)$. [3]

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18. 9709_s21_qp_12 Q: 2

- (a) The graph of $y = f(x)$ is transformed to the graph of $y = 2f(x - 1)$.

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- (b) The curve $y = \sin 2x - 5x$ is reflected in the y -axis and then stretched by scale factor $\frac{1}{3}$ in the x -direction.

Write down the equation of the transformed curve. [2]

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22. 9709_w21_qp_11 Q: 8

- (a) Express $-3x^2 + 12x + 2$ in the form $-3(x - a)^2 + b$, where a and b are constants. [2]

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The one-one function f is defined by $f : x \mapsto -3x^2 + 12x + 2$ for $x \leq k$.

- (b) State the largest possible value of the constant k . [1]

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It is now given that $k = -1$.

- (c) State the range of f . [1]

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- (d) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$. [3]

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The result of translating the graph of $y = f(x)$ by $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is the graph of $y = g(x)$.

- (e) Express $g(x)$ in the form $px^2 + qx + r$, where p , q and r are constants. [3]

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23. 9709_w21_qp_12 Q: 2

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is transformed to the graph of $y = f(2x) - 3$.

- (a) Describe fully the two single transformations that have been combined to give the resulting transformation. [3]

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The point $P(5, 6)$ lies on the transformed curve $y = f(2x) - 3$.

- (b) State the coordinates of the corresponding point on the original curve $y = f(x)$. [2]

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24. 9709_w21_qp_12 Q: 3

The function f is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x-1} \text{ for } x > 1.$$

- (a) Find the value of $ff(5)$. [2]

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- (b) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$. [3]

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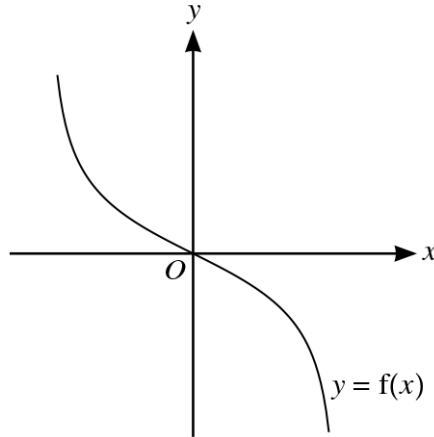
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26. 9709_w21_qp_13 Q: 6



The diagram shows the graph of $y = f(x)$.

- (a) On this diagram sketch the graph of $y = f^{-1}(x)$. [1]

It is now given that $f(x) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$ where $-2 < x < 2$.

- (b) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$. [4]

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The function g is defined by $g(x) = 2x$ for $-a < x < a$, where a is a constant.

- (c) State the maximum possible value of a for which fg can be formed. [1]

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- (d) Assuming that fg can be formed, find and simplify an expression for $fg(x)$. [2]

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28. 9709_m20_qp_12 Q: 9

- (a) Express $2x^2 + 12x + 11$ in the form $2(x + a)^2 + b$, where a and b are constants. [2]

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The function f is defined by $f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 11$ for $x \leq -4$.

- (b) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [3]

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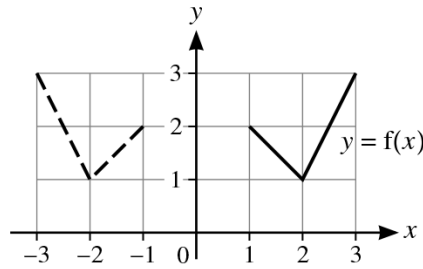
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31. 9709_s20_qp_13 Q: 3

In each of parts (a), (b) and (c), the graph shown with solid lines has equation $y = f(x)$. The graph shown with broken lines is a transformation of $y = f(x)$.

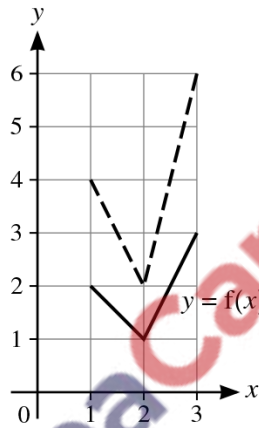
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State, in terms of f , the equation of the graph shown with broken lines. [1]

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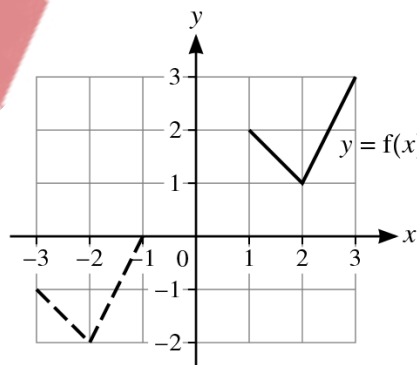
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State, in terms of f , the equation of the graph shown with broken lines. [1]

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State, in terms of f , the equation of the graph shown with broken lines. [2]

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It is now given that $c = 5$.

- (c) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [3]

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- (d) Find an expression for $gf(x)$ and state the range of gf . [3]

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34. 9709_w20_qp_12 Q: 5

Functions f and g are defined by

$$f(x) = 4x - 2, \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g(x) = \frac{4}{x+1}, \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq -1.$$

- (a) Find the value of
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- (b) Find the values of
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35. 9709_w20_qp_13 Q: 1

- (a) Express $x^2 + 6x + 5$ in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$, where a and b are constants. [2]

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- (b) The curve with equation $y = x^2$ is transformed to the curve with equation $y = x^2 + 6x + 5$. Describe fully the transformation(s) involved. [2]

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36. 9709_w20_qp_13 Q: 6

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{2x}{3x-1}$ for $x > \frac{1}{3}$.

- (a) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$. [3]

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- (b) Show that $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3(3x-1)}$ can be expressed as $\frac{2x}{3x-1}$. [2]

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- (c) State the range of f . [1]

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37. 9709_m19_qp_12 Q: 8

- (i) Express $x^2 - 4x + 7$ in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$. [2]

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The function f is defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 7$ for $x < k$, where k is a constant.

- (ii) State the largest value of k for which f is a decreasing function. [1]

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The value of k is now given to be 1.

- (iii) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [3]

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The function g is defined by $g(x) = 2x + 5$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (iii) Find the values of x for which $gf(x) + 1 = 0$. [3]

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40. 9709_s19_qp_13 Q: 4

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{48}{x-1}$ for $3 \leq x \leq 7$. The function g is defined by $g(x) = 2x - 4$ for $a \leq x \leq b$, where a and b are constants.

- (i) Find the greatest value of a and the least value of b which will permit the formation of the composite function gf . [2]

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It is now given that the conditions for the formation of gf are satisfied.

- (ii) Find an expression for $gf(x)$. [1]

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- (iii) Find an expression for $(gf)^{-1}(x)$. [2]

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- (ii) Find an expression for $fg(x)$, giving your answer in the form $\frac{ax}{bx+c}$, where a , b and c are integers. [2]

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- (iii) Find an expression for $(fg)^{-1}(x)$, giving your answer in the same form as for part (ii). [3]

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The function g is defined by $g : x \mapsto 7 - 2x^2 - 12x$ for $x \geq k$.

(iii) State the smallest value of k for which g has an inverse. [1]

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(iv) For this value of k , find $g^{-1}(x)$. [3]

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44. 9709_s18_qp_13 Q: 10

The one-one function f is defined by $f(x) = (x - 2)^2 + 2$ for $x \geq c$, where c is a constant.

- (i) State the smallest possible value of c . [1]

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In parts (ii) and (iii) the value of c is 4.

- (ii) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [3]

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The function g is defined by $g : x \mapsto 2x^2 - 12x + 7$ for $x \leq k$.

- (iii) State the largest value of k for which g has an inverse. [1]

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- (iv) Given that g has an inverse, find an expression for $g^{-1}(x)$. [3]

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47. 9709_w18_qp_13 Q: 11

- (i) Express $2x^2 - 12x + 11$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are constants. [3]

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The function f is defined by $f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x + 11$ for $x \leq k$.

- (ii) State the largest value of the constant k for which f is a one-one function. [1]

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- (iii) For this value of k find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [4]

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The function g is defined by $g(x) = x + 3$ for $x \leq p$.

- (iv) With k now taking the value 1, find the largest value of the constant p which allows the composite function fg to be formed, and find an expression for $fg(x)$ whenever this composite function exists. [3]

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48. 9709_m17_qp_12 Q: 8

The functions f and g are defined for $x \geq 0$ by

$$f : x \mapsto 2x^2 + 3,$$

$$g : x \mapsto 3x + 2.$$

- (i) Show that $gf(x) = 6x^2 + 11$ and obtain an unsimplified expression for $fg(x)$. [2]

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- (ii) Find an expression for $(fg)^{-1}(x)$ and determine the domain of $(fg)^{-1}$. [5]

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(iii) Solve the equation $gf(2x) = fg(x)$.

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The function g is defined by $g : x \mapsto 4x + a$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where a is a constant.

- (ii) Find the value of a for which $gf(-1) = 3$. [3]

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- (iii) Find the possible values of a given that the equation $f^{-1}(x) = g^{-1}(x)$ has two equal roots. [4]

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51. 9709_w17_qp_11 Q: 9

Functions f and g are defined for $x > 3$ by

$$f : x \mapsto \frac{1}{x^2 - 9},$$

$$g : x \mapsto 2x - 3.$$

- (i) Find and simplify an expression for $gg(x)$. [2]

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- (ii) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [4]

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52. 9709_w17_qp_12 Q: 2

A function f is defined by $f : x \mapsto 4 - 5x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (i) Find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and find the point of intersection of the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = f^{-1}(x)$. [3]

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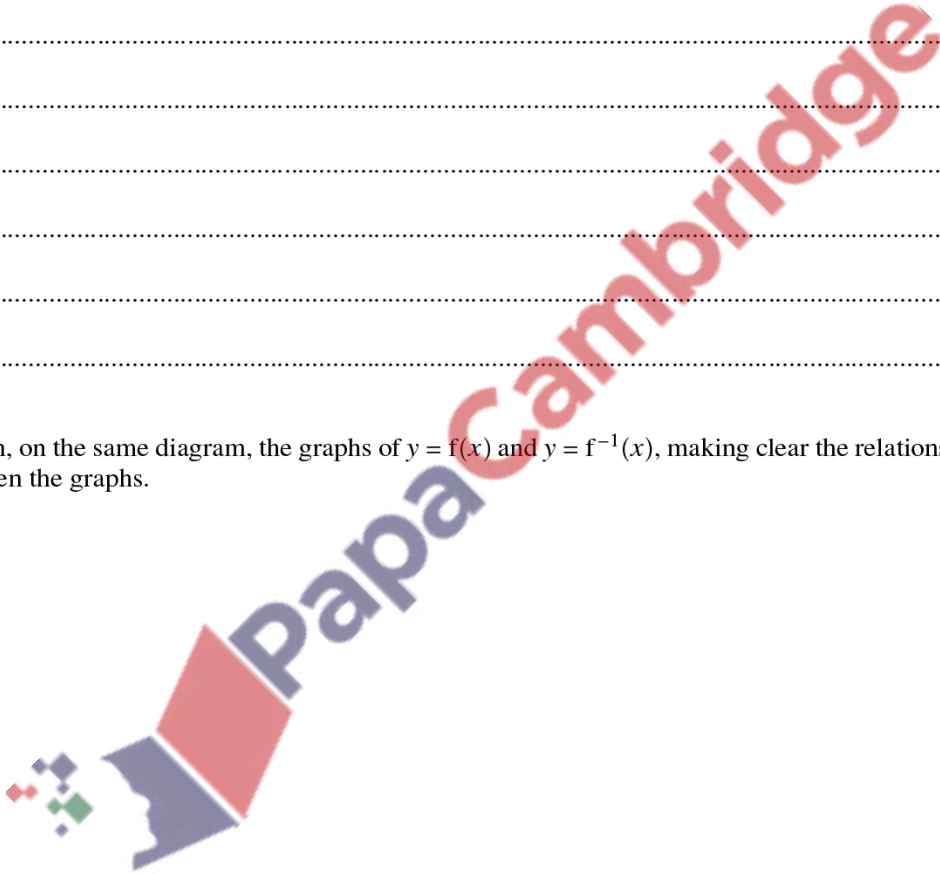
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- (ii) Sketch, on the same diagram, the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = f^{-1}(x)$, making clear the relationship between the graphs. [3]



53. 9709_w17_qp_13 Q: 6

The functions f and g are defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2 - 1} \text{ for } x < -1,$$

$$g(x) = x^2 + 1 \text{ for } x > 0.$$

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

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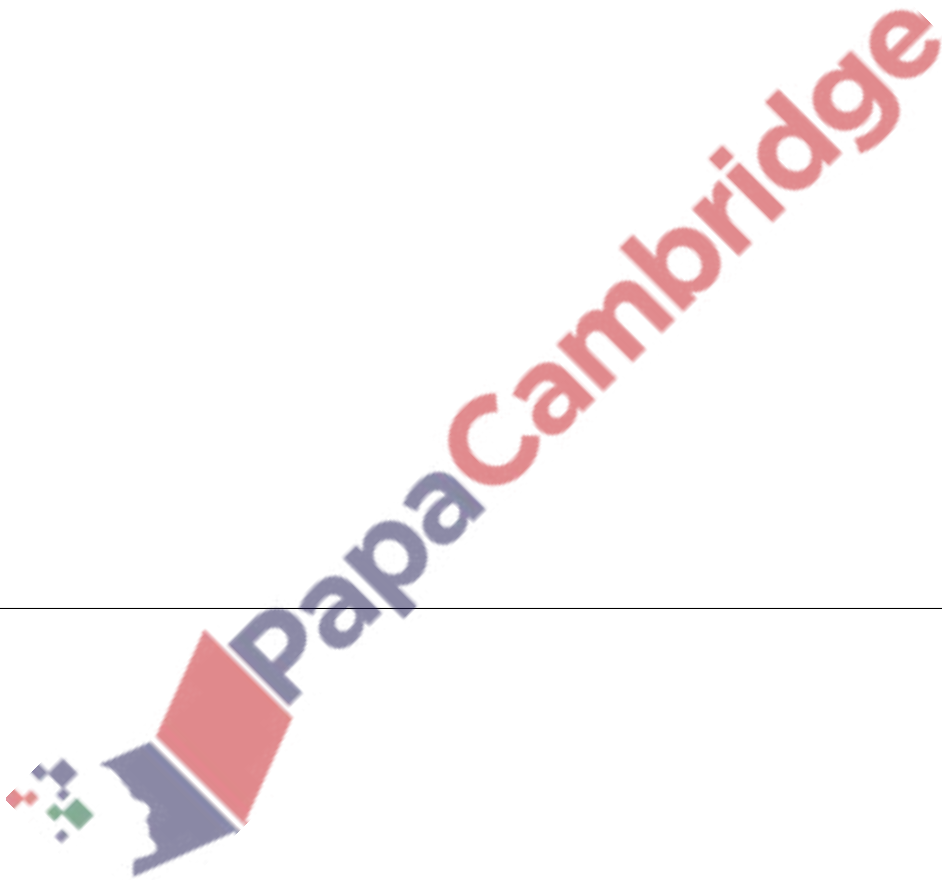
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54. 9709_m16_qp_12 Q: 8

The function f is such that $f(x) = a^2x^2 - ax + 3b$ for $x \leq \frac{1}{2a}$, where a and b are constants.

- (i) For the case where $f(-2) = 4a^2 - b + 8$ and $f(-3) = 7a^2 - b + 14$, find the possible values of a and b . [5]
- (ii) For the case where $a = 1$ and $b = -1$, find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and give the domain of f^{-1} . [5]



55. 9709_s16_qp_12 Q: 1

Functions f and g are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto 10 - 3x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g : x \mapsto \frac{10}{3 - 2x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \frac{3}{2}.$$

Solve the equation $ff(x) = gf(2)$.

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56. 9709_s16_qp_12 Q: 11

The function f is defined by $f : x \mapsto 6x - x^2 - 5$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(i) Find the set of values of x for which $f(x) \leq 3$. [3]

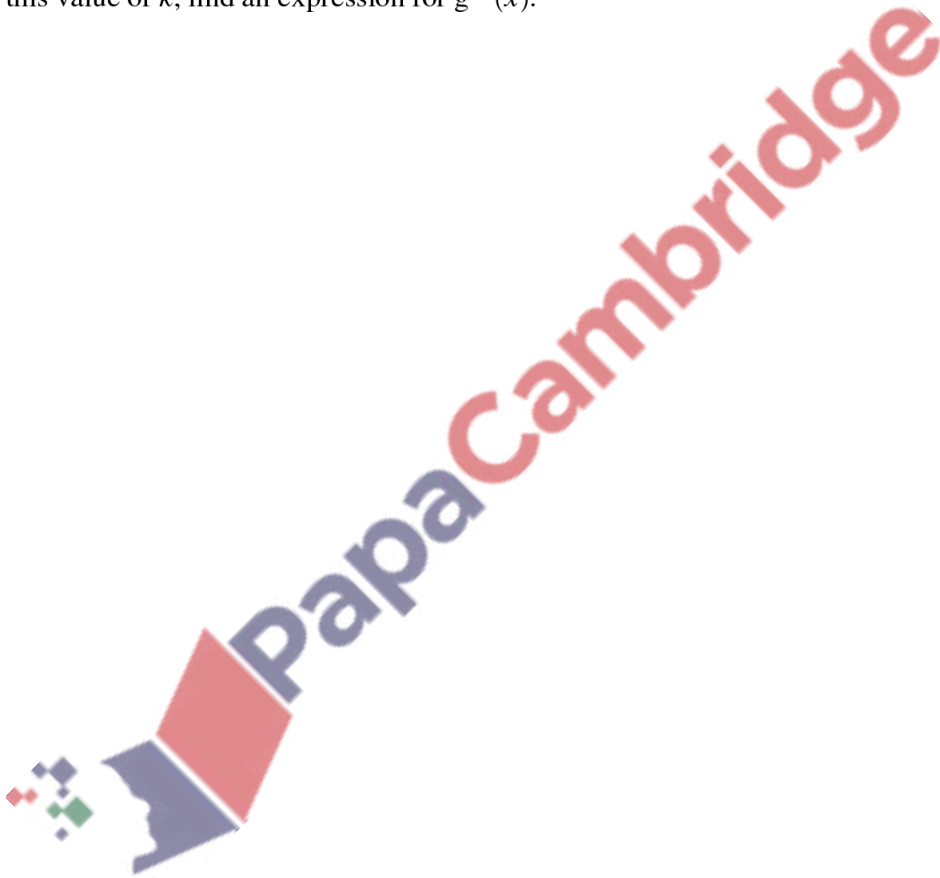
(ii) Given that the line $y = mx + c$ is a tangent to the curve $y = f(x)$, show that $4c = m^2 - 12m + 16$. [3]

The function g is defined by $g : x \mapsto 6x - x^2 - 5$ for $x \geq k$, where k is a constant.

(iii) Express $6x - x^2 - 5$ in the form $a - (x - b)^2$, where a and b are constants. [2]

(iv) State the smallest value of k for which g has an inverse. [1]

(v) For this value of k , find an expression for $g^{-1}(x)$. [2]



57. 9709_s16_qp_13 Q: 10

The function f is such that $f(x) = 2x + 3$ for $x \geq 0$. The function g is such that $g(x) = ax^2 + b$ for $x \leq q$, where a , b and q are constants. The function fg is such that $fg(x) = 6x^2 - 21$ for $x \leq q$.

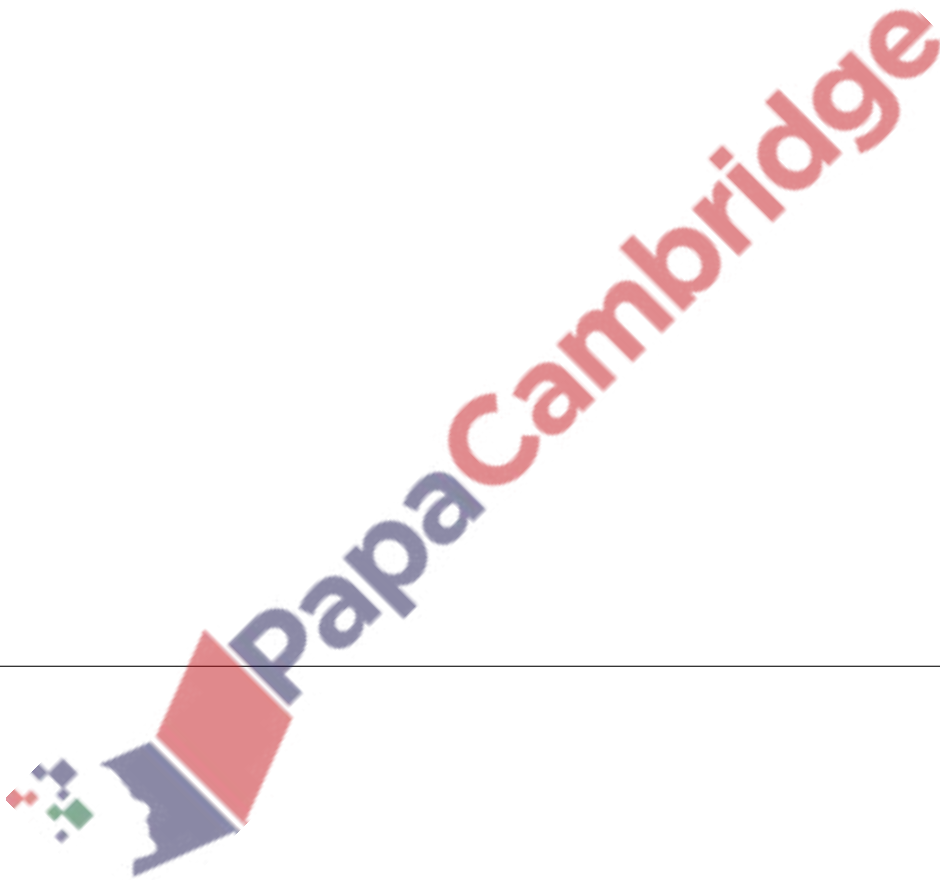
(i) Find the values of a and b . [3]

(ii) Find the greatest possible value of q . [2]

It is now given that $q = -3$.

(iii) Find the range of fg . [1]

(iv) Find an expression for $(fg)^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of $(fg)^{-1}$. [3]



58. 9709_w16_qp_11 Q: 8

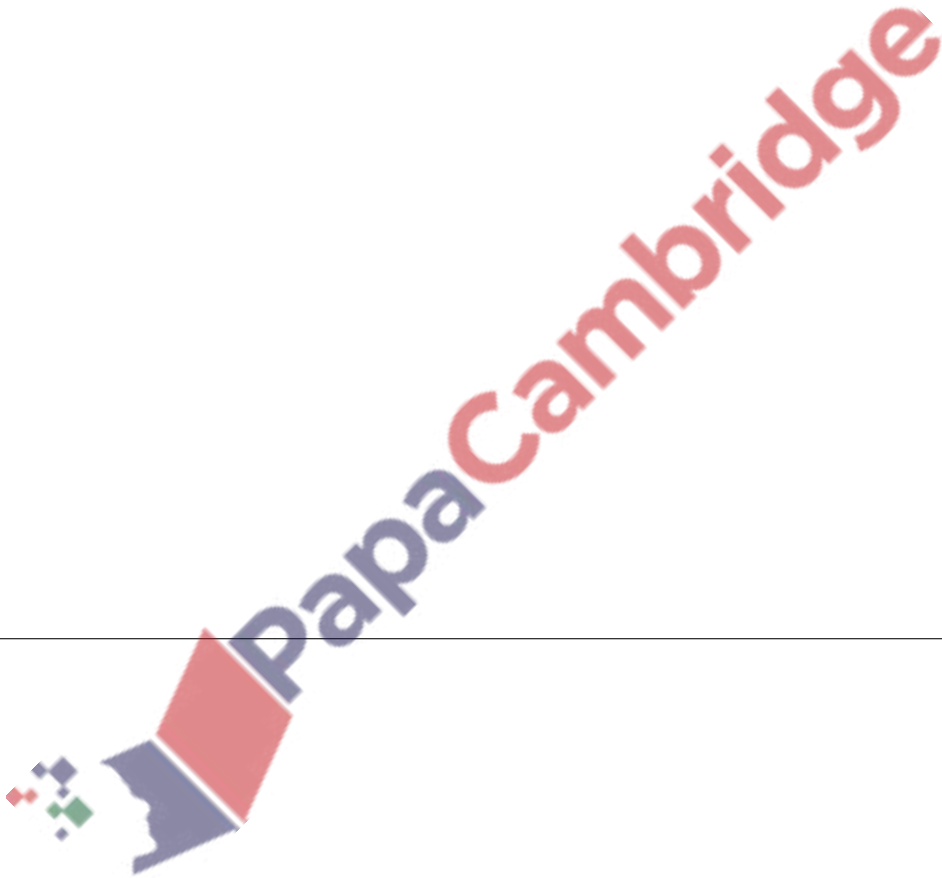
The functions f and g are defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{x} - 2 \quad \text{for } x > 0,$$

$$g(x) = \frac{4}{5x+2} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0.$$

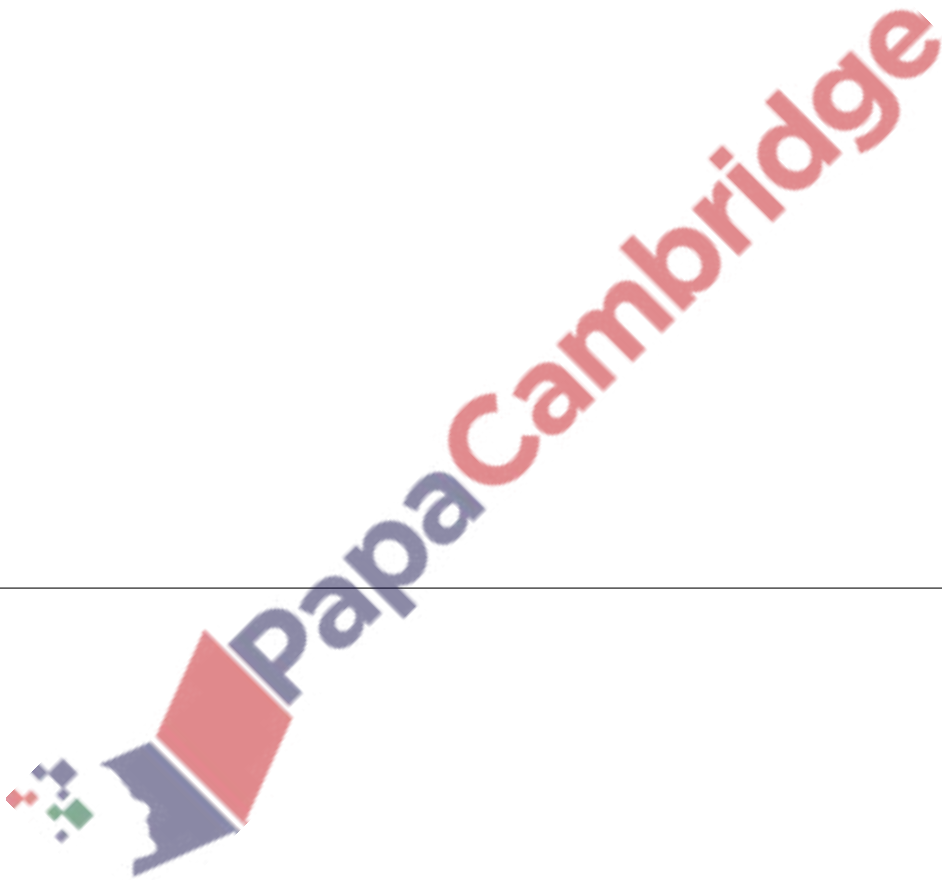
(i) Find and simplify an expression for $fg(x)$ and state the range of fg . [3]

(ii) Find an expression for $g^{-1}(x)$ and find the domain of g^{-1} . [5]



59. 9709_w16_qp_13 Q: 8

- (i) Express $4x^2 + 12x + 10$ in the form $(ax + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are constants. [3]
- (ii) Functions f and g are both defined for $x > 0$. It is given that $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $fg(x) = 4x^2 + 12x + 10$. Find $g(x)$. [1]
- (iii) Find $(fg)^{-1}(x)$ and give the domain of $(fg)^{-1}$. [4]



60. 9709_s15_qp_12 Q: 11

The function f is defined by $f : x \mapsto 2x^2 - 6x + 5$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (i) Find the set of values of p for which the equation $f(x) = p$ has no real roots. [3]

The function g is defined by $g : x \mapsto 2x^2 - 6x + 5$ for $0 \leq x \leq 4$.

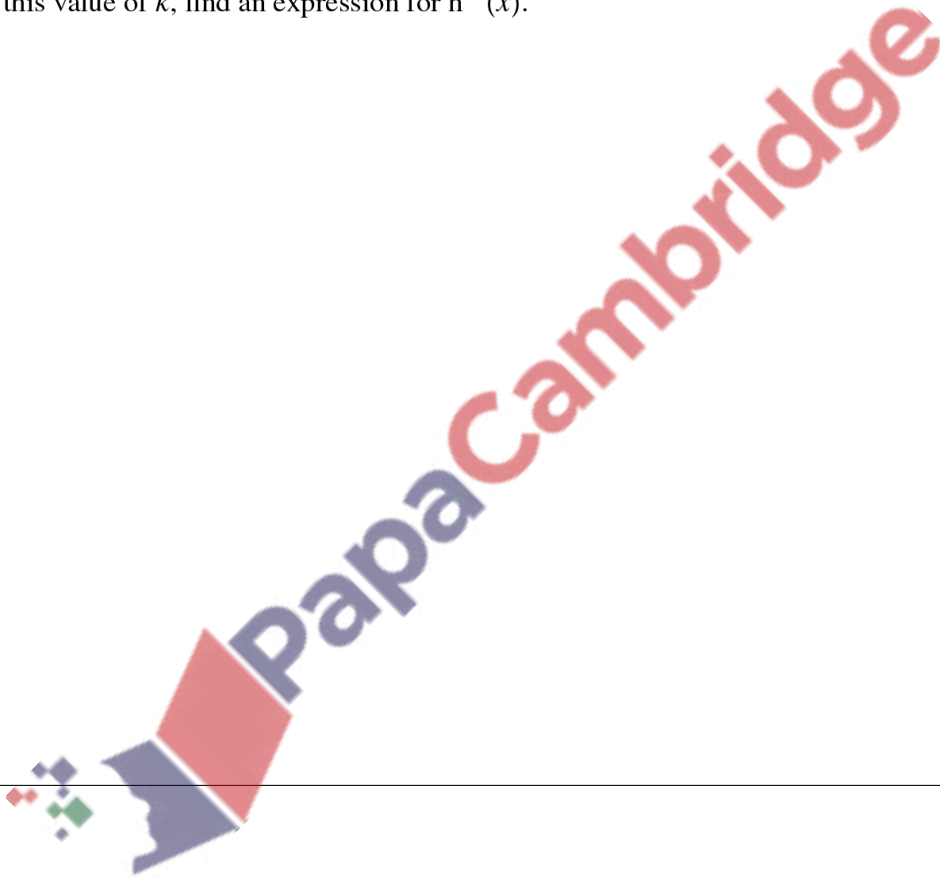
- (ii) Express $g(x)$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are constants. [3]

- (iii) Find the range of g . [2]

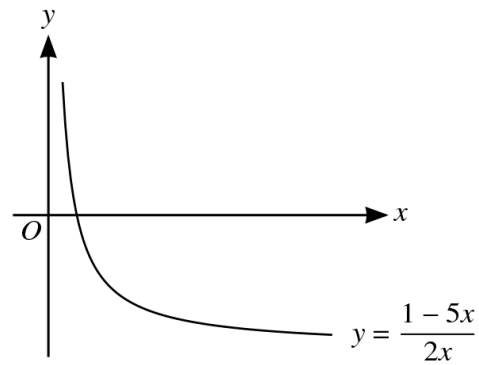
The function h is defined by $h : x \mapsto 2x^2 - 6x + 5$ for $k \leq x \leq 4$, where k is a constant.

- (iv) State the smallest value of k for which h has an inverse. [1]

- (v) For this value of k , find an expression for $h^{-1}(x)$. [3]

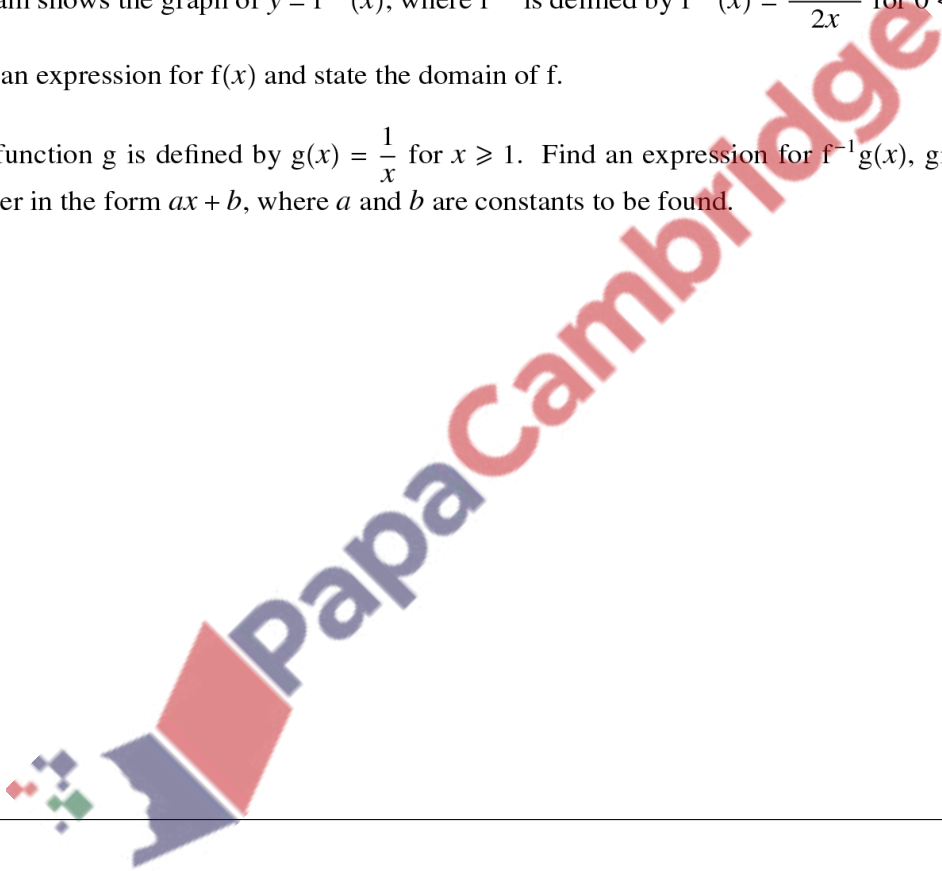


61. 9709_s15_qp_13 Q: 6



The diagram shows the graph of $y = f^{-1}(x)$, where f^{-1} is defined by $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1 - 5x}{2x}$ for $0 < x \leq 2$.

- (i) Find an expression for $f(x)$ and state the domain of f . [5]
- (ii) The function g is defined by $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \geq 1$. Find an expression for $f^{-1}g(x)$, giving your answer in the form $ax + b$, where a and b are constants to be found. [2]



62. 9709_w15_qp_11 Q: 9

(i) Express $-x^2 + 6x - 5$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are constants. [3]

The function $f : x \mapsto -x^2 + 6x - 5$ is defined for $x \geq m$, where m is a constant.

(ii) State the smallest value of m for which f is one-one. [1]

(iii) For the case where $m = 5$, find an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [4]

63. 9709_w15_qp_12 Q: 1

Functions f and g are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto 3x + 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

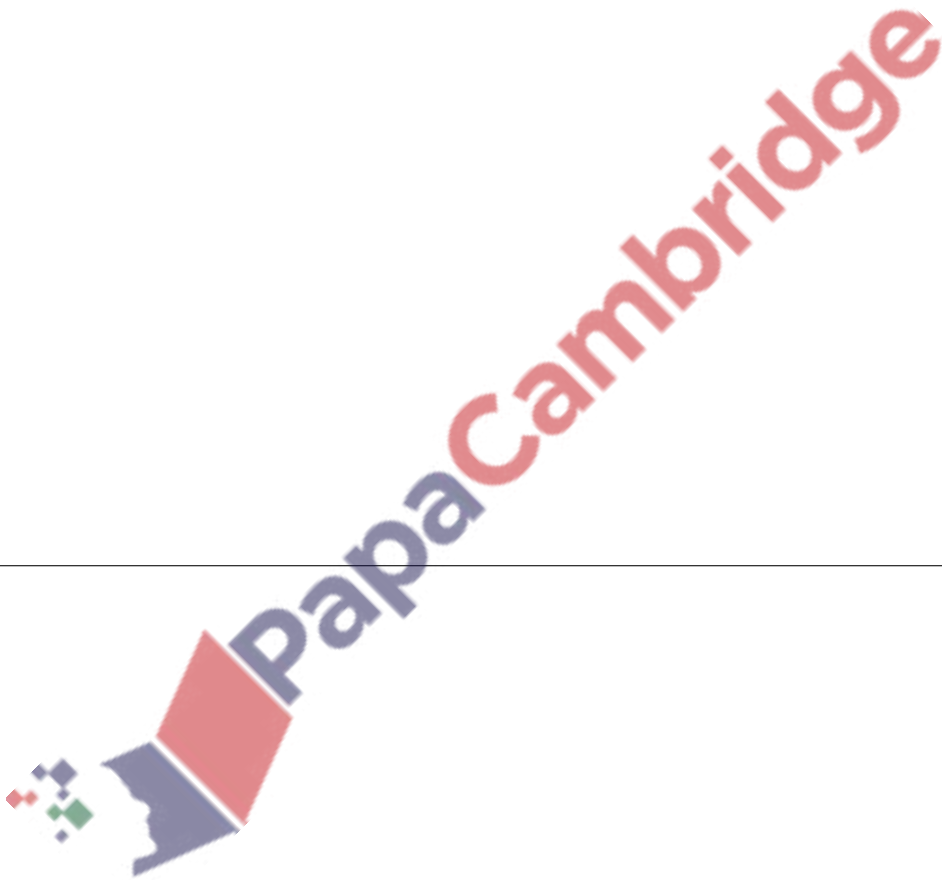
$$g : x \mapsto 4x - 12, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Solve the equation $f^{-1}(x) = gf(x)$. [4]

64. 9709_w15_qp_12 Q: 8

The function f is defined, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, by $f : x \mapsto x^2 + ax + b$, where a and b are constants.

- (i) In the case where $a = 6$ and $b = -8$, find the range of f . [3]
- (ii) In the case where $a = 5$, the roots of the equation $f(x) = 0$ are k and $-2k$, where k is a constant. Find the values of b and k . [3]
- (iii) Show that if the equation $f(x + a) = a$ has no real roots, then $a^2 < 4(b - a)$. [3]



65. 9709_w15_qp_13 Q: 8

The function f is defined by $f(x) = 3x + 1$ for $x \leq a$, where a is a constant. The function g is defined by $g(x) = -1 - x^2$ for $x \leq -1$.

(i) Find the largest value of a for which the composite function gf can be formed. [2]

For the case where $a = -1$,

(ii) solve the equation $fg(x) + 14 = 0$, [3]

(iii) find the set of values of x which satisfy the inequality $gf(x) \leq -50$. [4]

