2025 PRELIM EXAM
CHUNG CHENG HIGH/YISHUN)
ADDITIONAL MATH (G3)
PAPER 2

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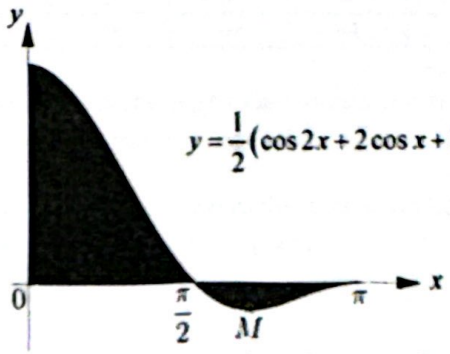
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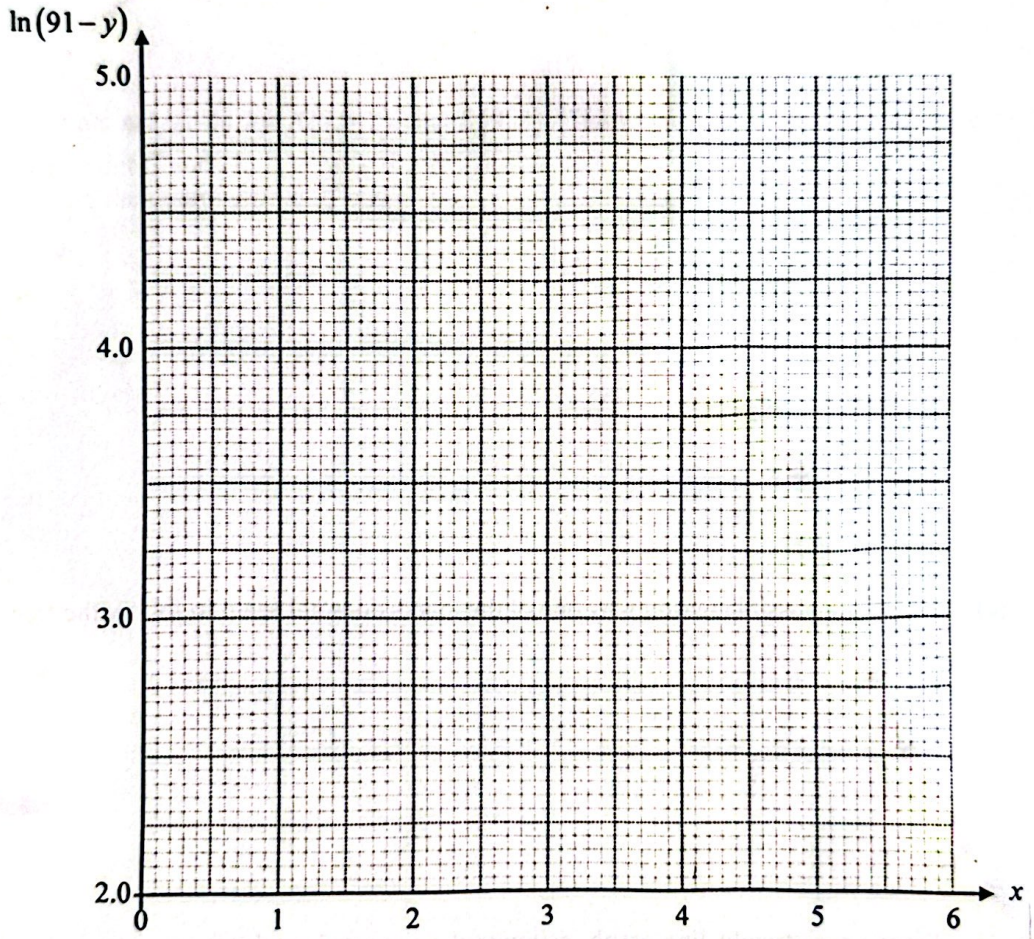
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11 (a) A curve $y = f(x)$ is such that $f'(x) = ax^2 - 6x + b$, where a and b are constants.

(i) Given that the curve is always increasing, what conditions must apply to a and b? [3]

It is now given that $a = 5$.

(ii) The curve intersects the y-axis at $(0, 4)$ and passes through the points $(-3, -80)$ and $(3, k)$. Find the value of k. [5]

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This question is not related to part **(a)**.

(b) It is given that $y = g(x)$ is a solution of the equation $e^{-2x}\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y\right) = -e^{k}$, where k is a constant. The point $(1, 0)$ is a stationary point on the curve $y = g(x)$.
Find the nature of this stationary point. **[3]**

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ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS 4049/02

Paper 2

28 August 2025

2 hours 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, class and index number on the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
Do not use paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** the questions.
Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place in the case of angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.
The use of an approved scientific calculator is expected, where appropriate.
You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers. Up to 2 marks may be deducted for improper presentation.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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1	5	
2	5	
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4	7	
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(b) What is the approximate size of the population for large values of t? [1]

(b)	$N = 3 + 4e^{-(\ln 2)t}$ When t is large, $e^{-(\ln 2)t}$ becomes close to zero. Thus, the approximate size is 3 million.	

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(a)	$y = px^2 - (p+2)x + 1$ $= p\left(x^2 - \frac{p+2}{p}x\right) + 1$ $= p\left[x^2 - \frac{p+2}{p}x + \left(\frac{p+2}{2p}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{p+2}{2p}\right)^2\right] + 1$ $= p\left[\left(x - \frac{p+2}{2p}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{p+2}{2p}\right)^2\right] + 1$ $= p\left(x - \frac{p+2}{2p}\right)^2 + 1 - \frac{p^2+4p+4}{4p^2} \times p$ $= p\left(x - \frac{p+2}{2p}\right)^2 + \frac{4p - p^2 - 4p - 4}{4p}$ $= p\left(x - \frac{p+2}{2p}\right)^2 + \frac{-p^2 - 4}{4p}$ Hence, the minimum value of y is $\frac{-p^2 - 4}{4p}$.	

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(a)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\left(\cot x\right)$$
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$$= \frac{-\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}$$
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$$= -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$

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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \mathrm{e}^{-ax}\left(-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x\right) - a\mathrm{e}^{-ax}\cot x$$
$$= -\mathrm{e}^{-ax}\left(\operatorname{cosec}^2 x + a\cot x\right)$$

The tangent is parallel to x-axis means $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = 0$.

$$-\mathrm{e}^{-ax}\left(\operatorname{cosec}^2 x + a\cot x\right) = 0$$

Since $\mathrm{e}^{-ax} > 0$ for all values of x,

$$-\left(\operatorname{cosec}^2 x + a\cot x\right) = 0$$
$$\operatorname{cosec}^2 x + a\cot x = 0$$
$$\cot^2 x + 1 + a\cot x = 0$$

Since there is only 1 point, the above equation only has 1 solution, i.e. discriminant = 0.

$$a^2 - 4(1)(1) = 0$$
$$a = \pm 2$$
$$a = 2 \ (a > 0)$$
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$$x = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

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(a)	$\mathrm{f}(-1) = 3(-1)^3 + a(-1)^2 - 7(-1) + 3$ $0 = -3 + a + 7 + 3$ $a = -7$ By long division, $\mathrm{f}(x) = 3x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 3$ $= (x+1)(3x^2 - 10x + 3)$ $= (x+1)(3x-1)(x-3)$	

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(b)	$\cot^2\theta = -1$ (rej) or $\cot^2\theta = \frac{1}{3}$ or $\cot^2\theta = 3$ $\cot\theta = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\cot\theta = \pm\sqrt{3}$ $\theta = \pm 60°$ $\theta = \pm 30°$	

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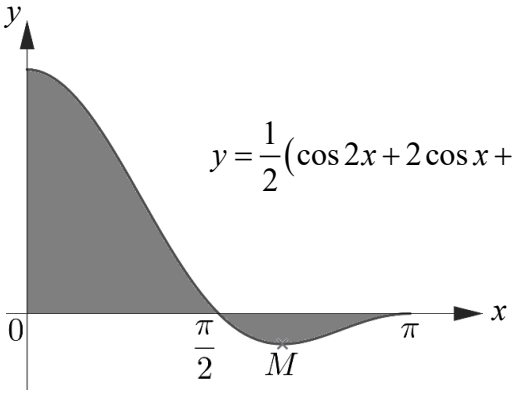
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(b)	$\ln\left(6e^x+1\right)+x=0$ $\ln\left(6e^x+1\right) = -x$ $6e^x+1 = e^{-x}$ $6\left(e^x\right)^2+\left(e^x\right)-1=0$ $\left(3e^x-1\right)\left(2e^x+1\right)=0$ $e^x = \dfrac{1}{3}$ or $e^x = -\dfrac{1}{2}$ (rej) $x = \ln\dfrac{1}{3}$ or $-\ln 3$	

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(b)	$\text{area} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos 2x + 2\cos x + 1\right)\,\mathrm{d}x - \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos 2x + 2\cos x + 1\right)\,\mathrm{d}x$ $= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\sin 2x}{2} + 2\sin x + x\right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\sin 2x}{2} + 2\sin x + x\right]_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi}$ $= \left[\left(0 + 1 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - (0 + 0 + 0)\right] - \left[\left(0 + 0 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \left(0 + 1 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]$ $= 2 \text{ units}^2$	

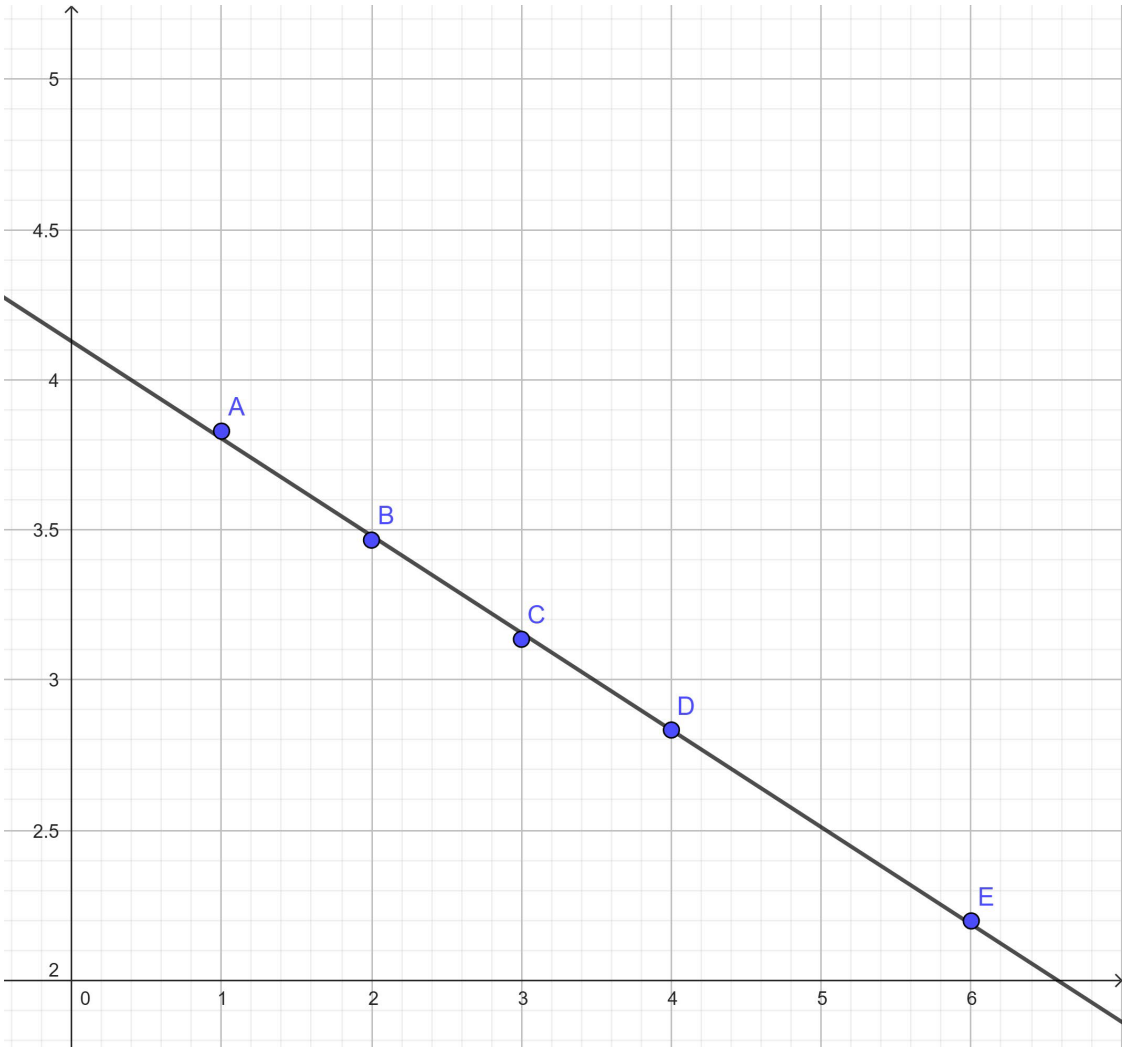
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(b)	Transforming the equation: $y = 91 - Ae^{kx}$ $91 - y = Ae^{kx}$ $\ln(91 - y) = \ln A + \ln e^{kx}$ $\ln(91 - y) = \ln A + kx$ Using 2 points on the line (1, 3.8) and (3.5, 3), $\text{gradient} = \frac{3.8 - 3}{1 - 3.5} = -0.32$ Reading off the Y-intercept, we have 4.15 The equation of line is $\ln(91 - y) = -0.32x + 4.15$ By comparing, $\ln A = 4.15$ $\quad k = -0.32$ $A = 63.4$ (3 s.f.)	

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(c)	Any reason within the context - The lower mark on week 5 was likely to be due to a harder paper. - Andy might have been ill.	

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(d)	The datapoint is (5, 71) Based on the straight line graph, the reading should be 2.5. The expected marks is $\ln(91 - y) = 2.5$ $y = 79$	

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(b)	$m_{AB} = \dfrac{-2-2}{5-9}$ $= 1$ Midpoint of $AB = \left(\dfrac{5+9}{2}, \dfrac{-2+2}{2}\right)$ $= (7, 0)$ Equation of perpendicular bisector is $y - 0 = -1(x-7)$ $y = -x + 7$ Substituting equation of line into equation of circle: $(x-4)^2 + (-x+7-2)^2 = 5$ $x^2 - 8x + 16 + x^2 - 10x + 25 = 5$ $2x^2 - 18x + 36 = 0$ $x^2 - 9x + 18 = 0$ $(x-3)(x-6) = 0$ $x = 3$ or $x = 6$ $y = 4$ $\quad y = 1$ The coordinates are (3, 4) and (6, 1).	

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(c)

Area of $OCD = \frac{1}{2}\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 6 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$= \frac{1}{2}\left[(0+24+0)-(0+3+0)\right]$

$= 10.5$

Length of $CD = \sqrt{(3-6)^2+(4-1)^2}$

$= \sqrt{18}$

$= 3\sqrt{2}$

shortest dist $= \dfrac{10.5}{\frac{1}{2}\times 3\sqrt{2}}$

$= \dfrac{7}{\sqrt{2}}$

$= \frac{7}{2}\sqrt{2}$

Alternatively,
The perpendicular line from O to CD has gradient 1, since the gradient of CD is –1.
Thus the perpendicular line has equation $y = x$, since the y-intercept is 0.

Intersecting the 2 lines $y = x$ and $y = -x + 7$, we have

$x = -x + 7$

$2x = 7$

$x = \frac{7}{2}$

$y = \frac{7}{2}$

The point on CD shortest distance from O is $\left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{7}{2}\right)$.

Thus, the distance is

$\sqrt{\left(\frac{7}{2}-0\right)^2+\left(\frac{7}{2}-0\right)^2} = \sqrt{2\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2}$

$= \frac{7}{2}\sqrt{2}$

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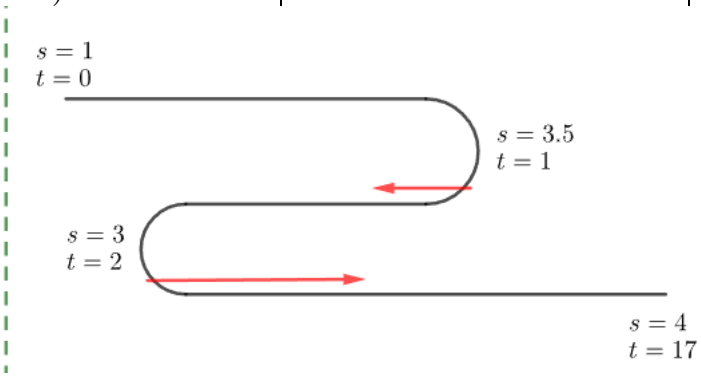
10 A particle travels in a straight line so that its displacement, s m, from O at time t seconds, where $t \geq 0$, is modelled by $s = t^3 - \frac{9}{2}t^2 + 6t + 1$.

(a) Find the values of t for which the particle is instantaneously at rest. [3]

(a)	$v = \frac{\mathrm{d}s}{\mathrm{d}t} = 3t^2 - 9t + 6$ When particle is at instantaneously rest, $v = 0$. $3t^2 - 9t + 6 = 0$ $t^2 - 3t + 2 = 0$ $(t-1)(t-2) = 0$ $t = 1$ or $t = 2$	

(b) The particle's acceleration is 15 m/s^2 at T seconds. Find the total distance travelled by the particle in the interval $t = 0$ to $t = T$. [4]

(b)	$a = \frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}t} = 6t - 9$ When $a = 15$, $6T - 9 = 15$ $T = 4$ When $t = 0$, $s = 1$ When $t = 1$, $s = 3.5$ When $t = 2$, $s = 3$ When $t = 4$, $s = 17$ Total distance $= (3.5 - 1) + (3.5 - 3) + (17 - 3)$ $= 17$	



(c) Explain clearly why the answer found in part **(b) should not** be obtained by finding the value of s when $t = T$. [2]

(c)	Even though the numerical value is the same, the particle turned twice (at least once), thus will need to account for the additional distance. Also, evaluating s at $t = T$ only gave the distance of the particle from O, which is not what is required.	

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11 **(a)** A curve $y = \mathrm{f}(x)$ is such that $\mathrm{f}'(x) = ax^2 - 6x + b$, where a and b are constants.

(i) Given that the curve is always increasing, what conditions must apply to a and b? [3]

(a)	For the curve to be always increasing, i.e. $\mathrm{f}'(x) > 0$, that is $ax^2 - 6x + b > 0$ This means that there are no roots, i.e. discriminant < 0. $(-6)^2 - 4(a)(b) < 0$ $36 - 4ab < 0$ $36 < 4ab$ $ab > 9$ and $a > 0$	

It is now given that $a = 5$.

(ii) The curve intersects the y-axis at $(0, 4)$ and passes through the points $(-3, -80)$ and $(3, k)$. Find the value of k. [5]

(b)	$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = 5x^2 - 6x + b$ $y = \frac{5}{3}x^3 - 3x^2 + bx + 4$ When $x = -3$, $y = 80$. $80 = \frac{5}{3}(-3)^3 - 3(-3)^2 + b(-3) + 4$ $-80 = -45 - 27 - 3b + 4$ $3b = 12$ $b = 4$ When $x = 3$, $y = k$. $k = \frac{5}{3}(3)^3 - 3(3)^2 + 4(3) + 4$ $= 45 - 27 + 12 + 4$ $= 34$	

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This question is not related to part **(a)**.

(b) It is given that $y = \mathrm{g}(x)$ is a solution of the equation $\mathrm{e}^{-2x}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} - 2\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} + y\right) = -\mathrm{e}^{k}$, where k is a constant. The point $(1, 0)$ is a stationary point on the curve $y = \mathrm{g}(x)$.
Find the nature of this stationary point. [3]

(b)	Since it is a stationary point, $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = 0$. Together with (1, 0), we can substitute $x = 1, y = 0, \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = 0$. The equation is now reduced to $\mathrm{e}^{-2(1)}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} - 2(0) + 0\right) = -\mathrm{e}^{k}$ $\mathrm{e}^{-2}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2}\right) = -\mathrm{e}^{k}$ $\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} = -\mathrm{e}^{2+k}$ Since exponential functions are always positive, we have $-\mathrm{e}^{2+k}$ to be negative. Since $\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} < 0$, by 2nd derivative test, (1, 0) is a maximum point.	

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