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- (a) Verify that, in the positive quadrant, the curve may be written $x = \sqrt{\cos t}, y = \sqrt{\sin t}$.
- (b) Explain why $\sqrt{\cos t} \ge \cos t$ always holds, if the square root is well defined.
- (c) Hence, sketch $x^4 + y^4 = 1$ and the unit circle on the same set of axes.
- 4402. The process of *completing the cube* is similar to that of completing the square.
 - (a) Show that $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ can be written in the form $p(x + \alpha)^3 + q(x + \alpha) + r$.
 - (b) Hence, prove that every cubic has rotational symmetry.
- 4403. The bell curve of the standard normal distribution $X \sim N(0, 1)$ is defined by the function

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}.$$

A chord is drawn to the curve $y = \phi(x)$ between its two points of inflection:



Find, to 3sf, the area of the shaded region.

4404. Show that
$$\int_5^8 \frac{2x^2}{x^2 - 16} dx = 6 + 4 \ln 3$$

4405. Let P be a polynomial curve y = f(x) of degree $n \ge 2$, with no points of inflection. This question is a proof that no three points on P are collinear.

Assume, for a contradiction, that curve P has at least three collinear points. Let the first three be (a, f(a)), (b, f(b)) and (c, f(c)), where a < b < c. Let the line through these points be y = mx + c. Let Q be the curve y = h(x), where

$$\mathbf{h}(x) = \mathbf{f}(x) - mx - c$$

- (a) Explain why, without loss of generality, it may be assumed that $f''(x) \ge 0$ for all x.
- (b) Hence, show that $h''(x) \ge 0$ for all x.
- (c) Describe the x intercepts of Q.
- (d) Show that h(x) < 0 for all $x \in (a, b) \cup (b, c)$.
- (e) Hence, complete the proof.

- 4406. Either prove or disprove the following statement: "If events X and Y are dependent, and events Y and Z are dependent, then events X and Z are dependent."
- 4407. A smooth, uniform rod of mass m is freely hinged to a flat, horizontal surface. It leans up against a half-cylindrical block of mass m, which is at rest on the surface. The point of contact between rod and half-cylinder is at the centre of mass of the rod. The system is in equilibrium.



Show that the coefficient of friction between the half-cylinder and the horizontal surface satisfies

$$\mu \ge \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta + 3}.$$

4408. The following graphs are tangent to one another:

$$x^2y^3 - 2 = xy^{\frac{3}{2}}$$
$$3y = 2x + 5.$$

Show that they intersect at exactly one point other than their point of tangency.

- 4409. Four distinct vertices are chosen at random from those of a regular 16-gon. Find the probability that the vertices form a square.
- 4410. Simultaneous equations are given as

$$P\sin 2t = 1$$
$$P\tan t = 2.$$

Solve these for $P \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t \in [0, 2\pi)$, giving your answers exactly.

4411. A triangle has vertices at (0, 1), (k, k) and (k^2, k^2) .



Prove that its area is given by $A = \frac{1}{2}k(k-1)$.

4412. A random walk on a 3D grid involves a sequence of steps, starting at the origin, each of which, with equal probability, is a move of either $\pm \mathbf{i}$, $\pm \mathbf{j}$ or $\pm \mathbf{k}$. Six steps are made.

Determine the probability of ending up at (1, 1, 1).

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- 4413. A particle is set in motion at time t = 0, and the velocity is modelled as $v = \sqrt{2t+9}$, for $t \ge 0$. A short time δt after the particle is set in motion, displacement from its initial position is described by $s(\delta t)$, where s is a function.
 - (a) By definite integration, determine $s(\delta t)$.
 - (b) Neglecting terms in δt^3 and higher, work out a polynomial approximation for $s(\delta t)$.
 - (c) Show that this approximation is equivalent to the assumption of constant acceleration.
- 4414. A graph, whose equation is g(x) = h(y) for some functions g and h, is rotated 90° clockwise around the origin. Find the equation of the new graph.
- 4415. By considering a cone as consisting of infinitely many thin discs, use definite integration to prove the formula for the volume:

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h.$$

4416. Sketch the solution set of the inequality

$$y^2 - \sin^2 x \le 0.$$

- 4417. Equation E is given as
 - $\log_2(x+1) + \log_4 x + \log_8(x+1) = 0.$
 - (a) Show that *E* implies $x^{3}(x+1)^{8} 1 = 0$.
 - (b) Show that E has a real root.
- 4418. Two blocks, $m_1 > m_2$ kg, are connected by a light, inextensible cord which passes over a rough pulley. Friction causes the tensions on either side of the pulley to differ by a maximum of μR Newtons, where R is the downwards force on the pulley and $0 < \mu < 1$ is the coefficient of friction.



The system is in limiting equilibrium. Show that

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{1+\mu}{1-\mu}$$

4419. A function f is defined over $\mathbb R.$ For some constant $k\in\mathbb R,$ f has instruction

$$f(x) = (1-k)\sin x + k\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - x).$$

The range of f is [-A, A]. Show that

$$A = \sqrt{2k^2 - 2k + 1}.$$

- 4420. Curve C is defined by $x^2y + 2x + y = 0$.
 - (a) Show that C has stationary points $(\pm 1, \mp 1)$.
 - (b) Show that the x axis is an asymptote of C.
 - (c) Sketch the curve.
- 4421. Ladder AB, of length 20 feet, has one end A on flat horizontal ground, and the other end leaning against a vertical wall. End A is slipping away from the wall at a constant speed of 0.3 feet per second. End B remains in contact with the wall.

Show that, when end B is 12 feet above the ground, it is travelling at 0.4 feet per second.

4422. Determine the exact value of the integral

$$\int_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{16t - t^3} \, dt.$$

4423. An ellipse is defined by the parametric equations $x = 2 \sin t, \ y = \sqrt{3} \sin t + \cos t$, where $t \in [0, 2\pi)$.



(a) Verify that the Cartesian equation is

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

- (b) Show that the curve is tangent to all four of the lines $x = \pm 2$, $y = \pm 2$.
- 4424. The shape of the normal distribution $X \sim N(0, 1)$ is described by the probability density function

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}.$$

- (a) Show that $\phi(z)$ is stationary at z = 0.
- (b) Show that $\phi''(\pm 1) = 0$.
- (c) Prove that $z = \pm 1$ are points of inflection.
- 4425. The equations of two circles are given, for some constant $k \in \mathbb{R},$ as

$$x^{2} + 6x + y^{2} - 8y = 0,$$

$$x^{2} - 6x + y^{2} + 8y = \frac{200}{k^{2} + 1}.$$

Show that the circles intersect.

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4426. Three fair dice are rolled, and the scores are then listed in non-descending order as X, Y, Z. Show that $\mathbb{P}(X + Y = Z) = \frac{5}{24}$.

4427. Show that
$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{4x^2 + 4} \, dx = \frac{\pi}{16}$$
.

4428. Wine bottles, modelled as cylinders of radius 5 cm and weight 10 N, are stacked in a cellar bin. The bin's width is such that the lines of centres lie at 45° to the horizontal. Friction is assumed to be negligible at all contact points.



- (a) Find the width of the interior of the bin.
- (b) A set of n bottles is placed in the bin, labelled $B_1, B_2, ..., B_n$. In the example shown, n = 4. Find, in terms of n and k, the magnitude of the contact force between bottles B_k and B_{k+1} .

4429. Sketch the curve $x^3 + xy^2 = 1$.

4430. Solve the simultaneous equations

$$(a+2b)^3 - (a+2b)^2 = 0,$$

 $2a+5b = 1.$

4431. A sculpture consists of an elliptical object, fixed at an angle on a horizontal plinth. Taking y = 0 as the level of the plinth, the sculpture is modelled, in units of metres, by the equation

 $2(10x + 5y - 1)^2 + 8(5x - 10y + 2)^2 = 25.$

- (a) Show that y = 0 is a tangent to the sculpture.
- (b) Verify that the sculpture stands 40 cm above the plinth at its highest point.
- (c) Sketch the cross-section.
- 4432. A student claims that the following equations have the same solution set:

$$|x^{2} - x| - 6 = 0,$$

 $|x| \times |x - 1| - 6 = 0.$

State, with a reason, whether this is true.

4433. Let f be a polynomial function. It is given that y = f(x) has rotational symmetry around the point (a, b), and that f(x) > 0 for $x \in [0, 2a]$. Prove that

$$\int_0^{2a} \mathbf{f}(x) \, dx = 2ab$$

4434. Find the following integral:

$$\int \sin x \sin 4x \, dx.$$

- 4435. From the law of indices $(a^p)^q = a^{pq}$, prove the law of logarithms $\log_a x^n = n \log_a x$.
- 4436. Random variables X_1 and X_2 are independently distributed as B(n, p), where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \in (0, 1)$.
 - (a) Write down the distribution of $X_1 + X_2$.
 - (b) Show that the distribution of $X_1 X_2$ is not binomial.
- 4437. Prove the following identity:

$$\tan 3x \equiv \tan x \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - x\right) \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + x\right).$$

4438. A particle is moving in one dimension according to some function x = f(t). A simplified quadratic model is then constructed, to describe the motion around time t = a. A quadratic model for position x = g(t) is defined by

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{2} f''(a)(t-a)^2 + f'(a)(t-a) + f(a).$$

Show that, at t = a, the two models give matching values for position, velocity and acceleration.

4439. Assuming that θ is a small angle in radians, find a quadratic approximation, in the form $a + b\theta + c\theta^2$, for $(1 - \sin \theta)^{-1}$.





(a) Write down the equations of the asymptotes.

b) Find
$$\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

- (c) Show that the area of the region between the curve, the x axis, and the positive asymptote is finite.
- 4441. The first four terms of an increasing sequence are given, for some constants a, b, by

$$a, b, a+b, 2a+b.$$

Show that this sequence is not a GP.

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4442. Two functions f and g are defined to be positive, monic quadratics. Each of the equations f(x) = 0and g(x) = 0 has two distinct, positive, real roots, at x = a, b and x = b, c respectively. The roots a < b < c are in geometric progression. Determine the numbers of roots of the following equations:

(a)
$$f(x)g(x) = 0$$
,

(b) f(x) + g(x) = 0.

You may wish to use the AM-GM inequality, which states that, for distinct positive $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\frac{x+y}{2} > \sqrt{xy}.$$

4443. Show that the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 6$ and the curve $x^2 (y^2 - x^2) = 4$ have eight points of intersection.

4444. A parametric graph is defined by the equations



(a) Show that the parametric integration formula allows for calculation of the area of the shaded region with

$$\int_0^2 (e^{\frac{1}{2}t} - 1)(1-t) \, dt.$$

- (b) Explain, with reference to the sign of $\frac{dx}{dt}$, why this integral produces a negative result.
- (c) Show that the exact area is 6 2e.
- 4445. An artwork shaped as a regular tetrahedron of side length l metres is sitting with one of its faces on flat horizontal ground. Its topmost vertex is at a height of 2 metres. Find l.
- 4446. A region is enclosed by $y = \pm x$ and the curve

$$\sqrt{x+y} + \sqrt{x-y} = 1.$$

Show that this region has area $\frac{1}{12}$.

4447. Divide
$$3x^3 - 2x^2y^2 + 3xy - 2y^3$$
 by $(x^2 + y)$.

4448. For functions f and g, the equation f(x) = g(x)has solution set A. A new equation is set up:

$$f(x)^{2} + g(x)^{2} = 2 f(x) g(x).$$

Show that this equation has solution set A.

- 4449. Prove that no tangent to $y = x + \frac{1}{x}$ re-intersects the curve.
- 4450. In a simulation, n random variables $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are binary, taking values in $\{0, 1\}$. To begin with, they are all set to zero. A random number from the set $\{0, 1, ..., n\}$ is then chosen, which gives the number of X_i variables available for change. Each of these, with probability 1/2, may then change. Show that the probability that exactly k variables change is given by

$$p = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{r=k}^{n} \frac{{}^{r}\mathbf{C}_{k}}{2^{r}}.$$

4451. Heron's formula states that the area of a triangle, side lengths (a, b, c), is given by

$$A^{2} = s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c),$$

where s is the semiperimeter $s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$.

Let T be a triangle with fixed semiperimeter and variable side lengths (a, a, b). Prove that the area of T is maximised if T is equilateral.

4452. A large population is modelled with the normal distribution $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. A sample of size n is to be taken. A slapdash mathematician claims that, for any constant k,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(|\bar{X} - \mu| > k \right) = 0.$$

Correct the claim.

4453. The curve $y = x^2$ is rotated 45° clockwise around the origin.



Show that the parabolae enclose a region of area

$$A = \frac{1}{3} \left(7 + 5\sqrt{2}\right).$$

You may use the fact that $\tan 67.5^\circ = 1 + \sqrt{2}$.

4454. Find the area enclosed by the locus of (x, y) points satisfying the relation |x| + |y| = 1. .COM/FIVETHOUSANDQUESTIONS.AS

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4455. Verify that the parametric equations $x = t - t^3$, $y = 2t + t^3$ may be expressed in Cartesian form as

$$x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3 + 18x - 9y = 0.$$

4456. The second-order $Euler\mathchar`-Cauchy$ equation, for real coefficients a,b, is defined to be

$$x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + ax\frac{dy}{dx} + by = 0$$

A solution $y = x^k$ is proposed. Show that, if this trial solution is to satisfy the differential equation, then k must satisfy $k^2 + (a-1)k + b = 0$.

4457. Show that, for small x,

$$\frac{x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 7}{x^2 - 7x + 12} \approx \frac{119x - 84}{144}.$$

4458. Find $\int \frac{2e^{4x}}{1+e^{2x}} dx.$

4459. A graph y = f(x) (shown dashed below) is reflected in the line x = k, then rotated by 90° anticlockwise around the origin.



Show that the image has equation x = f(2k + y).

4460. A particle moves for $t \in [0, k]$ in one dimension, with velocity given by $v = at^2 + b$, for constants a, b > 0. T_0 is defined as the time, in the first k seconds, at which the instantaneous speed is equal to the average speed over the k seconds.

Show that T_0 is independent of a and b.

4461. Solve for the constant k in the equation

$$\int_0^k \sqrt{x} \ln x \, dx = 0.$$

- 4462. The sum of the first n squares is $\frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$. Using this result, or otherwise, prove that the sum of the first n odd squares is $\frac{1}{3}n(2n+1)(2n-1)$.
- 4463. Prove, by contradiction, that, if x is a root of the equation $2^{x+1} 3^{x-1} = 0$, then $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

- 4464. In this question, let n be the number of distinct intersections of the polynomial graphs y = f(x)and y = g(x). Find the set of possible values of nwhen, for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the functions f and g have degree
 - (a) 2k and 2k,
 - (b) 2k+1 and 2k+1,
 - (c) 2k 1 and 2k,
 - (d) 2k and 2k + 1.
- 4465. Two circles with radii $^{1\!/25}$ and $^{1\!/81}$ are placed as shown, tangent to each other and to a line.



Show that $|AB| = \frac{2}{45}$.

4466. Determine the period of the trigonometric function $f(x) = \sin 4x + \cos 5x + \tan 6x$, defined in radians.

4467. Show that
$$\frac{d^3}{dx^3}(xy) = 3\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$$
.

4468. Two sequences are given, for $n\geq 1,$ by

$$a_n = 3 \times 2^{n-1},$$

$$b_n = 4 \times 3^{n-2}.$$

Prove that there is exactly one number which is a term of both sequences.

- 4469. The function f is defined as $f(x) = e^{\sin x} + e^{\cos x}$. Show that
 - (a) f(x) is locally maximised at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$,
 - (b) f(x) 4 = 0 has infinitely many roots.
- 4470. An *astroid* is a curve defined, for some constant a, by $x^{\frac{2}{3}} + y^{\frac{2}{3}} = a^{\frac{2}{3}}$.



- (a) Verify that the astroid can be defined in terms of a parameter t by $x = a \cos^3 t$, $y = a \sin^3 t$.
- (b) Find the area enclosed by the astroid, giving your answer in the form $k\pi a^2$, where $k \in \mathbb{Q}$.

- 4471. A quartic curve is defined as $y = 3x^4 12x^3 + \varepsilon x$, for some small constant $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - (a) Show that, when $\varepsilon = 0$, the quartic curve has a stationary point of inflection at the origin.
 - (b) Sketch the curve in this instance.
 - (c) Show that, for small $\varepsilon > 0$, the quartic must have four distinct roots.
- 4472. The numbers 1 to 16 are placed at random in a 4×4 grid. Find the probability that the squares containing 1 and 2 share an edge.

12	4	11	1(
16	15	13	3
1	9	5	7
2	14	6	8

4473. Show that $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \sin x \, dx = \pi - 2.$

- 4474. A function is called *self-inverse* if $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$.
 - (a) Show that the function $f : x \mapsto k x$ is self-inverse for any constant k.
 - (b) Prove that no polynomial function of degree 2 or greater is self-inverse.
- 4475. A scientist is setting up a model for the velocity v of a meteor t seconds after it meets the Earth's atmosphere. The model is

$$v = V + Ae^{-kt} \left(t + \frac{1}{k} \right),$$

where A, k, V are constants.

- (a) Determine the long-term behaviour, according to the model, and interpret the constant V.
- (b) Find the predicted initial acceleration.
- (c) Sketch a velocity-time graph.
- (d) Find the maximum predicted deceleration.
- 4476. The diagram below shows, for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, a part of the graph $\sqrt{y} = \sqrt{3} \sin x \cos x$.





4477. State, giving a reason, which of the implications \implies , \iff , \iff links the following statements concerning polynomial functions f and g:

(1)
$$f'(a) = g'(a),$$

(2) $f(x) - g(x)$ has a factor of $(x - a)^2$.

4478. For any function f, we define functions A and B as

$$A(x) = f(x) + f(-x),$$

$$B(x) = f(x) - f(-x).$$

- (a) Show that A is even and B is odd.
- (b) Prove that any function can be expressed as the sum of an even and an odd function.
- 4479. Prove that, for small $\theta > 0$ in radians, the secant function may be approximated by a semicircular function:

$$\sec\theta \approx 2 - \sqrt{1 - \theta^2}.$$

4480. The graphs $y = xe^x$ and $x^2 = y^3$ are drawn below.



- (a) Show that α is a fixed point of $x_{n+1} = e^{-3x_n}$.
- (b) Find α , to 3sf, using a <u>different</u> iteration.
- (c) By calculating a suitable derivative, explain why the first iteration diverges very slowly from α .
- 4481. Determine the value of k for which $y = x (e^{2x} + k)$ has a stationary point on the x axis.
- 4482. You are given that the inequalities $g(x) \ge 0$ and $h(x) \ge 0$ have solution sets P and Q respectively. For each of the following, state, with a reason, whether the solution set of the given inequality contains the given set.

	Inequality	Set
(a)	$\mathbf{g}(x)\mathbf{h}(x) \ge 0$	$P'\cap Q,$
(b)	$\mathbf{g}(x)\mathbf{h}(x) < 0$	$P'\cap Q,$
(c)	$\mathbf{g}(x) + \mathbf{h}(x) \ge 0$	$P\cap Q.$

4483. Provide a counterexample to the following claim:

"If the second derivative of a quartic function f has the same value at x = p and x = q, then y = f(x)has a line of symmetry at $x = \frac{p+q}{2}$.

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$$A : xz + yz - x - y = 0,$$

$$B : (z - 1)(x + y - 1) = 0$$

Explaining your reasoning carefully, show that, if equations A and B are to hold simultaneously, then z = 1.

4485. This question is about $\int \log_2 x \, dx$.

- (a) Determine $\int \ln x \, dx$.
- (b) Hence, show that

$$\int \log_2 x \, dx = x \log_2 x - \frac{x}{\ln 2} + c$$

4486. The graph of $y = f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x+2}$ is shown below:



Determine the range of f.

- 4487. One of the following statements, which relate to polynomial functions f and g, is true; the others are not. Prove the one and disprove the others.
 - (a) If the graph y = g(x) has an x axis intercept, then so does the graph y = fg(x),
 - (b) If the graph y = g(x) has a stationary point, then so does the graph y = fg(x),
 - (c) If the graph y = g(x) has a point of inflection, then so does the graph y = fg(x).
- 4488. The area of the region bounded by $y = 2xe^{x^2} + 1$, the x axis, x = 0, and x = k is e. Determine the value of the constant k.
- 4489. Show that the locus of points which satisfy the equation |3x y| + |x + y| = 2 is a parallelogram.
- 4490. Prove a result of Laisant concerning an invertible function f: if f(a) = c and f(b) = d, then

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{f}(x) \, dx + \int_c^d \mathbf{f}^{-1}(y) \, dy = bd - ad$$

4491. Six points A, B, C, D, E, F are chosen at random on the circumference of a circle, and triangles ABCand DEF are formed.



Find the probability that the triangles overlap.

4492. Let f and g be functions defined over \mathbb{R} . Prove that the second derivative of f(x) with respect to g(x) is given by

$$\frac{f''(x) g'(x) - f'(x) g''(x)}{(g'(x))^3}$$

4493. A pendulum consists of a bob of mass m on the end of a light, inextensible string of length l. Defining θ to be the angle the string makes with the vertical, prove that, for small θ ,

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l}\theta \approx 0$$

4494. Determine the greatest possible value of

$$y = \sqrt{x^{-\frac{4}{5}} - x^{-\frac{8}{5}}}$$

- 4495. Two random variables Y_1 and Y_2 are independent of each other. Each is distributed binomially, as $Y \sim B(5, 1/2)$. Show that $\mathbb{P}(Y_1 > Y_2) = \frac{193}{512}$.
- 4496. A smooth pulley is rigged up at the top of two 45° slopes, as shown below. The two blocks have masses m and 4m, and the coefficients of friction between the blocks and the slope are 2μ and μ respectively. The system is in equilibrium.



Find all possible values of μ .

- 4497. Three lines y = 0, y = mx, and $y = \sqrt{8}x$ are drawn in the first quadrant. You are given that the line y = mx is the angle bisector of the other two. Determine the value of m.
- 4498. In a sequences problem, the values of the *p*th term u_p and the *q*th term u_q of a GP are given, together with the values of *p* and *q*.

With this information, there are values u_n which cannot be calculated with certainty.

Explain the relationship between p and q.

4499. By writing in terms of the variables s = x + y and t = x - y, or otherwise, prove that the following equation generates an ellipse:

$$2x^2 - xy + 2y^2 = 1.$$

- 4500. Describe the quadrilateral ABCD produced by the following construction:
 - (1) Place points A at (0,0) and B at (4,0).
 - (2) Construct circles P and Q with radii 2 and 3, centred at A and B respectively.
 - (3) Translate P by vector **i** to form circle P'.
 - (4) Label the intersection of P' and Q point C.
 - (5) Translate C by $-\mathbf{i}$. Label this point D.

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