

1. (10%) Find the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{1/x}$, $a > 0$.

Solution:

(Method 1) First we observe that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)} \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

Note that $\frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)$ is of the form $\frac{0}{0}$, hence by L'Hopital's rule (1 point), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a+x) - \ln(a-x)}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{a+x} (a+x)' - \frac{1}{a-x} (a-x)'}{1} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{a+x} - \frac{-1}{a-x}}{1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{a+x} + \frac{1}{a-x} \quad (1 \text{ points}) \\ &= \frac{2}{a} \quad (1 \text{ points}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)}{1} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a-x}{a+x} \cdot \frac{(a-x) \cdot 1 - (-a)(a+x)}{(a-x)^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a-x+a+x}{(a+x)(a-x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2a}{a^2 - x^2} \quad (1 \text{ points}) \\ &= \frac{2}{a} \quad (1 \text{ points}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a+x) - \ln(a-x)}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a+x) - \ln a + \ln a - \ln(a-x)}{x} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a+x) - \ln a}{x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a-x) - \ln a}{-x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a+x) - \ln a}{x} + \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(a+y) - \ln a}{y} \quad (1 \text{ points}) \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{d}{dt} \ln t \right]_{t=a} = \frac{2}{a} \quad (1 \text{ points}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)} = e^{\frac{2}{a}}. \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

If you serve $\frac{2}{a}$ as the answer and have previously indicated that $e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)}$, you still get the last 3 points.

(Method 2)

First we observe that $\frac{a+x}{a-x} = 1 + \frac{2x}{a-x}$. (2 points)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{2x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

By letting $t = \frac{2x}{a-x}$, $t \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$. (3 point) Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{2x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{2x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{a-x}{2x} \cdot \frac{2}{a-x}} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1+t)^{\frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{2}{a-x}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[(1+t)^{\frac{1}{t}} \right]^{\frac{2}{a-x}} \end{aligned}$$

Note that we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)^{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)}$ provided the limits exists.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[(1+t)^{\frac{1}{t}} \right]^{\frac{2}{a-x}} = \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1+t)^{\frac{1}{t}} \right]^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{a-x}} = e^{\frac{2}{a}} \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

(Method 3)

First we let $t = \frac{1}{x}$. (2 points)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a + \frac{1}{t}}{a - \frac{1}{t}} \right)^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{at+1}{at-1} \right)^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{at-1} \right)^t \quad (3 \text{ points}) \\ &\approx \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{at} \right)^t \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{t} \right)^t = e^{\frac{2}{a}} \quad (3 \text{ points}) \end{aligned}$$

(We should prevent using this unrigorous calculation.)

(Method 4)

By letting $t = \frac{1}{x}$. (2 points)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a+x}{a-x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{x}{a}}{1 - \frac{x}{a}} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{x}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}} \quad (3 \text{ points}) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1/a}{t} \right)^t}{\left(1 + \frac{-1/a}{t} \right)^t} \\ &= \frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1/a}{t} \right)^t}{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{-1/a}{t} \right)^t} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ &= \frac{e^{1/a}}{e^{-1/a}} = e^{\frac{2}{a}} \quad (3 \text{ points}) \end{aligned}$$

2. (10%) Find the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(\cos(ax))}{\ln(\cos(bx))}$, where a, b are constant.

Solution:

We found this problem is an indeterminate form.

Consequently, we think about the L'Hospital's Rule first.

In this rule, there are three assumptions should be satisfied:

- (1) The denominator and the numerator should be differentiable on an open interval that contains 0.
- (2) The differentiation of the denominator can NOT equal to zero on an open interval that contains 0.

$$(\ln \cos(ax))' = \frac{1}{\cos(ax)} \cdot (-\sin(ax)) \cdot a$$

$$(\ln \cos(bx))' = \frac{1}{\cos(bx)} \cdot (-\sin(bx)) \cdot b$$

$$(-\sin(ax))' = -\cos(ax) \cdot a$$

$$(-\sin(bx))' = -\cos(bx) \cdot b$$

Therefore, the original can be rewritten as follows by using L'Hospital's Rule twice:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos bx}{\cos ax} \cdot \frac{-\cos ax \cdot a}{-\cos bx \cdot b} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a^2}{b^2}.$$

If students use L'Hospital's Rule first time correctly, and they can get 4 points;

If students use L'Hospital's Rule second time correctly, and they can get another 4 points;

If students calculate the limitation under x approaches to zero correctly, and they can get the other 2 points.

Solution 2

By using L'Hospital's Rule, the original equation can be written as follows:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{-\sin(ax)}{\cos(ax)} \cdot a}{\frac{-\sin(bx)}{\cos(bx)} \cdot b}$$

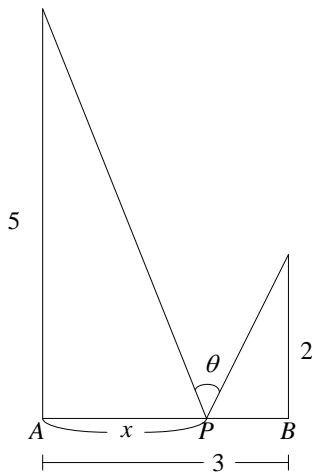
$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a \tan(ax)}{b \tan(bx)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a \sec^2(ax) \cdot a}{b \sec^2(bx) \cdot b}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{b^2}.$$

Other proper methods are permitted to solve this problem.

3. (12%) Choose the point P on the line segment AB so as (a) to maximize the angle θ ; (b) to minimize the angle θ .



Solution:

$$\theta = \pi - \tan^{-1}(5/x) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3-x}\right) \text{ (4pts)}$$

$$\theta' = \frac{\frac{5}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{25}{x^2}} + \frac{\frac{2}{(3-x)^2}}{1 + \frac{4}{(3-x)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{x^2 + 25} - \frac{2}{x^2 - 6x + 13}$$

$$\theta' = 0 \implies x^2 - 10x + 5 = 0$$

$$x = 5 - 2\sqrt{5} \text{ (since } 5 + 2\sqrt{5} > 3 \text{)} \text{ (4pts)}$$

$$\theta > 0 \text{ when } x \in (0, 5 - 2\sqrt{5})$$

$$\theta < 0 \text{ when } x \in (5 - 2\sqrt{5}, 3)$$

Thus $x = 5 - 2\sqrt{5}$ is a local maximum also a maximum since θ is differentiable on $(0,3)$
(2pts)

Check endpoints for minimum.

$$x = 0 \text{ then } \theta = \pi/2 - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

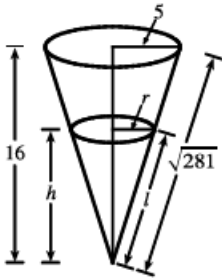
$$x = 3 \text{ then } \theta = \pi/2 - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$$

Since arctangent is increasing, θ has a minimum when $x = 3$ (2pts)

Answer: (a) $x = 5 - 2\sqrt{5}$ (b) $x = 3$

4. (12%) A container in the shape of an inverted cone has height 16 cm and radius 5 cm at the top. It is partially filled with a liquid that oozes(滲出) through the sides at a rate proportional to the area of the container that is in contact with the liquid. If we pour the liquid into the container at a rate of $2 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$, then the height of the liquid decreases at a rate of $0.3 \text{ cm}/\text{min}$ when the height is 10 cm. If our goal is to keep the liquid at a constant height of 10 cm, at what rate should we pour the liquid into the container?

- You may need this: The surface area of a cone is πrl , where r is the radius and l is the slant height(斜高).



Solution:

Let

$V_{pour}(t)$ be the volume of the liquid pours into the container at time t

$V_{ooze}(t)$ be the volume of the liquid oozes through the container at time t

$h(t)$ be the height of the liquid in the container at time t , as h in the figure

$r(t)$ be the radius of the liquid in the container at time t , as r in the figure

$V(t)$ be the volume of liquid in the container at time t

by similarity of triangles : $\frac{r(t)}{5} = \frac{h(t)}{16} \Rightarrow r(t) = \frac{5}{16}h(t)$

we also have :

$$V_0 \text{ (initial volume of the liquid)} + V_{pour}(t) - V_{ooze}(t) = V(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2(t)h(t) = \frac{25}{768}\pi h^3(t) \dots (4\%)$$

$$\Rightarrow V'_{pour}(t) - V'_{ooze}(t) = V'(t) = \frac{25}{256}\pi h^2(t)h'(t) \dots (4\%)$$

notice that : $h'(t_0) = -0.3$ at $h(t_0) = 10$, $V'_{pour}(t_0) = 2$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - V'_{ooze}(t_0) = \frac{25}{256}\pi(10^2)(-0.3) = -\frac{375\pi}{128} \dots (2\%)$$

$$\Rightarrow V'_{ooze}(t_0) = 2 + \frac{375\pi}{128}$$

$$\text{so if } V'_{pour}(t_0) = V'_{ooze}(t_0) = 2 + \frac{375\pi}{128} \text{ (cm}^3/\text{min)} \dots (2\%)$$

then $V'(t_0) = V'_{pour}(t_0) - V'_{ooze}(t_0) = 0$, hence $h'(t_0) = 0$ which is what we want

(If you finish the second part(state the differential equation), then the first 4 points will be included. There is 0 points for the third part if the first two parts are not both correct. If the relation of functions are wrong, there is 0 points for this problem!)

5. (12%) If $xy + e^y = e$,

(a) (3%) find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

(b) (9%) find the values of y , y' and y'' at the point where $x = 0$.

Solution:

$$(a) \quad y + x \frac{dy}{dx} + e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}(x + e^y) = -y \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{x + e^y}$$

$$(b) \quad x = 0 \Rightarrow e^y = 1 \Rightarrow y = 1, \text{ and } y' + y' + xy'' + e(y')^2 + e^y y'' = 0, \text{ then } y' = \frac{-1}{0 + e} = \frac{-1}{e} \text{ when } x = 0, \text{ then}$$
$$\text{take } y = 0, y' = \frac{-1}{e}, \text{ we get } \frac{-2}{e} + e\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^2 + ey'' = 0 \Rightarrow ey'' = \frac{1}{e} \Rightarrow y'' = \frac{1}{e^2}$$

6. (10%) Define $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$

- (a) (3%) Show that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.
 (b) (4%) Calculate $f'(x)$ when $x \neq 0$.
 (c) (3%) Find $f'(0)$ if it exists.

Solution:

(a) We need to check that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = 0$. (2pts)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0.$$

$$\text{(since } \forall x \neq 0, -x^2 \leq x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq x^2 \text{ \& } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x^2 = 0.$$

Then by squeezing theorem, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$.) (1pt)

(b) When $x \neq 0$, $f'(x) = 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} + x^2 (\cos \frac{1}{x}) \left(\frac{-1}{x^2}\right) = 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x}$ (4pts)

(c) $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$. (2pts)

$$\text{(since } \forall x \neq 0, -|x| \leq x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq |x| \text{ \& } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -x = 0.$$

Then by squeezing theorem, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$.) (1pt)

7. (24%) Let $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{(1+x)^3}$. Answer the following questions by filling each blank below. Show your work (computations and reasoning) in the space following. Put **None** in the blank if the item asked does **not** exist.

(a) The function is increasing on the interval(s) _____ and decreasing on the interval(s) _____ (6% total). The local maximal point(s) $(x, y) =$ _____ (2%),

The local minimal point(s) $(x, y) =$ _____ (2%).

(b) The function is concave upward on the interval(s) _____ and concave downward on the interval(s) _____ (6% total).

The inflection point(s) $(x, y) =$ _____ (2%).

(c) The vertical asymptote line(s) of the function is(are) _____.

The horizontal asymptote line(s) is(are) _____ (2%)

(d) Sketch the graph of the function. Indicate, if any, where it is increasing/decreasing, where it concaves upward/downward, all relative maxima/minima, inflection points and asymptotic line(s) (if any). (4%)

Solution:

$$(a) f'(x) = \frac{4x^3(1+x)^3 - 3(1+x)^2x^4}{(1+x)^6} = \frac{4x^3(1+x) - 3x^4}{(1+x)^4} = \frac{x^3(x+4)}{(1+x)^4} \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^3(x+4) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } 4$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ on } (-\infty, -4) \cup (0, -\infty)$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is increasing on $(-\infty, -4) \cup (0, -\infty)$. (1 point)

$$f'(x) < 0 \text{ on } (-4, -1) \cup (-1, 0)$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is decreasing on $(-4, -1) \cup (-1, 0)$. (1 point)

$\Rightarrow f$ has a local minimum at $(0, 0)$ (2 points)

and a local maximum at $(-4, -\frac{256}{27})$. (2 points)

$$(b) f''(x) = \frac{(3x^2(x+4) + x^3)(1+x)^4 - 4(1+x)^3(x^3(x+4))}{(1+x)^8} = \frac{(1+x)(4x^3 + 12x^2) - (4x^4 + 16x^3)}{(1+x)^5}$$

$$= \frac{12x^2}{(1+x)^5} \quad (4 \text{ points})$$

$$f''(x) > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{12x^2}{(1+x)^5} > 0, x \neq 0 \Rightarrow x > -1, x \neq 0.$$

$$f''(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{12x^2}{(1+x)^5} < 0 \Rightarrow x < -1.$$

f is concave upward on $(-1, \infty)$, (1 point)

and concave downward on $(-\infty, -1)$. (1 point)

$(0, 0)$ is not an inflection point, since $f''(x) > 0$ on $(-1, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$.

f is not defined at $x = -1$.

f has no inflection point. (2 points)

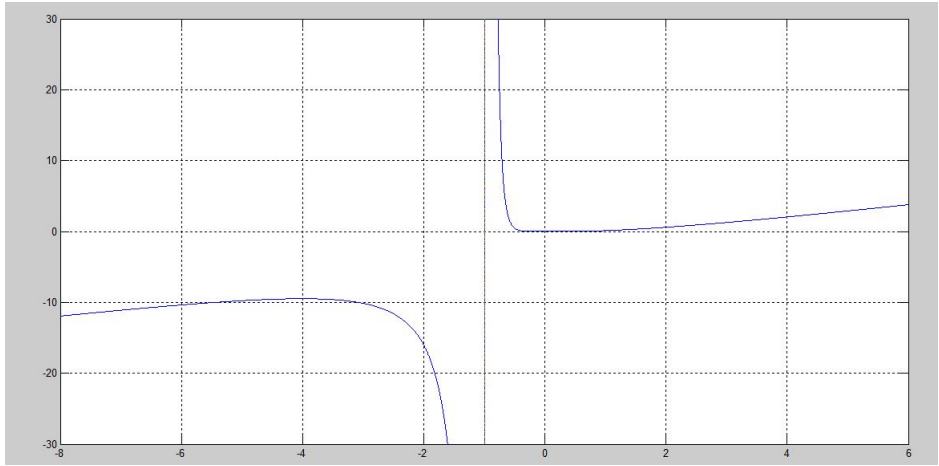
$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \infty$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ has vertical asymptote $x = -1$. (1 point)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = \pm\infty$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ has no horizontal asymptote. (1 point)

(d) The figure is:



8. (10%) Consider any point (x_0, y_0) , where $x_0 > 0$ and $y_0 > 0$, on the hyperbola $xy = k$, where $k > 0$ is a constant.
- (a) (6%) Find the equation of the tangent line at (x_0, y_0) .
- (b) (3%) Let A and B denote respectively the x -intercept and the y -intercept of the tangent line at (x_0, y_0) . Find the area of the triangle enclosed by the origin O and A, B .
- (c) (1%) Is the area of $\triangle OAB$ a constant? That is, is the area of $\triangle OAB$ independent of x_0 and y_0 ?

Solution:

Method 1 (a) To find the tangent line of $xy = k$ at (x_0, y_0) in the first quadrant, we differentiate $xy = k$ implicitly with respect to x to get

$$y + x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x} \text{ (3\%)} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x_0, y_0)} = -\frac{y_0}{x_0}. \text{ (1\%)}$$

So the tangent line of $xy = k$ at (x_0, y_0) is $y - y_0 = -\frac{y_0}{x_0}(x - x_0)$. (2%)

(b) We get x -intercept and y -intercept of the tangent line as follows:

- Let $y = 0$, then $x = 2x_0$, so the coordinates of A is $(2x_0, 0)$. (1%)
- Let $x = 0$, then $y = 2y_0$, so the coordinates of B is $(0, 2y_0)$. (1%)

Hence the area of $\triangle OAB$ is $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x_0 \cdot 2y_0 = 2x_0y_0$. (1%)

(c) Yes, the area of $\triangle OAB$ is $2x_0y_0 = 2k$, which is a constant. (1%)

The hyperbola $xy = k$ can be written as $y = \frac{k}{x}$.

Method 2 (a) Since $y = \frac{k}{x}$, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{k}{x^2} \text{ (3\%)} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} = -\frac{k}{x_0^2}. \text{ (1\%)}$$

So the tangent line of $xy = k$ at (x_0, y_0) is $y - y_0 = -\frac{k}{x_0^2}(x - x_0)$. (2%)

(b) We get x -intercept and y -intercept of the tangent line as follows:

- Let $y = 0$, then $x = x_0 + \frac{x_0^2 y_0}{k}$, so the coordinates of A is $(x_0 + \frac{x_0^2 y_0}{k}, 0)$. (1%)
- Let $x = 0$, then $y = y_0 + \frac{k}{x_0}$, so the coordinates of B is $(0, y_0 + \frac{k}{x_0})$. (1%)

Hence the area of $\triangle OAB$ is $\frac{1}{2} \left(x_0 + \frac{x_0^2 y_0}{k} \right) \left(y_0 + \frac{k}{x_0} \right)$. (1%)

(c) Yes, the area of $\triangle OAB$ is $\frac{1}{2} \left(x_0 y_0 + k + \frac{x_0^2 y_0^2}{k} + x_0 y_0 \right) = 2k$, which is a constant. (1%)

微分計算錯誤，代點得到錯誤的值，但是有寫出直線方程式(斜率當然有誤)，得 2 分。

因為 (a) 計算錯誤，但有確實找直線和兩軸的交點以及面積，得 2 分。

(c) 寫了 Yes，但是在 (b) 或 (c) 的過程中並未寫出算得之面積為 $2k$ (常數)，不給分。