

c Differential calculus and Trigonometry
1st stage (2nd Sec.)

Answer all the following questions

1) a) Evaluate:-

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt{7+3x} - 3}{x - 8}$

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(3 - \frac{2}{x} \right) \left(\frac{3}{x} \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \right)$

(iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x \tan^2 x}{x^2 \sin 7x}$

b) Find the first derivative of each the following

i) $f(x) = \left(\frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 3} \right)^4$

ii) $y = x^3 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^2}$

2) a) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1} + ax + b \right) = 0$

find the value a and b

b) Find the points on the curve of $y = \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x + 1}$ at which the tangents

are perpendicular to the st. line $4x = 5 - 3y$

3) a) If $y = \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 1}$, $z = \sqrt{2x + 1}$ find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

b) prove that the two curves $y = x^2 - x + 2$ and $y = 3x - x^2$ are touch each other at their point of intersection then find the equation of their common tangent

4)

a) Without using calculator find the value of $\sin 15^\circ$, $\cos 75^\circ$, $\tan 105^\circ$

b) Evaluate

i) $\cos (100^\circ - x) \cos (70^\circ - x) + \sin (80^\circ + x) \sin (70^\circ - x)$

ii) $\sin 23^\circ \cos 7^\circ + \sin 67^\circ \cos 83^\circ$

5) a) If A, B are the measure of two acute angles such that

$m(\angle A) + m(\angle B) = 120^\circ$ &

$2\sin A = (\sqrt{3} + 1)\sin B$

Find A and B

b) If $0 < x < 2\pi$

and $\sin (60^\circ + x) = 2 \sin x$

Find the values of x

6)

a) If $m(\angle A)$, $m(\angle B)$, $m(\angle C)$, are the measures of three acute angles such that:

$\tan A = \frac{2}{3}$, $\tan B = \frac{1}{2}$, $\tan C = \frac{4}{7}$

without using calculator

prove that $A + B + C = \frac{\pi}{2}$

b)

i) Prove that:

$\tan 20^\circ \tan 40^\circ \tan 80^\circ = \tan 60^\circ$

ii) If $\tan A$, $\tan B$ are the roots of the equation $4x^2 - 17x + 15 = 0$ Calculate $\tan(A - B)$



1) a)

$$i) f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{x}} - 3}{x - 8}$$

$$f(8) = \frac{0}{0} \text{ unspecified value}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{x}} - 3}{x - 8} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{x}} - 3}{x - 8} \times \frac{\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{x}} + 3}{\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{x}} + 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{7 + \sqrt[3]{x} - 9}{(x - 8)(\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{x}} + 3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - 2}{(x - 8)} \times \frac{1}{(\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{x}} + 3)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - (8)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x - 8} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{7 + \sqrt[3]{8}} + 3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (8)^{\frac{1}{3}-1} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{7+2}+3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (2^3)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \times \frac{1}{3+3} = \frac{1}{3} \times (2)^{-2} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{72}$$

$$ii) f(x) = \left(3 - \frac{2}{x}\right) \left(\frac{3}{x} \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right)$$

$$f(\infty) = 0 \times \infty \text{ unspecified value}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(3 - \frac{2}{x}\right) \left(\frac{3}{x} \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(3 - \frac{2}{x}\right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{x} \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

$$= \left(3 - \frac{2}{\infty}\right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} (x^2 + 1)}$$

$$= (3 - 0) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= 3 \times 3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\infty}}$$

$$= 3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$iii) f(x) = \frac{\sin 3x \tan^2 x}{x^2 \sin 7x}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{0}{0} \text{ unspecified value}$$

Divide up and down by x^3

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x \tan^2 x}{x^2 \sin 7x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin 3x}{x} \times \frac{\tan^2 x}{x^2}}{\frac{x^2 \sin 7x}{x^3}}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{x} \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan x}{x}\right)^2}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{x}} = \frac{3x(1)^2}{7} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$b) i) f(x) = \left(\frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 3}\right)^4$$

$$f'(x) = 4 \left(\frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 3}\right)^3 \times \frac{(x^2 + 3) \times 2x - (x^2 + 2) \times 2x}{(x^2 + 3)^2}$$

$$= 4 \left(\frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 3}\right)^3 \times \frac{2x^3 + 6x - 2x^3 - 4x}{(x^2 + 3)^2}$$

$$= 4 \times \frac{(x^2 + 2)^3}{(x^2 + 3)^3} \times \frac{2x}{(x^2 + 3)^2} = \frac{8x(x^2 + 2)^3}{(x^2 + 3)^5}$$

$$ii) y = x^3 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^2} = x^3 (x^2 + 2x + 2)^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^3 \times \frac{2}{5} (x^2 + 2x + 2)^{-\frac{3}{5}} (2x + 2) +$$

$$\frac{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^{\frac{2}{5}} \times 3x^2}{5 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^3}} + 3x^2 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4x^3(x + 1)}{5 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^3}} + 3x^2 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4x^3(x + 1) + 15x^2(x^2 + 2x + 2)}{5 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^3}}$$

$$= \frac{19x^4 + 34x^3 + 30x^2}{5 \sqrt[5]{(x^2 + 2x + 2)^3}}$$



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

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 1 + (x+1)(ax+b)}{x+1} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 1 + ax^2 + bx + ax + b}{x+1} = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1+a)x^2 + (a+b)x + 1+b}{x+1} = 0$$

The limit=zero at $x \rightarrow \infty$

Then the degree of numerator is smaller than the degree of denominator

$$\therefore 1+a=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a=-1}$$

$$\text{and } a+b=0 \Rightarrow b=-a \Rightarrow \boxed{b=1}$$

$$b) y = \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x + 1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+1)(2x+1) - (x^2 + x + 1) \times 1}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 + 3x + 1 - x^2 - x - 1}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 2x}{(x+1)^2}$$

\therefore the tangent \perp to st line $4x+3y-5=0$

$$\therefore \text{slope of tangent} = \frac{-1}{\text{slope of line}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\frac{-\text{coefficient of } x}{\text{coefficient of } y}} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + 2x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{-1}{-4/3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2 + 2x}{x^2 + 2x + 1} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow 4x^2 + 8x = 3x^2 + 6x + 3$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow (x+3)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \text{Either} & \text{or} \\ x = -3 & x = 1 \\ y = \frac{9-3+1}{-3+1} = \frac{-7}{2} & y = \frac{1+1+1}{1+1} = \frac{3}{2} \end{array}$$

The points are $(-3, -\frac{7}{2})$, $(1, \frac{3}{2})$

3)

$$a) y = \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{(z^2 + 1)2z - z^2 \times 2z}{(z^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2z^3 + 2z - 2z^3}{(z^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2z}{(z^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{2x+1}}{(2x+1+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{2x+1}}{(2x+2)^2}$$

$$z = \sqrt{2x+1}$$

$$z = (2x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} (2x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+1}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \times \frac{dz}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2\sqrt{2x+1}}{(2x+2)^2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+1}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{(2(x+1))^2} = \frac{2}{4(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{2(x+1)^2}$$

b) To find point of intersection of the two curves solve their equations

$$y = x^2 - x + 2 \text{ and } y = 3x - x^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - x + 2 = 3x - x^2 \Rightarrow 2x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0 \quad (\div 2)$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)^2 = 0$$

$$x-1=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=1} \text{ then } y=1-1+2=2$$

Then the point of intersection is (1,2)

$$y = x^2 - x + 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 1$$

$$\text{At } (1,2) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\& y = 3x - x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - 2x$$

$$\text{At } (1,2) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

\therefore The two slopes are equals

\therefore The Two tangents are parallel

\therefore They have a common point (1,2)

\therefore The Two tangents are Coinside

\therefore The Two curves have a common tangent at (1,2)

\therefore The equation of the tangent $\frac{y-y_1}{x-x_1} = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{y-2}{x-1} = 1 \Rightarrow x-1=y-2 \Rightarrow x-y+1=0$$

4. a)

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 15^\circ &= \sin (45^\circ - 30^\circ) \\ &= \sin 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \cos 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 75^\circ &= \cos (45^\circ + 30^\circ) \\ &= \cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Notice that:

$$\cos 75^\circ = \cos (90^\circ - 15^\circ) = \sin 15^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan 105^\circ &= \tan (45^\circ + 60^\circ) \\ &= \frac{\tan 45^\circ + \tan 60^\circ}{1 - \tan 45^\circ \tan 60^\circ} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 - 1 \times \sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1 + 2\sqrt{3} + 3}{1 - 3} \\ &= \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{3}}{-2} = \frac{2(2 + \sqrt{3})}{-2} = -(2 + \sqrt{3})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{b) i) } &\cos (100^\circ - x) \cos (70^\circ - x) + \\ &\sin (80^\circ + x) \sin (70^\circ - x) \\ &= \cos (100^\circ - x) \cos (70^\circ - x) + \\ &\sin (180^\circ - (80^\circ + x)) \sin (70^\circ - x) \\ &= \cos (100^\circ - x) \cos (70^\circ - x) + \\ &\sin (100^\circ - x) \sin (70^\circ - x) \\ &= \cos ((100^\circ - x) - (70^\circ - x)) \\ &= \cos (100^\circ - x - 70^\circ + x) = \cos (30^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ii) } &\sin 23^\circ \cos 7^\circ + \sin 67^\circ \cos 83^\circ \\ &\because \sin 67^\circ = \sin (90^\circ - 23^\circ) = \cos 23^\circ \\ &\cos 83^\circ = \cos (90^\circ - 7^\circ) = \sin 7^\circ \\ &\therefore \sin 23^\circ \cos 7^\circ + \sin 67^\circ \cos 83^\circ \\ &= \sin 23^\circ \cos 7^\circ + \cos 23^\circ \sin 7^\circ \\ &= \sin (23^\circ + 7^\circ) = \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}5) \text{ a) } &\because A + B = 120^\circ \Rightarrow A = 120^\circ - B \\ &\sin A = \sin (120^\circ - B) \\ &\sin A = \sin 120^\circ \cos B - \cos 120^\circ \sin B \\ &\therefore \sin A = \sin (180^\circ - 60^\circ) \cos B - \\ &\cos (180^\circ - 60^\circ) \sin B \\ &= \sin 60^\circ \cos B - (-\cos 60^\circ) \sin B \\ &\therefore \sin A = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos B + \frac{1}{2} \sin B\end{aligned}$$

Multiply both sides by 2

$$\therefore 2 \sin A = \sqrt{3} \cos B + \sin B \dots (1)$$

From the given:

$$\therefore 2 \sin A = (\sqrt{3} + 1) \sin B \quad \text{in (1)}$$

$$\therefore (\sqrt{3} + 1) \sin B = \sqrt{3} \cos B + \sin B$$

$$\sqrt{3} \sin B + \sin B = \sqrt{3} \cos B + \sin B$$

$$\sqrt{3} \sin B = \sqrt{3} \cos B \Rightarrow \sin B = \cos B$$

$$\frac{\sin B}{\cos B} = \frac{\cos B}{\cos B} \Rightarrow \tan B = 1$$

, $\angle B$ is an acute angle

$$\therefore m(B) = 45^\circ \Rightarrow m(A) = 120^\circ - 45^\circ = 75^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{b) } &\because \sin (60^\circ + x) = 2 \sin x \\ &\therefore \sin 60^\circ \cos x + \cos 60^\circ \sin x = 2 \sin x\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} \sin x = 2 \sin x$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos x = \frac{3}{2} \sin x \Rightarrow \cos x = \sqrt{3} \sin x$$

Divide both sides by $\cos x$:-

$$1 = \sqrt{3} \tan x \Rightarrow \tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Either } \boxed{x = 30^\circ} \text{ or } \boxed{x = 180^\circ + 30^\circ = 210^\circ}$$

$$\therefore S.S = \{30^\circ, 210^\circ\}$$

6) a)

$$Q \tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - (\tan A \times \tan B)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{\frac{4+3}{6}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{7}{6} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$Q \tan((A+B)+C) = \frac{\tan(A+B) + \tan C}{1 - (\tan(A+B)\tan C)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{4}{4} + \frac{4}{7}}{1 - \left(\frac{7}{4} \times \frac{4}{7}\right)} = \frac{\frac{49+16}{28}}{1-1} = \frac{65}{0} = \text{undefined}$$

$$\therefore m(A) + m(B) + m(C) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Another method

$$Q \tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - (\tan A \times \tan B)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{\frac{4+3}{6}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{7}{6} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{7}{4} = \frac{1}{\tan C} = \cot C$$

$$\backslash \tan(A+B) = \cot C = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - C\right)$$

$$\backslash A+B = \frac{\pi}{2} - C$$

$$\backslash m(A) + m(B) + m(C) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

b)
i)

L.H.S

$$= \tan 20^\circ \tan 40^\circ \tan 80^\circ$$

$$= \tan 20^\circ \tan(60^\circ - 20^\circ) \tan(60^\circ + 20^\circ)$$

$$= \tan 20^\circ \times \frac{\tan 60^\circ - \tan 20^\circ}{1 + \tan 60^\circ \tan 20^\circ} \times \frac{\tan 60^\circ + \tan 20^\circ}{1 - \tan 60^\circ \tan 20^\circ}$$

$$= \tan 20^\circ \times \frac{\sqrt{3} - \tan 20^\circ}{1 + \sqrt{3} \tan 20^\circ} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + \tan 20^\circ}{1 - \sqrt{3} \tan 20^\circ}$$

$$\backslash \tan 20^\circ \tan 40^\circ \tan 80^\circ = \tan 20^\circ \times \frac{3 - \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - 3 \tan^2 20^\circ}$$

$$R.H.S \quad Q \tan 60^\circ = \tan(20^\circ + 40^\circ)$$

$$\backslash \tan 60^\circ = \frac{\tan 20^\circ + \tan 40^\circ}{1 - \tan 20^\circ \tan 40^\circ}$$

$$Q \tan 40^\circ = \frac{2 \tan 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}$$

$$\backslash \tan 20^\circ + \tan 40^\circ = \tan 20^\circ + \frac{2 \tan 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}$$

$$= \tan 20^\circ \left(1 + \frac{2}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}\right)$$

$$= \tan 20^\circ \left(\frac{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ} + \frac{2}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}\right)$$

$$\backslash \tan 20^\circ + \tan 40^\circ = \tan 20^\circ \left(\frac{3 - \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$= 1 - \tan 20^\circ \tan 40^\circ = 1 - \tan 20^\circ \times \frac{2 \tan 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}$$

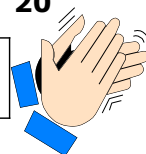
$$= 1 - \frac{2 \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ} = \frac{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ} - \frac{2 \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}$$

$$\backslash 1 - \tan 20^\circ \tan 40^\circ = \frac{1 - 3 \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ} \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

(1), (2)

$$R.H.S = \tan 20^\circ \times \frac{3 - \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ} \times \frac{1 - \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - 3 \tan^2 20^\circ}$$

$$R.H.S = \tan 20^\circ \times \frac{3 - \tan^2 20^\circ}{1 - 3 \tan^2 20^\circ} = L.H.S$$



ii)

Remember that

In the equation $ax^2+bx+c=0, a \neq 0$

The sum of the roots $= \frac{-b}{a}$

The product of the roots $= \frac{c}{a}$

(The difference of the roots)²

$= (\text{Sum of the roots})^2 - (4 \times \text{product of the roots})$

Q $\tan A, \tan B$ are the roots
of the equation $4x^2-17x+15=0$

$$\therefore \tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + (\tan A \times \tan B)}$$

$$\therefore \tan A + \tan B = \frac{-(-17)}{4} = \frac{17}{4}$$

$$\& \tan A \times \tan B = \frac{15}{4} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$(\tan A - \tan B)^2 = \left(\frac{17}{4}\right)^2 - \left(4 \times \frac{15}{4}\right) = \frac{49}{16}$$

$$\therefore (\tan A - \tan B) = \pm \frac{7}{4} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\therefore \tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + (\tan A \times \tan B)} \dots\dots(3)$$

\therefore From (1) & (2) in (3) we get

$$\tan(A - B) = \frac{\pm \frac{7}{4}}{1 + \frac{15}{4}} = \frac{\pm \frac{7}{4}}{\frac{4}{4} + \frac{15}{4}} = \frac{\pm \frac{7}{4}}{\frac{19}{4}} = \pm \frac{7}{19}$$

Another method

$$\therefore 4x^2-17x+15=0$$

$$\therefore (4x-5)(x-3)=0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{4} \text{ or } x=3$$

Either

$$\tan A = \frac{5}{4}, \tan B = 3$$

$$\therefore \tan(A - B) = \frac{\frac{5}{4} - 3}{1 + \left(\frac{5}{4} \times 3\right)}$$

$$\therefore \tan(A - B) = \frac{-7}{19}$$

Or

$$\tan A = 3, \tan B = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\therefore \tan(A - B) = \frac{3 - \frac{5}{4}}{1 + \left(3 \times \frac{5}{4}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \tan(A - B) = \frac{7}{19}$$

