



Maths Questions By Topic:

Trigonometry

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6. In this question you should show all stages of your working.

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(i) Solve, for $0 < \theta \leq 450^\circ$, the equation

$$5 \cos^2 \theta = 6 \sin \theta$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(5)

(ii) (a) A student's attempt to solve the question

“Solve, for $-90^\circ < x < 90^\circ$, the equation $3 \tan x - 5 \sin x = 0$ ”

is set out below.

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \tan x - 5 \sin x &= 0 \\ 3 \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - 5 \sin x &= 0 \\ 3 \sin x - 5 \sin x \cos x &= 0 \\ 3 - 5 \cos x &= 0 \\ \cos x &= \frac{3}{5} \\ x &= 53.1^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Identify two errors or omissions made by this student, giving a brief explanation of each.

(2)

The first four positive solutions, in order of size, of the equation

$$\cos(5\alpha + 40^\circ) = \frac{3}{5}$$

are $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ and α_4

(b) Find, to the nearest degree, the value of α_4

(2)

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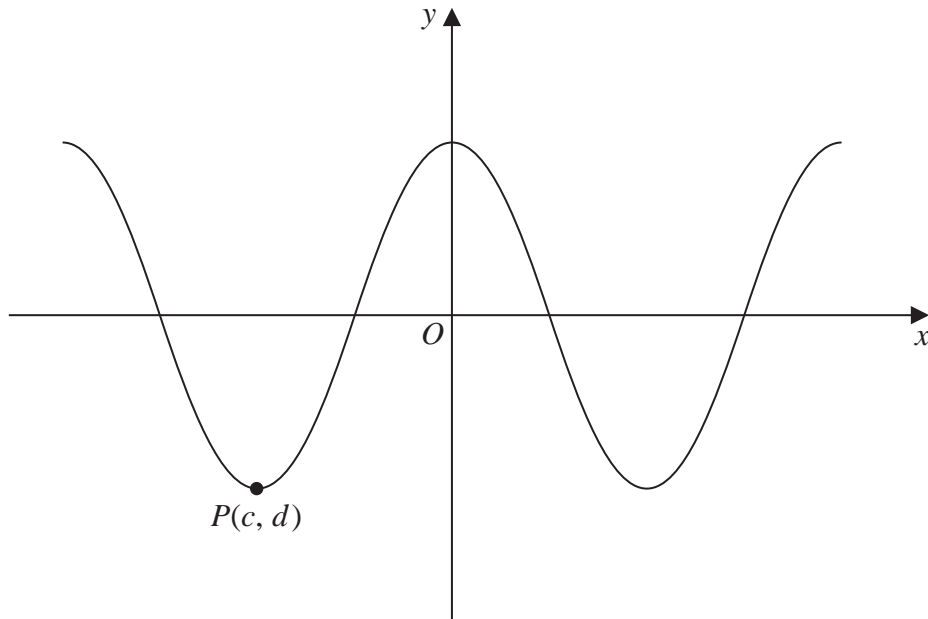


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows part of the curve with equation $y = 3 \cos x^\circ$.

The point $P(c, d)$ is a minimum point on the curve with c being the smallest negative value of x at which a minimum occurs.

(a) State the value of c and the value of d . (1)

(b) State the coordinates of the point to which P is mapped by the transformation which transforms the curve with equation $y = 3 \cos x^\circ$ to the curve with equation

(i) $y = 3 \cos \left(\frac{x^\circ}{4} \right)$

(ii) $y = 3 \cos (x - 36)^\circ$ (2)

(c) Solve, for $450^\circ \leq \theta < 720^\circ$,

$$3 \cos \theta = 8 \tan \theta$$

giving your solution to one decimal place.

In part (c) you must show all stages of your working.

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable. (5)

22. (a) Express $2 \sin \theta - 1.5 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \sin(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

State the value of R and give the value of α to 4 decimal places.

(3)

Tom models the depth of water, D metres, at Southview harbour on 18th October 2017 by the formula

$$D = 6 + 2 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi t}{25}\right) - 1.5 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi t}{25}\right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 24$$

where t is the time, in hours, after 00:00 hours on 18th October 2017.

Use Tom's model to

(b) find the depth of water at 00:00 hours on 18th October 2017,

(1)

(c) find the maximum depth of water,

(1)

(d) find the time, in the afternoon, when the maximum depth of water occurs.

Give your answer to the nearest minute.

(3)

Tom's model is supported by measurements of D taken at regular intervals on 18th October 2017. Jolene attempts to use a similar model in order to model the depth of water at Southview harbour on 19th October 2017.

Jolene models the depth of water, H metres, at Southview harbour on 19th October 2017 by the formula

$$H = 6 + 2 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi x}{25}\right) - 1.5 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi x}{25}\right), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 24$$

where x is the time, in hours, after 00:00 hours on 19th October 2017.

By considering the depth of water at 00:00 hours on 19th October 2017 for both models,

(e) (i) explain why Jolene's model is not correct,

(ii) hence find a suitable model for H in terms of x .

(3)

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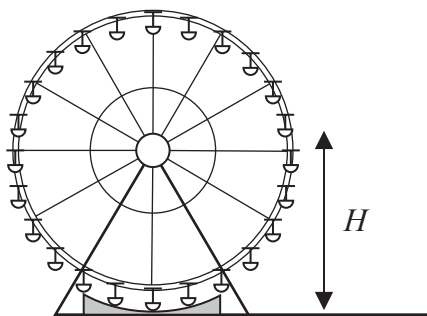


Figure 4

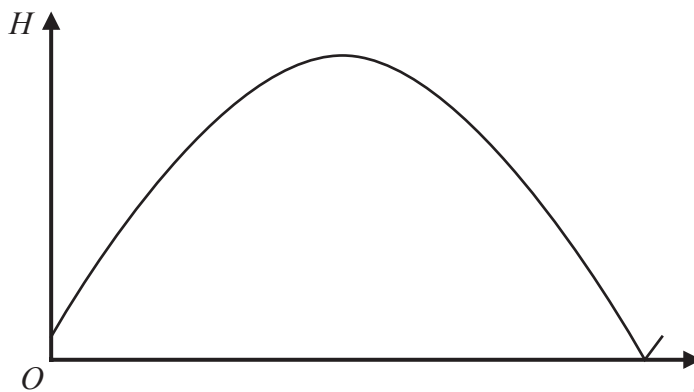


Figure 5

Figure 4 shows a sketch of a Ferris wheel.

The height above the ground, H m, of a passenger on the Ferris wheel, t seconds after the wheel starts turning, is modelled by the equation

$$H = |A \sin(bt + \alpha)^\circ|$$

where A , b and α are constants.

Figure 5 shows a sketch of the graph of H against t , for one revolution of the wheel.

Given that

- the maximum height of the passenger above the ground is 50 m
- the passenger is 1 m above the ground when the wheel starts turning
- the wheel takes 720 seconds to complete one revolution

(a) find a complete equation for the model, giving the exact value of A , the exact value of b and the value of α to 3 significant figures.

(4)

(b) Explain why an equation of the form

$$H = |A \sin(bt + \alpha)^\circ| + d$$

where d is a positive constant, would be a more appropriate model.

(1)

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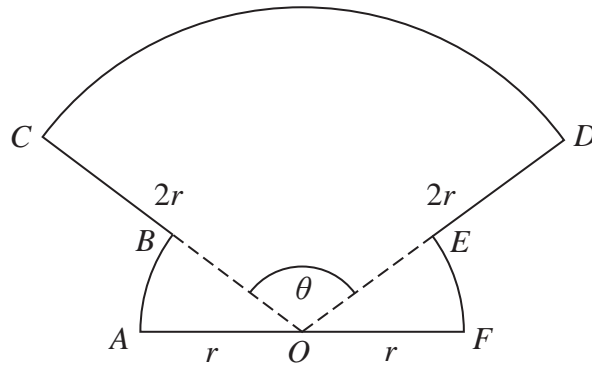


Figure 1

The shape $OABCDEFO$ shown in Figure 1 is a design for a logo.

In the design

- OAB is a sector of a circle centre O and radius r
- sector OFE is congruent to sector OAB
- ODC is a sector of a circle centre O and radius $2r$
- AOF is a straight line

Given that the size of angle COD is θ radians,

(a) write down, in terms of θ , the size of angle AOB (1)

(b) Show that the area of the logo is

$$\frac{1}{2} r^2 (3\theta + \pi) \quad (2)$$

(c) Find the perimeter of the logo, giving your answer in simplest form in terms of r , θ and π . (2)

30. (a) Express $2\cos\theta - \sin\theta$ in the form $R\cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$.
 Give the exact value of R and the value of α in radians to 3 decimal places. (3)

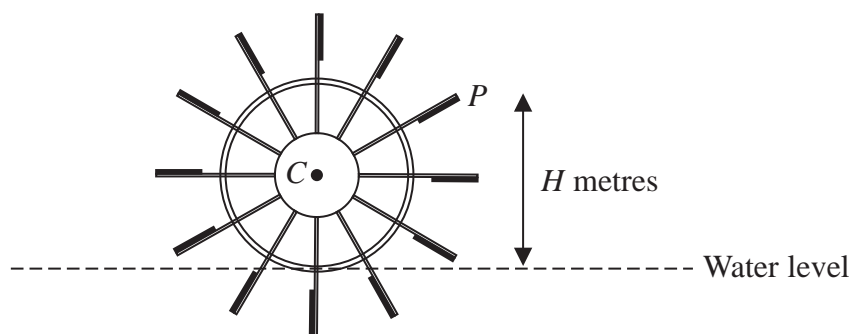


Figure 6

Figure 6 shows the cross-section of a water wheel.

The wheel is free to rotate about a fixed axis through the point C .

The point P is at the end of one of the paddles of the wheel, as shown in Figure 6.

The water level is assumed to be horizontal and of constant height.

The vertical height, H metres, of P above the water level is modelled by the equation

$$H = 3 + 4\cos(0.5t) - 2\sin(0.5t)$$

where t is the time in seconds after the wheel starts rotating.

Using the model, find

- (b) (i) the maximum height of P above the water level,
 (ii) the value of t when this maximum height first occurs, giving your answer to one decimal place. (3)

In a single revolution of the wheel, P is below the water level for a total of T seconds.

According to the model,

- (c) find the value of T giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

(Solutions based entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.) (4)

In reality, the water level may not be of constant height.

- (d) Explain how the equation of the model should be refined to take this into account. (1)

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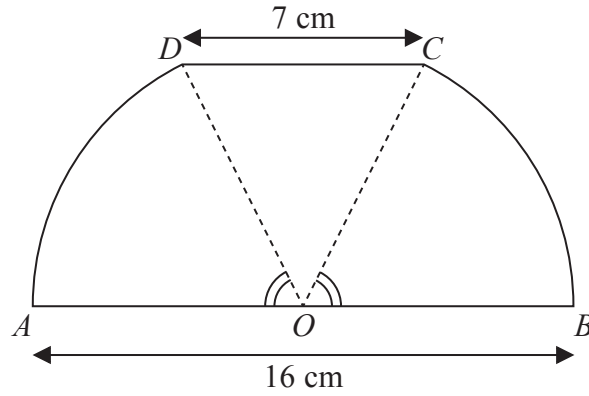


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of a design for a scraper blade. The blade $AOBCDA$ consists of an isosceles triangle COD joined along its equal sides to sectors OBC and ODA of a circle with centre O and radius 8 cm. Angles AOD and BOC are equal. AOB is a straight line and is parallel to the line DC . DC has length 7 cm.

- (a) Show that the angle COD is 0.906 radians, correct to 3 significant figures. (2)
- (b) Find the perimeter of $AOBCDA$, giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (3)
- (c) Find the area of $AOBCDA$, giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (3)

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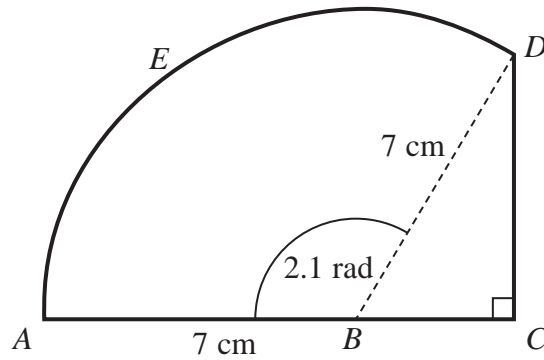


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the shape $ABCDEA$ which consists of a right-angled triangle BCD joined to a sector $ABDEA$ of a circle with radius 7 cm and centre B .

A , B and C lie on a straight line with $AB = 7\text{ cm}$.

Given that the size of angle ABD is exactly 2.1 radians,

(a) find, in cm , the length of the arc DEA , (2)

(b) find, in cm , the perimeter of the shape $ABCDEA$, giving your answer to 1 decimal place. (4)

(Total 6 marks)

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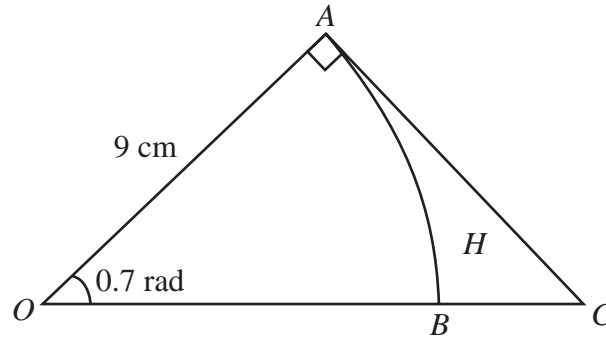


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the sector OAB of a circle with centre O , radius 9 cm and angle 0.7 radians.

(a) Find the length of the arc AB . (2)

(b) Find the area of the sector OAB . (2)

The line AC shown in Figure 1 is perpendicular to OA , and OBC is a straight line.

(c) Find the length of AC , giving your answer to 2 decimal places. (2)

The region H is bounded by the arc AB and the lines AC and CB .

(d) Find the area of H , giving your answer to 2 decimal places. (3)

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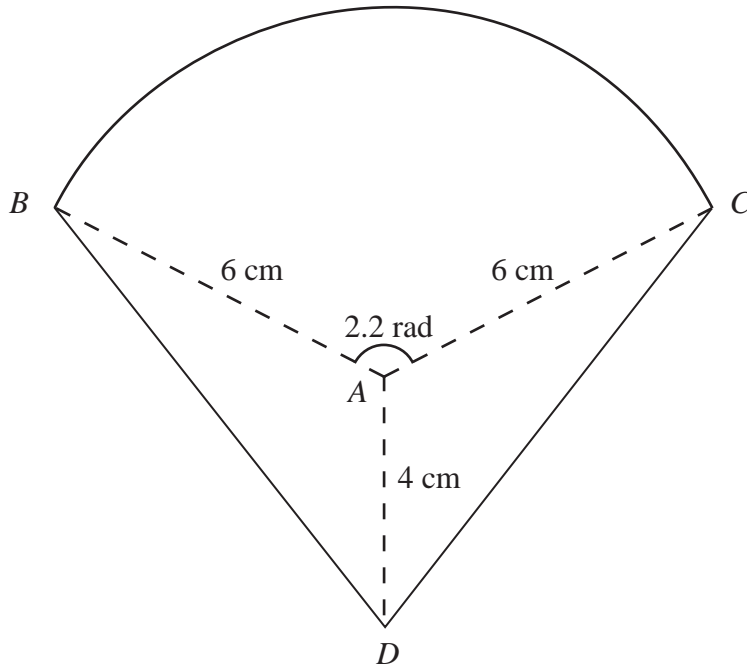


Figure 3

The shape BCD shown in Figure 3 is a design for a logo.

The straight lines DB and DC are equal in length. The curve BC is an arc of a circle with centre A and radius 6 cm. The size of $\angle BAC$ is 2.2 radians and $AD = 4$ cm.

Find

- (a) the area of the sector BAC , in cm^2 , (2)
- (b) the size of $\angle DAC$, in radians to 3 significant figures, (2)
- (c) the complete area of the logo design, to the nearest cm^2 . (4)

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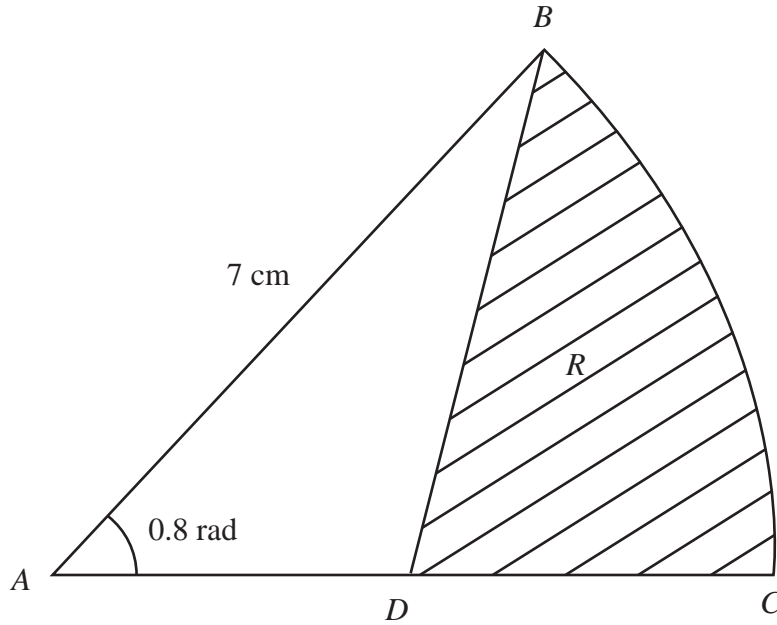


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows ABC , a sector of a circle with centre A and radius 7 cm.

Given that the size of $\angle BAC$ is exactly 0.8 radians, find

- (a) the length of the arc BC , (2)
- (b) the area of the sector ABC . (2)

The point D is the mid-point of AC . The region R , shown shaded in Figure 1, is bounded by CD , DB and the arc BC .

Find

- (c) the perimeter of R , giving your answer to 3 significant figures, (4)
- (d) the area of R , giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (4)

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Figure 1

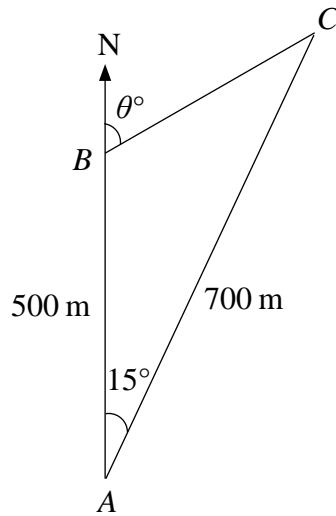


Figure 1 shows 3 yachts A , B and C which are assumed to be in the same horizontal plane. Yacht B is 500 m due north of yacht A and yacht C is 700 m from A . The bearing of C from A is 015° .

- (a) Calculate the distance between yacht B and yacht C , in metres to 3 significant figures. (3)

The bearing of yacht C from yacht B is θ° , as shown in Figure 1.

- (b) Calculate the value of θ . (4)

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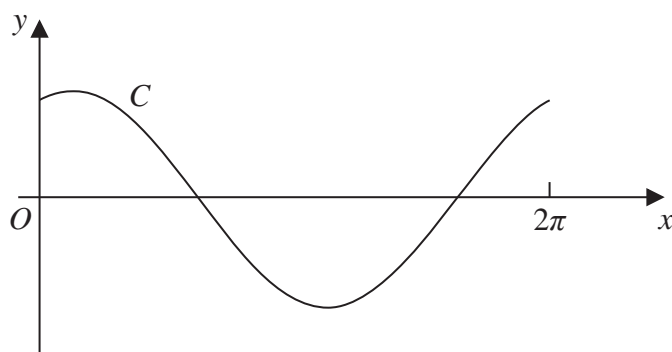


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the curve C , with equation $y = 6 \cos x + 2.5 \sin x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

- (a) Express $6 \cos x + 2.5 \sin x$ in the form $R \cos(x - \alpha)$, where R and α are constants with $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$. Give your value of α to 3 decimal places. (3)

- (b) Find the coordinates of the points on the graph where the curve C crosses the coordinate axes. (3)

A student records the number of hours of daylight each Sunday throughout the year. She starts on the last Sunday in May with a recording of 18 hours, and continues until her final recording 52 weeks later.

She models her results with the continuous function given by

$$H = 12 + 6 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{52}\right) + 2.5 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{52}\right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 52$$

where H is the number of hours of daylight and t is the number of weeks since her first recording.

Use this function to find

- (c) the maximum and minimum values of H predicted by the model, (3)
- (d) the values for t when $H = 16$, giving your answers to the nearest whole number.

[You must show your working. Answers based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.] (6)

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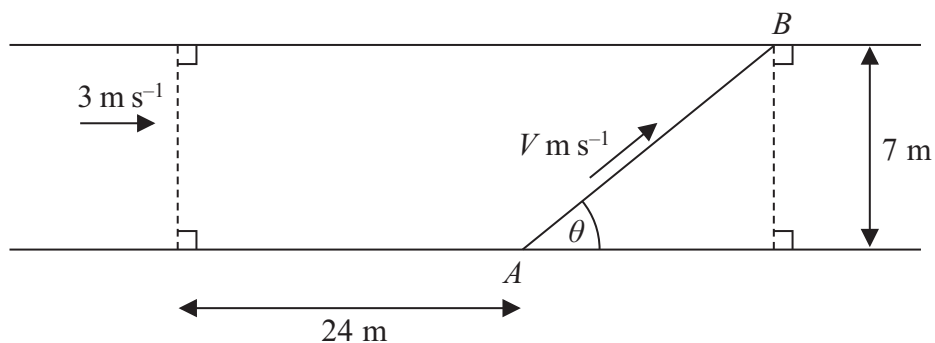


Figure 2

Kate crosses a road, of constant width 7 m, in order to take a photograph of a marathon runner, John, approaching at 3 m s^{-1} .

Kate is 24 m ahead of John when she starts to cross the road from the fixed point A .

John passes her as she reaches the other side of the road at a variable point B , as shown in Figure 2.

Kate's speed is $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and she moves in a straight line, which makes an angle θ , $0 < \theta < 150^\circ$, with the edge of the road, as shown in Figure 2.

You may assume that V is given by the formula

$$V = \frac{21}{24 \sin \theta + 7 \cos \theta}, \quad 0 < \theta < 150^\circ$$

- (a) Express $24 \sin \theta + 7 \cos \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$, where R and α are constants and where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90^\circ$, giving the value of α to 2 decimal places. (3)

Given that θ varies,

- (b) find the minimum value of V . (2)

Given that Kate's speed has the value found in part (b),

- (c) find the distance AB . (3)

Given instead that Kate's speed is 1.68 m s^{-1} ,

- (d) find the two possible values of the angle θ , given that $0 < \theta < 150^\circ$. (6)
