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**(i)**

Method 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(1 + e^{-x}) &\approx \ln \left[ 1 + \left( 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right] \\
 &= \ln \left( 2 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= \ln \left[ 2 \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right) \right] \\
 &= \ln 2 + \ln \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right) \right] \\
 &= \ln 2 + \left( -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right) - \frac{\left( -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right)^2}{2} + \dots \\
 &= \ln 2 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} - \left( \frac{x^2}{8} \right) + \dots \\
 &= \ln 2 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Method 2

$$f(x) = \ln(1 + e^{-x})$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} (-e^{-x}) = -\frac{1}{e^x + 1}$$

$$f''(x) = (e^x + 1)^{-2} e^x$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, f(0) = \ln 2, f'(0) = -\frac{1}{2}, f''(0) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(x) = \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}x + \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{x^2}{8} + \dots$$

**(ii)**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(1 + e^{-x}) = \frac{-e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}} = -\frac{1}{1 + e^x}$$

Using the series from part (i),  $\frac{1}{1 + e^x} \approx -\frac{d}{dx} \left( \ln 2 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{8}x^2 \right) = -\left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{8}x \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}x$ .

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$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - R$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - kv \quad (\text{Since } R = kv, \text{ where } k > 0)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{9.8 - kv} dv = \int 1 dt$$

$$-\frac{1}{k} \int \frac{-k}{9.8 - kv} dv = \int 1 dt$$

$$-\frac{1}{k} \ln|9.8 - kv| = t + C$$

$$\ln(9.8 - kv) = -kt - kC \quad (9.8 - kv > 0)$$

$$9.8 - kv = Ae^{-kt}, \text{ where } A = e^{-kC}$$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $v = 0$  (helicopter is stationary)

$$9.8 - k(0) = Ae^0 \Rightarrow A = 9.8$$

$$\therefore 9.8 - kv = 9.8e^{-kt}$$

$$v = \frac{9.8(1 - e^{-kt})}{k}$$

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, e^{-kt} \rightarrow 0, v \rightarrow \frac{9.8}{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{The terminal velocity of the parachutist is } \frac{9.8}{k} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

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(a)

Method 1

$$y = e^x \rightarrow y = -e^x \rightarrow y = -e^x + 2$$

Reflect about the  $x$ -axis.

Translate by 2 units in the positive  $y$ -direction.

Method 2

$$y = e^x \rightarrow y = e^x - 2 \rightarrow y = -(e^x - 2) = -e^x + 2$$

Translate by 2 units in the negative  $y$ -direction.

Reflect about the  $x$ -axis.

(b)

After  $A$  :  $y = 3x + 6$

After  $B$  :  $y = 3(x - 2) + 6 = 3x$

After  $C$  :  $y = \frac{1}{3}(3x) = x$

(c)

(i)

Asymptotes :  $x = a$  ,  $y = \frac{1}{d}$

Axial intercepts :  $(c, 0)$  ,  $(0, \frac{1}{b})$

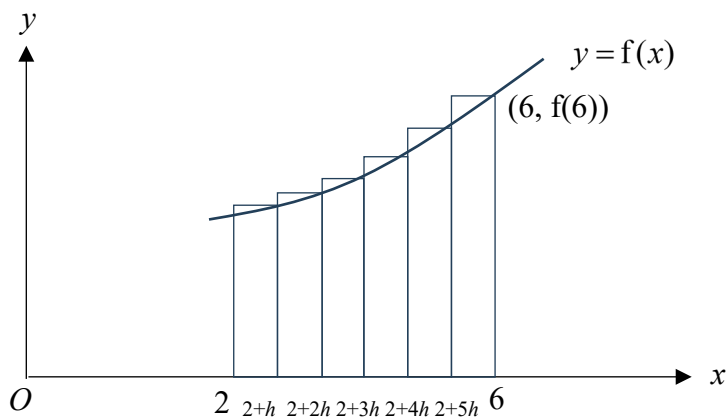
(ii)

Asymptotes :  $x = d$  ,  $y = c$

Axial intercepts :  $(0, a)$  ,  $(b, 0)$

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(i)



$$h = \frac{2}{3}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^6 (f(2 + nh))h = f(2 + h)h + f(2 + 2h)h + f(2 + 3h)h + f(2 + 4h)h + f(2 + 5h)h + f(2 + 6h)h$  represents the sum of areas of six rectangles drawn and the rectangles are above the curve, so it is greater than area of  $A$ .

(ii)

$$\sum_{n=0}^5 (f(2 + nh))h$$

(iii)

$$\text{Upper bound of area of } A = \sum_{n=1}^6 (f(2+nh))h = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n=1}^6 \left[ \left( 2 + \frac{2}{3}n \right) e^{\left( 2 + \frac{2}{3}n \right)} \right] \approx 2914$$

$$\text{Lower bound of area of } A = \sum_{n=0}^5 (f(2+nh))h = \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n=0}^5 \left[ \left( 2 + \frac{2}{3}n \right) e^{\left( 2 + \frac{2}{3}n \right)} \right] \approx 1311$$

(iv)

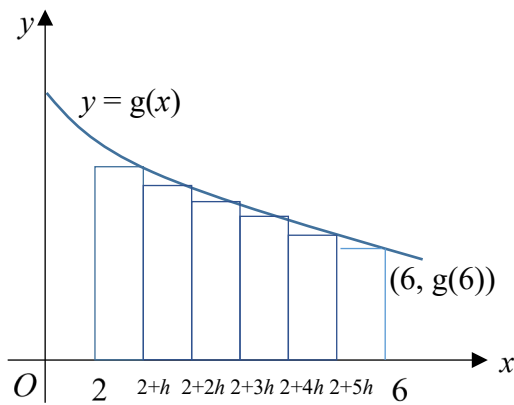
Exact area of  $A$ 

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_2^6 x e^x \, dx \\ &= [x e^x]_2^6 - \int_2^6 e^x \, dx \\ &= 6e^6 - 2e^2 - [e^x]_2^6 \\ &= 5e^6 - e^2 \text{ units}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } u = x \text{ and } \frac{dv}{dx} = e^x.$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{du}{dx} = 1 \text{ and } v = e^x$$

(v)



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(a)

(i)

Given  $\mathbf{r} \bullet \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} \bullet \mathbf{q}$ . $R$  represents any point on the plane that is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{q}$  and containing the point  $P$ .

(ii)

Given  $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}$ 

$$\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{p}) \times \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{p}) // \mathbf{q}$$

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{p}) = k\mathbf{q}, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p} + k\mathbf{q}, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

 $R$  represents any point on the line containing the point  $P$  and parallel to  $\mathbf{q}$ .

(b)

Given that  $AC : CB = 3 : 2$ . By Ratio Theorem,  $\mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{c} + 2\mathbf{a}}{3} \Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = 3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}$ .

Consider  $|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = (2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}) \cdot (2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c})$

$$|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = 4\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c} \cdot 2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c}$$

$$|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = 4|\mathbf{a}|^2 - 4\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + |\mathbf{c}|^2 \quad (\text{Since } \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = |\mathbf{a}|^2, \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c} = |\mathbf{c}|^2)$$

$$|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = 4|\mathbf{a}|^2 - 4\mathbf{a} \cdot (3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}) + |\mathbf{c}|^2$$

$$|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = 4|\mathbf{a}|^2 - 12\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + 8|\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2$$

$$|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = 12|\mathbf{a}|^2 - 12|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos 60^\circ + |\mathbf{c}|^2$$

$$|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = 12(1)^2 - 12(1)(1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (\sqrt{7})^2$$

$$|2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = 13$$

$$\therefore |2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}| = \sqrt{13} \quad \text{since } |2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}| \geq 0$$

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(i)

Let  $X$  be the mass of the badminton racket.

Let  $\mu$  be the mean mass of a badminton racket.

$$H_0: \mu = 800$$

$$H_1: \mu \neq 800$$

Under  $H_0$ , since  $n$  is large, By Central Limit Theorem,  $\bar{X} \sim N\left(800, \frac{20^2}{n}\right)$  approximately.

$$\text{Test statistic, } z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{807 - 800}{\frac{20}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{7\sqrt{n}}{20}$$

At 2% level of significance, for a two-tail test, critical region is  $z < -2.3263$  or  $z > 2.3263$

Since  $H_0$  is rejected,  $z$  lies inside the critical region.

$$\frac{7\sqrt{n}}{20} < -2.3263 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{7\sqrt{n}}{20} > 2.3263$$

(no real solution)

$$\sqrt{n} > 6.6467$$

$$n > 44.179$$

Least  $n = 45$

(ii)

There is no need to know anything about the distribution of the population since the sample size is large, by Central Limit Theorem, the sample mean distribution is approximately normal.

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(i)

Number of ways =  ${}^4C_2 = 6$

(ii)

Case 1: All same colour

${}^3C_1 = 3$  (excludes green bricks)

Case 2: 2 different colours

${}^4C_2 = 6$  (to choose 2 colours)

${}^2C_1 = 2$  (to choose the colour which will be repeated)

Number of ways =  $6 \times 2 = 12$

Or

$${}^4C_1 \times {}^3C_1 = 12$$

Case 3: All different colours

$${}^4C_3 = 4$$

Total number of ways =  $3 + 12 + 4 = 19$

(iii)

Case 1: 2R 1B 1G

$${}^5C_2 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^2C_1 = 80$$

Case 2: 2R 2Y

$${}^5C_2 \times {}^4C_2 = 60$$

Case 3: 1R 2B 1Y

$${}^5C_1 \times {}^4C_2 \times {}^4C_1 = 120$$

Case 4: 4B

$${}^4C_4 = 1$$

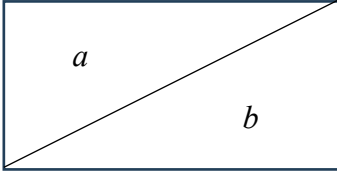
Total number of ways =  $80 + 1 + 120 + 60 = 261$

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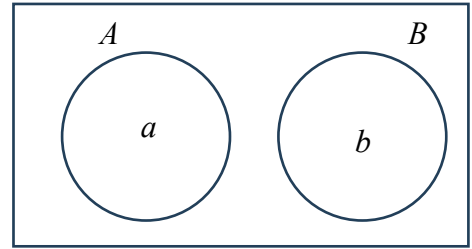
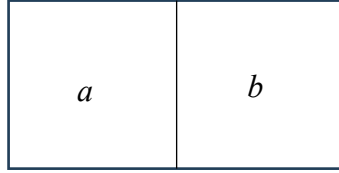
(i)

$$P(A' \cap B') = 1 - P(A) - P(B) = 1 - a - b$$

(ii)



or



If  $A'$  and  $B'$  are mutually exclusive events, then

$$P(A' \cap B') = 1 - a - b = 0$$

$$a + b = 1$$

(iii)

Since  $A$  and  $C$  are independent events,  $P(A \cap C) = ac$

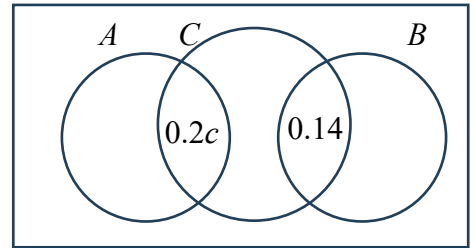
$$P(A \cup B \cup C)$$

$$= P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C)$$

$$= a + b + c - ac - 0.14$$

$$= 0.2 + 0.3 + c - 0.2c - 0.14$$

$$= 0.36 + 0.8c$$



(iv)

$$P(A' \cap B' \cap C)$$

$$= P(A \cup B \cup C) - P(A) - P(B)$$

$$= 0.36 + 0.8c - 0.2 - 0.3$$

$$= 0.8c - 0.14$$

Or

$$P(A' \cap B' \cap C)$$

$$= P(C) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C)$$

$$= c - ac - 0.14$$

$$= c - 0.2c - 0.14$$

$$= 0.8c - 0.14$$

(v)

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = 0.36 + 0.8c \leq 1$$

$$0.8c \leq 0.64$$

$$c \leq 0.8$$

$$\text{and } P(A' \cap B' \cap C) = 0.8c - 0.14 \geq 0$$

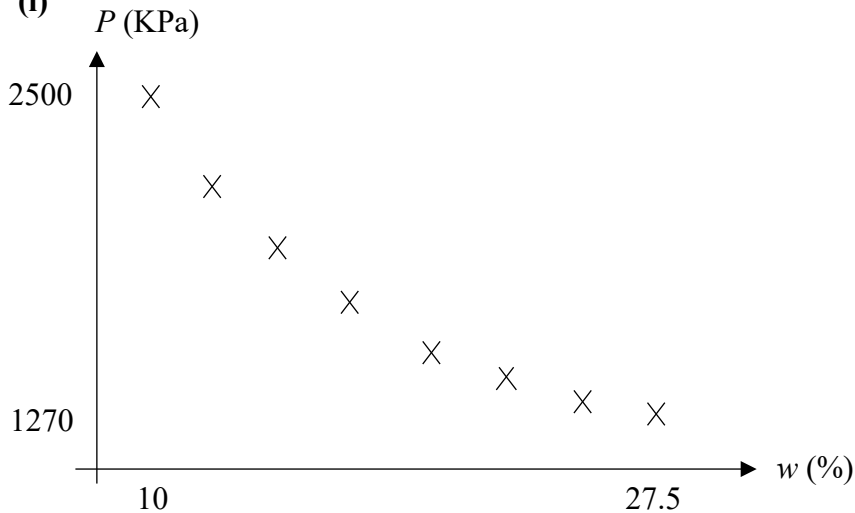
$$0.8c \geq 0.14$$

$$c \geq 0.175$$

$$0.175 \leq c \leq 0.8$$

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(i)



From the scatter plot,

the points seem to lie close on a curve rather than a straight line.

Or

$P$  decreases at a decreasing rate as  $w$  increases.

Therefore, the relationship between  $P$  and  $w$  is unlikely to be well modelled by a linear equation of the form  $P = aw + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

(ii)

Between  $P$  and  $w$ :  $r = -0.949$  (3 sf)

Between  $P$  and  $\sqrt{w}$ :  $r = -0.969$  (3 sf)

Since the product moment correlation coefficient between  $P$  and  $\sqrt{w}$  is closer to  $-1$  as compared with that between  $P$  and  $w$ , there is a stronger negative linear relationship between  $P$  and  $\sqrt{w}$ .

Hence, the model given by  $P = a\sqrt{w} + b$  is better.

From GC,  $P = -569.66\sqrt{w} + 4130.0$

The equation of the line is  $P = -570\sqrt{w} + 4130$ .

(iii)

When  $w = 40$ ,  $P = -569.66\sqrt{40} + 4130.0 = 527$

As  $w = 40$  is outside the range of the given data, an extrapolation is being done. The linear relationship between  $P$  and  $\sqrt{w}$  may not hold at this extrapolated range. Estimation may not be reliable.



(iv)

For the regression line to remain unchanged,  $(\sqrt{w_9}, P_9)$  which resulted from the missing data point  $(w_9, P_9)$  must be equivalent to  $(\sqrt{w}, \bar{P})$  for the 8 points.

From GC,  $\bar{P} = 1693.75 = P_9$

Shear strength for the data point is 1694 KPa (nearest integer).

(v)

$$1000P = -569.66\sqrt{w} + 4130.0$$

$$P = -0.56966\sqrt{w} + 4.130$$

$$P = -0.570\sqrt{w} + 4.13$$

The product moment correlation coefficient would not differ as product moment correlation coefficient is not affected by a change in unit of the variables (or scaling of the graph).

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(i)

$X = \text{BMI of 18-year-old boys}$        $X \sim N(22.7, \sigma^2)$

$$P(X \leq 16.7) = 0.05$$

$$P\left(Z \leq \frac{16.7 - 22.7}{\sigma}\right) = 0.05$$

$$\frac{-6}{\sigma} = -1.6449$$

$$\sigma = 3.6476 \approx 3.65 \text{ (shown)}$$

(ii)

$$P(X \geq m) \leq 0.1$$

Using GC,  $m \geq 27.4$

Minimum value of BMI is 27.4

(iii)

$Y = \text{BMI of 15-year-old boys}$        $Y \sim N(21.6, 3.49^2)$

$$\frac{X+Y}{2} \sim N\left(\frac{22.7+21.6}{2}, \frac{3.6476^2+3.49^2}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{X+Y}{2} \sim N(22.15, 6.3713)$$

$$P\left(\frac{X+Y}{2} > 20.1\right) \approx 0.792$$

(iv)

The BMI of a randomly chosen 15-year-old boy and a randomly chosen 18-year-old boy are independent of each other.

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Since  $P(T=1) = P(T=4) = \frac{1}{6}$ , then  $P(T=2) + P(T=3) = \frac{4}{6}$ .

If  $P(T=2) = P(T=3) = \frac{2}{6}$ , then the modes of  $T$  are 2 and 3, which contradicts the question.

Hence,  $P(T=2) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(T=3) = \frac{1}{6}$ .

$t$	1	2	3	4
$P(T=t)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

(i)

$$P(Y=0) = P(1 \text{ or } 3) + P(2) \times P(1 \text{ or } 3) + P(2) \times P(2) \times P(1 \text{ or } 3) + [P(2)]^3 \times P(1 \text{ or } 3) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{2}{6} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3\left(\frac{2}{6}\right) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{6}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \quad (\text{shown})$$

(ii)

$y$	0	1	2	3	...
$P(Y=y)$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{1}{6}$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2\frac{1}{6}$	

$$\begin{aligned}
E(Y^2) &= 0 + 1^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 2^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 3^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \dots \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left( 1^2 + 2^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^3} = 2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2 = 2 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{14}{9}$$

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(i)

The probability that a screen protector is cracked is constant at 0.04.

The event that a screen protector is cracked is independent of any other screen protector.

(ii)

Let  $X$  = number of cracked screen protectors out of  $n$

$$X \sim B(n, 0.04)$$

Given that mode is 2,

$$P(X=1) < P(X=2)$$

and

$$P(X=3) < P(X=2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{n}{1} (0.04)^1 (0.96)^{n-1} &< \binom{n}{2} (0.04)^2 (0.96)^{n-2} \\
\frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!} (0.04) (0.96)^{n-1} &< \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} (0.04)^2 (0.96)^{n-2} \\
\frac{2! (0.96)^{n-1}}{1! (0.96)^{n-2}} &< \frac{(n-1)! (0.04)^2}{(n-2)! 0.04} \\
2(0.96) &< (n-1)(0.04) \\
n &> 49
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{n}{3} (0.04)^3 (0.96)^{n-3} &< \binom{n}{2} (0.04)^2 (0.96)^{n-2} \\
\frac{n!}{3!(n-3)!} (0.04)^3 (0.96)^{n-3} &< \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} (0.04)^2 (0.96)^{n-2} \\
\frac{(n-2)! (0.04)^3}{(n-3)! (0.04)^2} &< \frac{3! (0.96)^{n-2}}{2! (0.96)^{n-3}} \\
(n-2)(0.04) &< 3(0.96) \\
n &< 74
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 49 < n < 74 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(iii)

$Y$  = number of cracked screen protectors out of 50

$$Y \sim B(50, 0.04)$$

Required Probability =  $P(Y \leq 3)$

$$= 0.86087 \approx 0.861 \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

(iv)

Required Probability

$$\begin{aligned}
&= P(Y > 2 \mid Y \leq 6) \\
&= \frac{P(Y > 2 \cap Y \leq 6)}{P(Y \leq 6)} \\
&= \frac{P(2 < Y \leq 6)}{P(Y \leq 6)} \\
&= \frac{P(Y \leq 6) - P(Y \leq 2)}{P(Y \leq 6)} \\
&= \frac{0.99639 - 0.67671}{0.99639} \\
&\approx 0.321 \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})
\end{aligned}$$

(v)

Required Probability

$$\begin{aligned}
&= {}^6C_3 \times (0.86087)^3 \times (1 - 0.86087)^3 \times (0.86087) \\
&\approx 0.0296 \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})
\end{aligned}$$