

Differentiation - Composite Functions using the Chain Rule

Question Paper 1

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Exam Board	OCR
Module	Core 3
Topic	Differentiation
Sub Topic	Composite Functions using the Chain Rule
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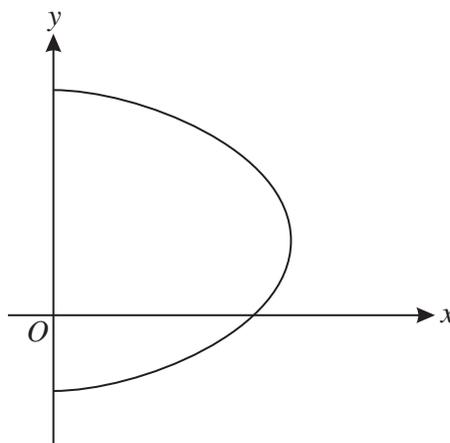
1 Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in each of the following cases:

(i) $y = x^3 e^{2x}$, [2]

(ii) $y = \ln(3 + 2x^2)$, [2]

(iii) $y = \frac{x}{2x + 1}$. [2]

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The diagram shows the curve with equation $x = (37 + 10y - 2y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

(i) Find an expression for $\frac{dx}{dy}$ in terms of y . [2]

(ii) Hence find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point $(7, 3)$, giving your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. [5]

3 The gradient of the curve $y = (2x^2 + 9)^{\frac{5}{2}}$ at the point P is 100.

(i) Show that the x -coordinate of P satisfies the equation $x = 10(2x^2 + 9)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$. [3]

(ii) Show by calculation that the x -coordinate of P lies between 0.3 and 0.4. [3]

(iii) Use an iterative formula, based on the equation in part (i), to find the x -coordinate of P correct to 4 decimal places. You should show the result of each iteration. [3]

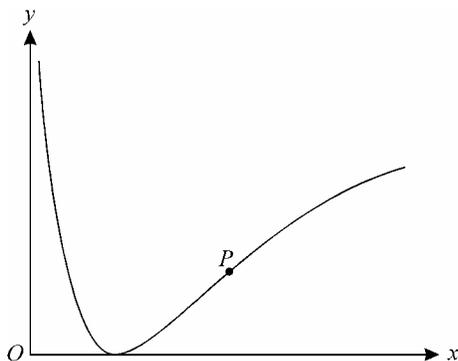
4 Differentiate each of the following with respect to x .

(i) $x^3(x + 1)^5$ [2]

(ii) $\sqrt{3x^4 + 1}$ [3]

5 Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = \sqrt{4x + 1}$ at the point $(2, 3)$. [5]

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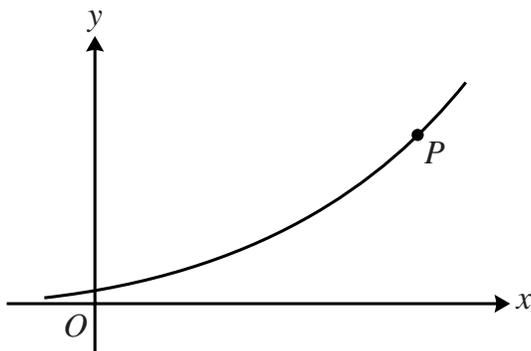


The diagram shows the curve $y = (\ln x)^2$.

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$. [4]

(ii) The point P on the curve is the point at which the gradient takes its maximum value. Show that the tangent at P passes through the point $(0, -1)$. [6]

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The diagram shows the curve with equation $x = \ln(y^3 + 2y)$. At the point P on the curve, the gradient is 4 and it is given that P is close to the point with coordinates $(7.5, 12)$.

(i) Find $\frac{dx}{dy}$ in terms of y . [2]

(ii) Show that the y -coordinate of P satisfies the equation

$$y = \frac{12y^2 + 8}{y^2 + 2}. \quad [3]$$

(iii) By first using an iterative process based on the equation in part (ii), find the coordinates of P , giving each coordinate correct to 3 decimal places. [5]