

Solutions to Exam Questions on Further Differentiation

1. $f(x) = \sin^{-1} 3x$

To differentiate $f(x)$, use the **chain rule** as $f(x)$ is a function of a function.

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(3x)^2}} \times 3 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-9x^2}}$$

2. $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(3x)$

To differentiate $f(x)$, use the **chain rule** as $f(x)$ is a function of a function.

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(3x)^2}} \times 3 = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{1-9x^2}}$$

3. $y = \tan^{-1}(3x^2)$

To differentiate y , use the **chain rule** as y is a function of a function.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{1}{1+(3x^2)^2} \right) \times 6x = \frac{6x}{1+9x^4}$$

4. Let $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(2 \cos x)$.

To differentiate $f(x)$, use the **chain rule** as $f(x)$ is a function of a function.

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{1+(2 \cos x)^2} \right) \times (-2 \sin x) = \frac{-2 \sin x}{1+4 \cos^2 x}$$

5. $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x-1})$

To differentiate $f(x)$, use the **chain rule** as $f(x)$ is a function of a function.

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{1+(\sqrt{x-1})^2} \right) \times \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x-1}$$

To differentiate $\sqrt{x-1}$, use the chain rule as $\sqrt{x-1}$ is a function of a function.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x-1} = \frac{d}{dx} (x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} (x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } f'(x) &= \left(\frac{1}{1+(x-1)} \right) \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{x-1}} \end{aligned}$$

6. $y = x^2 \tan^{-1} x$

To differentiate y , use the **product rule** as y is the product of two functions.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= x^2 \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) + \tan^{-1} x \times 2x \\ &= \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} + 2x \tan^{-1} x \end{aligned}$$

7. $y = x \tan^{-1} 2x$

To differentiate y , use the **product rule** as y is the product of two functions and use the **chain rule** to differentiate $\tan^{-1} 2x$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} 2x = \left(\frac{1}{1+(2x)^2} \right) \times 2 = \frac{2}{1+4x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \frac{dy}{dx} &= x \left(\frac{2}{1+4x^2} \right) + \tan^{-1} 2x \times 1 \\ &= \frac{2x}{1+4x^2} + \tan^{-1} 2x \end{aligned}$$

8. $g(x) = \frac{\tan^{-1} 2x}{1+4x^2}$

To differentiate $g(x)$, use the **quotient rule** as $g(x)$ is the quotient of two functions and use the **chain rule** to differentiate $\tan^{-1} 2x$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} 2x = \left(\frac{1}{1+(2x)^2} \right) \times 2 = \frac{2}{1+4x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } g'(x) &= \frac{(1+4x^2) \left(\frac{2}{1+4x^2} \right) - \tan^{-1} 2x \times 8x}{(1+4x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{2 - 8x \tan^{-1} 2x}{(1+4x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{2(1 - 4x \tan^{-1} 2x)}{(1+4x^2)^2} \quad [\text{removing a common factor of 2 in the numerator}] \end{aligned}$$

9. $g(x) = x \tan^{-1} x$

To differentiate $g(x)$, use the **product rule** as $g(x)$ is the product of two functions.

$$g'(x) = x \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) + \tan^{-1} x \times 1 = \frac{x}{1+x^2} + \tan^{-1} x$$

To differentiate $g'(x)$ to find the second derivative $g''(x)$, use the quotient rule to differentiate $\frac{x}{1+x^2}$ and remember to also differentiate $\tan^{-1} x$.

$$\begin{aligned} g''(x) &= \frac{(1+x^2)1 - x(2x)}{(1+x^2)^2} + \frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ &= \frac{1+x^2 - 2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} + \frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ &= \frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} + \frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ &= \frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} + \frac{1 \times (1+x^2)}{(1+x^2) \times (1+x^2)} \quad [\text{making a common denominator}] \\ &= \frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} + \frac{1+x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1-x^2 + 1+x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{2}{(1+x^2)^2} \Rightarrow C = 2 \end{aligned}$$

The condition for points of inflexion to occur is $g''(x) = 0$.

$$g''(x) = \frac{2}{(1+x^2)^2} \text{ and } (1+x^2)^2 > 0 \text{ for all } x, \text{ hence } g''(x) > 0 \text{ for all } x.$$

So $g''(x)$ is never equal to zero, hence the graph of g has no points of inflexion.

10. $y + e^y = x^2$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate e^y as this term is a function of a function.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (1 + e^y) = 2x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{1 + e^y} \end{aligned}$$

11. $y \cos x + y^2 = 6x$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **product rule** to differentiate $y \cos x$ (as this term is a product of two functions of x) and the **chain rule** to differentiate y^2 (as this term is a function of a function).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow \left(y(-\sin x) + \cos x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow -y \sin x + \cos x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow \cos x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 6 + y \sin x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (\cos x + 2y) = 6 + y \sin x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6 + y \sin x}{\cos x + 2y} \end{aligned}$$

12. $x^4 + y^4 + 9x - 6y = 14$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate y^4 as this term is a function of a function.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow 4x^3 + 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 9 - 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} - 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = -4x^3 - 9 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (4y^3 - 6) = -4x^3 - 9 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-4x^3 - 9}{4y^3 - 6}\end{aligned}$$

At the point A(1, 2) where $x = 1$ and $y = 2$: $m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-4(1)^3 - 9}{4(2)^3 - 6} = \frac{-13}{26} = -\frac{1}{2}$

Equation of tangent at A: $y - b = m(x - a) \Rightarrow y - 2 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow 2(y - 2) &= -1(x - 1) \\ \Rightarrow 2y - 4 &= -x + 1 \\ \Rightarrow 2y &= -x + 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 2y + x = 5\end{aligned}$$

13.(a) $xy + y^2 = 2$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **product rule** to differentiate xy (as this term is a product of two functions of x) and the **chain rule** to differentiate y^2 (as this term is a function of a function).

$$\frac{d}{dx} \Rightarrow \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1) \right) + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} + y + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (x + 2y) = -y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{x + 2y}$$

(b) At the point $(1, 1)$ where $x = 1$ and $y = 1$: $m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{1 + 2(1)} = -\frac{1}{3}$

Equation of tangent: $y - b = m(x - a) \Rightarrow y - 1 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow 3(y - 1) = -1(x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y - 3 = -x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = -x + 4 \quad \text{or} \quad 3y + x = 4$$

14. $y^3 + 3xy = 3x^2 - 5$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate y^3 (as this term is a function of a function) and the **product rule** to differentiate $3xy$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(3x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(3) \right) = 6x \\ &\Rightarrow 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 6x \\ &\Rightarrow 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} = 6x - 3y \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (3y^2 + 3x) = 6x - 3y \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6x - 3y}{3y^2 + 3x} = \frac{2x - y}{y^2 + x} \quad [\text{dividing all terms in the fraction by 3 to simplify}]\end{aligned}$$

At the point A(2, 1) where $x = 2$ and $y = 1$: $m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(2) - 1}{1^2 + 2} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$

Equation of tangent at A: $y - b = m(x - a) \Rightarrow y - 1 = 1(x - 2)$
 $\Rightarrow y - 1 = x - 2$
 $\Rightarrow y = x - 1$

15. **Method 1** (*Recommended*)

$$\frac{x^2}{y} + x = y - 5$$

First multiply all terms in the equation by y to remove the fraction.

$$\frac{x^2}{y} + x = y - 5 \Rightarrow x^2 + xy = y^2 - 5y$$

Now differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **product rule** to differentiate xy (as this term is a product of two functions of x) and the **chain rule** to differentiate y^2 (as this term is a function of a function).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \Rightarrow 2x + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1) \right) &= 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \Rightarrow 2x + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y &= 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} \\ \Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + 5 \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2x - y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (x - 2y + 5) &= -2x - y \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{-2x - y}{x - 2y + 5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{At the point } (3, -1) \text{ where } x = 3 \text{ and } y = -1: m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2(3) - (-1)}{3 - 2(-1) + 5} = \frac{-5}{10} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The gradient of the curve at the point $(3, -1)$ is $-\frac{1}{2}$.

Method 2

$$\frac{x^2}{y} + x = y - 5$$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **quotient rule** to differentiate $\frac{x^2}{y}$ as this term is a quotient of two functions of x .

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

There is no need to rearrange this equation to find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

You can substitute the values of x and y into this equation to find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

At the point $(3, -1)$ where $x = 3$ and $y = -1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2xy - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx}}{y^2} + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx} &\Rightarrow \frac{2(3)(-1) - 3^2 \frac{dy}{dx}}{(-1)^2} + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &\Rightarrow -6 - 9 \frac{dy}{dx} + 1 = \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &\Rightarrow -10 \frac{dy}{dx} = 5 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the gradient of the curve at the point $(3, -1)$ is $-\frac{1}{2}$.

16.(a) $xy^2 + 3x^2y = 4$ for $x > 0$ and $y > 0$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **product rule** to differentiate both xy^2 and $3x^2y$ and the **chain rule** to differentiate y^2 .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow \left(x \left(2y \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + y^2(1) \right) + \left(3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y(6x) \right) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 2xy \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 2xy \frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = -y^2 - 6xy \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (2xy + 3x^2) = -y^2 - 6xy \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y^2 - 6xy}{2xy + 3x^2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) To find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 1$, we need to find the value of y first.

To find the value of y when $x = 1$, substitute $x = 1$ into the equation of the curve.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = 1: \quad xy^2 + 3x^2y = 4 &\Rightarrow 1y^2 + 3(1)^2y = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow y^2 + 3y = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow y^2 + 3y - 4 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (y + 4)(y - 1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y = -4, y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $y = 1$ since $y > 0$.

$$\text{When } x = 1 \text{ and } y = 1: \quad m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1^2 - 6(1)(1)}{2(1)(1) + 3(1)^2} = \frac{-7}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Equation of tangent: } y - b = m(x - a) &\Rightarrow y - 1 = -\frac{7}{5}(x - 1) \\ &\Rightarrow 5(y - 1) = -7(x - 1) \\ &\Rightarrow 5y - 5 = -7x + 7 \\ &\Rightarrow 5y = -7x + 12 \quad \text{or} \quad 5y + 7x = 12 \end{aligned}$$

17. $3y^2 - x^2y = 4, \quad x \geq 0, \quad y \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $3y^2$ and the **product rule** to differentiate x^2y .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow 6y \frac{dy}{dx} - \left(x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y(2x) \right) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6y \frac{dy}{dx} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6y \frac{dy}{dx} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (6y - x^2) = 2xy \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy}{6y - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

To find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = 2$, we need to find the value of y first.

To find the value of y when $x = 2$, substitute $x = 2$ into the equation of the curve.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = 2: \quad 3y^2 - x^2y = 4 &\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 2^2y = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 4y = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 4y - 4 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (3y + 2)(y - 2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad y = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $y = 2$ since $y \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = 1.154\dots$

$$\text{When } x = 2 \text{ and } y = 2: \quad m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2(2)(2)}{6(2) - 2^2} = \frac{8}{8} = 1$$

The gradient of the tangent when $x = 2$ is 1.

18. $2y^2 - 2xy - 4y + x^2 = 0$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $2y^2$ (as this term is a function of a function) and the **product rule** to differentiate $2xy$ (as this term is a product of two functions of x).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow 4y \frac{dy}{dx} - \left(2x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(2) \right) - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 4y \frac{dy}{dx} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 4y \frac{dy}{dx} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y - 2x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (4y - 2x - 4) = 2y - 2x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y - 2x}{4y - 2x - 4} = \frac{y - x}{2y - x - 2} \quad \text{[dividing all terms in the fraction by 2 to simplify]} \end{aligned}$$

The curve has a horizontal tangent when $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{y - x}{2y - x - 2} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow y - x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow y = x \end{aligned}$$

We know that the curve has a horizontal tangent at the points where $y = x$.

To find the values of x , substitute $y = x$ into the equation of the curve.

When $y = x$: $2y^2 - 2xy - 4y + x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2x(x) - 4x + x^2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2x^2 - 4x + x^2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x(x - 4) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0, x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the curve has a horizontal tangent at the points where $x = 0$ and $x = 4$.

19. $xy - x = 4$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **product rule** to differentiate xy as this term is a product of two functions of x .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1) \right) - 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} + y - 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - y}{x}\end{aligned}$$

To differentiate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ to find the second derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, use the quotient rule as $\frac{1-y}{x}$ is the quotient of two functions of x .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{x \left(-\frac{dy}{dx} \right) - (1-y)1}{x^2} = \frac{-x \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 + y}{x^2}$$

To find an expression for $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y , replace $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{-x \left(\frac{1-y}{x} \right) - 1 + y}{x^2} = \frac{-(1-y) - 1 + y}{x^2} = \frac{-1 + y - 1 + y}{x^2} = \frac{2y - 2}{x^2} = \frac{2(y-1)}{x^2}$$

20. $x^2 + 4xy + y^2 + 11 = 0$

Differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x , using the **product rule** to differentiate $4xy$ (as this term is a product of two functions of x) and the **chain rule** to differentiate y^2 (as this term is a function of a function).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow 2x + \left(4x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(4) \right) + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x - 4y \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (4x + 2y) = -2x - 4y \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x - 4y}{4x + 2y} = \frac{-x - 2y}{2x + y} \quad [\text{dividing all terms in the fraction by 2 to simplify}] \end{aligned}$$

At the point $(-2, 3)$ where $x = -2$ and $y = 3$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-(-2) - 2(3)}{2(-2) + 3} = \frac{-4}{-1} = 4$

To differentiate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ to find the second derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, use the quotient rule as $\frac{-x - 2y}{2x + y}$ is the quotient of two functions of x .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(2x + y) \left(-1 - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} \right) - (-x - 2y) \left(2 + \frac{dy}{dx} \right)}{(2x + y)^2}$$

There is no need to attempt to simplify this expression, as we only need to find the **value** of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point $(-2, 3)$.

At the point $(-2, 3)$ where $x = -2$, $y = 3$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{(2(-2) + 3)(-1 - 2(4)) - (-(-2) - 2(3))(2 + 4)}{(2(-2) + 3)^2} \\ &= \frac{(-1)(-9) - (-4)(6)}{(-1)^2} \\ &= \frac{9 - (-24)}{1} \\ &= 33 \end{aligned}$$

21. The formula for the volume of the cube is $V = h^3$, where h is the height of the cube and h is a function of time t .

The rate of increase of the volume at time t is given by the derivative $\frac{dV}{dt}$.

To differentiate V with respect to t , use the **chain rule** as V is a function of h and h is a function of t .

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt}$$

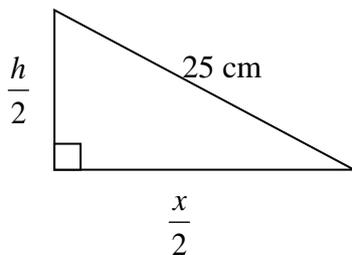
$$\text{Now } V = h^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dh} = 3h^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dh}{dt} = 5$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{dV}{dt} = 3h^2 \times 5 = 15h^2$$

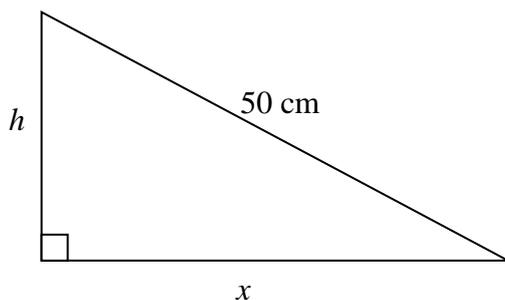
$$\text{When } h = 3: \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 15(3)^2 = 135$$

The rate of increase of the volume is $135 \text{ cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$.

- 22.(a) You can find a formula for h in terms of x using Pythagoras' Theorem. Consider one of the right-angled triangles in the diagram.



Enlarging this right-angled triangle with a scale factor of 2 gives the equivalent right-angled triangle below.



By Pythagoras' Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} h^2 + x^2 &= 50^2 \\ \Rightarrow h^2 &= 2500 - x^2 \\ \Rightarrow h &= \sqrt{2500 - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $h = \sqrt{2500 - x^2}$ where x is a function of time t .

The rate of change of the vertical height at time t is given by the derivative $\frac{dh}{dt}$.

To differentiate h with respect to t , use the **chain rule** as h is a function of x and x is a function of t .

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{dh}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h = \sqrt{2500 - x^2} &= (2500 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dh}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(2500 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times (-2x) \\ &= \frac{-x}{\sqrt{2500 - x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{dx}{dt} = -0.3$ since the horizontal length x **decreases** at a rate of 0.3 cm per second.

$$\text{Hence } \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{2500 - x^2}} \times (-0.3) = \frac{0.3x}{\sqrt{2500 - x^2}}$$

$$\text{When } x = 30: \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{0.3(30)}{\sqrt{2500 - 30^2}} = \frac{9}{40}$$

The rate of change of the vertical height when $x = 30$ is $\frac{9}{40}$ cm per second.

23. The surface area of the spherical balloon is given by $A = 4\pi r^2$, where r is the radius of the balloon and r is a function of time t .

The rate of increase of the surface area at time t is given by the derivative $\frac{dA}{dt}$.

To differentiate A with respect to t , use the **chain rule** as A is a function of r and r is a function of t .

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dA}{dr} \times \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\text{Now } A = 4\pi r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dr} = 8\pi r \quad \text{and hence} \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = 8\pi r \times \frac{dr}{dt}$$

When the radius is 10 cm the surface area is increasing at a rate of $120\pi \text{ cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$.

$$\text{Thus when } r = 10, \frac{dA}{dt} = 120\pi.$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 8\pi r \times \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow 120\pi = 8\pi(10) \times \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{120\pi}{80\pi} = \frac{3}{2}$$

This means that the radius of the balloon is increasing at the rate of $\frac{3}{2} \text{ cms}^{-1}$ at this moment.

The volume of the balloon is given by $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$, where r is the radius of the balloon and r is a function of time t .

The rate of increase of the volume at time t is given by the derivative $\frac{dV}{dt}$.

To differentiate V with respect to t , use the **chain rule** as V is a function of r and r is a function of t .

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \times \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\text{Now } V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \quad \text{and hence} \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \times \frac{dr}{dt}$$

At the moment concerned, $r = 10$ and $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{3}{2}$.

$$\text{Hence } \frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \times \frac{dr}{dt} = 4\pi(10)^2 \times \frac{3}{2} = 600\pi$$

The rate at which the volume is increasing at this moment is $600\pi \text{ cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$.

24. $V = \pi r^2 h$ where both r and h are functions of time t .

The rate of change of the volume at time t is given by the derivative $\frac{dV}{dt}$.

To differentiate V with respect to t , use the **product rule** as V is the product of two functions of t and use the **chain rule** to differentiate πr^2 with respect to t .

$$\begin{aligned} V = \pi r^2 h &\Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} = \pi r^2 \frac{dh}{dt} + h \left(2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt} \right) \\ &= \pi r^2 \frac{dh}{dt} + 2\pi r h \frac{dr}{dt} \\ &= \pi r^2 (0 \cdot 01) + 2\pi r h (-0 \cdot 02) \\ &= 0 \cdot 01\pi r^2 - 0 \cdot 04\pi r h \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } r = 0 \cdot 6 \text{ and } h = 2: \quad \frac{dV}{dt} &= 0 \cdot 01\pi(0 \cdot 6)^2 - 0 \cdot 04\pi(0 \cdot 6)(2) \\ &= 0 \cdot 0036\pi - 0 \cdot 048\pi \\ &= -0 \cdot 0444\pi \end{aligned}$$

The rate of change of the volume is $-0 \cdot 0444\pi \text{ m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$.

25. $y = 3^x$

Take logs and simplify: $\ln y = \ln 3^x \Rightarrow \ln y = x \ln 3$

Now differentiate all terms in this equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $\ln y$ as this term is a function of a function.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \ln 3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y \ln 3 = 3^x \ln 3$$

26. $y = 3^{x^2}$

To differentiate y , logarithmic differentiation must be used as the power is a function of x .

Take logs and simplify: $\ln y = \ln 3^{x^2} \Rightarrow \ln y = x^2 \ln 3$

Now differentiate all terms in this equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $\ln y$ as this term is a function of a function.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \ln 3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy \ln 3 = 2x \times 3^{x^2} \ln 3$$

27. $y = 4^{(x^2+1)}$

To differentiate y , logarithmic differentiation must be used as the power is a function of x .

Take logs and simplify: $\ln y = \ln 4^{(x^2+1)} \Rightarrow \ln y = (x^2 + 1) \ln 4$

Now differentiate all terms in this equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $\ln y$ as this term is a function of a function.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \ln 4 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy \ln 4 = 2x \times 4^{(x^2+1)} \ln 4$$

28. $y = x^{2x^3+1}$

Take logs and simplify: $\ln y = \ln x^{2x^3+1} \Rightarrow \ln y = (2x^3 + 1) \ln x$

Now differentiate all terms in this equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $\ln y$ and the **product rule** to differentiate $(2x^3 + 1) \ln x$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (2x^3 + 1) \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \times 6x^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{2x^3 + 1}{x} + 6x^2 \ln x \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \left(\frac{2x^3 + 1}{x} + 6x^2 \ln x \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= x^{2x^3+1} \left(\frac{2x^3 + 1}{x} + 6x^2 \ln x \right) \end{aligned}$$

29. $y = \frac{e^{\sin x} (2+x)^3}{\sqrt{1-x}}$

Take logs and simplify:

$$\ln y = \ln \left(\frac{e^{\sin x} (2+x)^3}{\sqrt{1-x}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = \ln(e^{\sin x} (2+x)^3) - \ln \sqrt{1-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = \ln(e^{\sin x}) + \ln(2+x)^3 - \ln(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = \sin x + 3\ln(2+x) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(1-x)$$

Now differentiate all terms in this equation with respect to x , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $\ln y$, $\ln(2+x)$ and $\ln(1-x)$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x + 3 \left(\frac{1}{(2+x)} \times 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{(1-x)} \times (-1) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x + \frac{3}{2+x} + \frac{1}{2(1-x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y \left(\cos x + \frac{3}{2+x} + \frac{1}{2(1-x)} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{\sin x} (2+x)^3}{\sqrt{1-x}} \left(\cos x + \frac{3}{2+x} + \frac{1}{2(1-x)} \right)$$

When $x = 0$: $m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{\sin 0} (2)^3}{\sqrt{1}} \left(\cos 0 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2(1)} \right)$

$$= \frac{e^0 (8)}{1} \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= 8(3)$$

$$= 24$$

The gradient of the curve when $x = 0$ is 24.

30. Method 1

$$e^y = x^3 \cos^2 x$$

First find an expression for y : $y = \ln(x^3 \cos^2 x)$

Before differentiating y , use the laws of logarithms to expand and simplify the right-hand side of the above equation.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \ln(x^3 \cos^2 x) \Rightarrow y = \ln(x^3) + \ln(\cos^2 x) \\ &\Rightarrow y = \ln(x^3) + \ln(\cos x)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow y = 3 \ln x + 2 \ln(\cos x)\end{aligned}$$

Now differentiate y , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $\ln(\cos x)$ as this term is a function of a function.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{\cos x} \times (-\sin x)\right) = \frac{3}{x} - 2 \tan x \quad \left[\text{since } \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \tan x\right]$$

Hence $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a}{x} + b \tan x$ where $a = 3$ and $b = -2$.

Method 2

$$e^y = x^3 \cos^2 x$$

Use **implicit differentiation** to differentiate all terms in the equation with respect to x .

Use the **chain rule** to differentiate e^y and the **product rule** to differentiate $x^3 \cos^2 x$.

Note that $\frac{d}{dx} \cos^2 x = \frac{d}{dx} (\cos x)^2 = 2 \cos x (-\sin x) = -2 \sin x \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} &\Rightarrow e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = x^3 (-2 \sin x \cos x) + \cos^2 x (3x^2) \\ &\Rightarrow e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \cos^2 x - 2x^3 \sin x \cos x \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2 \cos^2 x - 2x^3 \sin x \cos x}{e^y} \\ &= \frac{3x^2 \cos^2 x - 2x^3 \sin x \cos x}{x^3 \cos^2 x} \quad [\text{replacing } e^y \text{ with } x^3 \cos^2 x] \\ &= \frac{3x^2 \cos^2 x}{x^3 \cos^2 x} - \frac{2x^3 \sin x \cos x}{x^3 \cos^2 x} \quad [\text{dividing each term in the numerator by } x^3 \cos^2 x]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{3}{x} - \frac{2 \sin x}{\cos x} \\
&= \frac{3}{x} - 2 \tan x \quad \left[\text{since } \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \tan x \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a}{x} + b \tan x$ where $a = 3$ and $b = -2$.

31. $e^y = \frac{(3x+2)e^{2x}}{(2x-1)^2}$

First find an expression for y : $y = \ln\left(\frac{(3x+2)e^{2x}}{(2x-1)^2}\right)$

Before differentiating y , use the laws of logarithms to expand and simplify the right-hand side of the above equation.

$$\begin{aligned}
y = \ln\left(\frac{(3x+2)e^{2x}}{(2x-1)^2}\right) &\Rightarrow y = \ln((3x+2)e^{2x}) - \ln(2x-1)^2 \\
&\Rightarrow y = \ln(3x+2) + \ln(e^{2x}) - 2\ln(2x-1) \\
&\Rightarrow y = \ln(3x+2) + 2x - 2\ln(2x-1)
\end{aligned}$$

Now differentiate y , using the **chain rule** to differentiate $\ln(3x+2)$ and $\ln(2x-1)$.

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

32. $x = 6t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 6$ and $y = 1 - \cos t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \sin t$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{\sin t}{6}$$

$$33. \quad x = 2 \sec \theta \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta \quad \text{and} \quad y = 3 \sin \theta \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = 3 \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{3 \cos \theta}{2 \sec \theta \tan \theta}$$

Note

Although not necessary, the derivative can be simplified as follows using the fact that

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3 \cos \theta}{2 \sec \theta \tan \theta} = \frac{3 \cos \theta}{2 \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)} = \frac{3 \cos^3 \theta}{2 \sin \theta}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3 \cos^3 \theta}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \right) = \frac{3}{2} \cos^2 \theta \cot \theta$$

$$34. \quad x = \ln(1+t^2), \quad y = \ln(1+2t^2)$$

To differentiate x with respect to t , use the **chain rule** as x is a function of a function. Similarly for y .

$$x = \ln(1+t^2) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{(1+t^2)} \times 2t = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$$

$$y = \ln(1+2t^2) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{(1+2t^2)} \times 4t = \frac{4t}{1+2t^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \left(\frac{4t}{1+2t^2} \right) \div \left(\frac{2t}{1+t^2} \right) = \left(\frac{4t}{1+2t^2} \right) \times \left(\frac{1+t^2}{2t} \right) = \frac{4t(1+t^2)}{2t(1+2t^2)} = \frac{2(1+t^2)}{1+2t^2}$$

$$35. \quad x = \sqrt{t+1} = (t+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t+1}}$$

$$y = \cot t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-\operatorname{cosec}^2 t}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t+1}}} = -2\sqrt{t+1} \operatorname{cosec}^2 t$$

$$36. \quad x = \frac{t}{t^2+1}, \quad y = \frac{t-1}{t^2+1}$$

To differentiate x with respect to t , use the **quotient rule** as x is a quotient of two functions of t . Similarly for y .

$$x = \frac{t}{t^2+1} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{(t^2+1)1 - t(2t)}{(t^2+1)^2} = \frac{t^2+1-2t^2}{(t^2+1)^2} = \frac{1-t^2}{(t^2+1)^2}$$

$$y = \frac{t-1}{t^2+1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{(t^2+1)1 - (t-1)2t}{(t^2+1)^2} = \frac{t^2+1-2t(t-1)}{(t^2+1)^2} = \frac{t^2+1-2t^2+2t}{(t^2+1)^2} = \frac{1+2t-t^2}{(t^2+1)^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \left(\frac{1+2t-t^2}{(t^2+1)^2} \right) \div \left(\frac{1-t^2}{(t^2+1)^2} \right) = \left(\frac{1+2t-t^2}{(t^2+1)^2} \right) \times \left(\frac{(t^2+1)^2}{1-t^2} \right) = \frac{1+2t-t^2}{1-t^2}$$

$$37. \quad x = 5 \cos t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -5 \sin t \quad \text{and} \quad y = 3 \sin t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 3 \cos t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{3 \cos t}{-5 \sin t} = -\frac{3}{5} \cot t \quad [\text{since } \frac{\cos t}{\sin t} = \cot t]$$

$$\text{When } t = \frac{\pi}{6}: \quad m = \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{5} \cot \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{3}{5}(\sqrt{3}) = -\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{5}$$

$$[\text{Note that } \cot \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{\tan \frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{1}{1/\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}]$$

The gradient of the curve when $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$ is $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{5}$.

$$38. \quad x = t^2 + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2t \quad \text{and} \quad y = 1 - 3t^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = -9t^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-9t^2}{2t} = \frac{-9t}{2}$$

$$\text{When } t = 2: \quad x = 2^2 + 1 = 5, \quad y = 1 - 3(2)^3 = -23 \Rightarrow \text{point} = (5, -23)$$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-9(2)}{2} = -9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Equation of tangent: } y - b &= m(x - a) \Rightarrow y + 23 = -9(x - 5) \\ &\Rightarrow y + 23 = -9x + 45 \\ &\Rightarrow y = -9x + 22 \quad \text{or} \quad y + 9x = 22 \end{aligned}$$

$$39. \quad x = 5 \cos \theta \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = -5 \sin \theta \quad \text{and} \quad y = 5 \sin \theta \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = 5 \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{5 \cos \theta}{-5 \sin \theta} = -\cot \theta \quad \left[\text{since } \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \cot \theta \right]$$

$$\text{When } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}: \quad x = 5 \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = 5 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad y = 5 \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = 5 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{point} = \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = -\cot \frac{\pi}{4} = -1 \quad \left[\text{Note that } \cot \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\tan \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Equation of tangent: } y - b &= m(x - a) \Rightarrow y - \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} = -1 \left(x - \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow y - \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} = -x + \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow y = -x + \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow y + x = \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}y + \sqrt{2}x = 10 \quad (\text{or equivalent}) \end{aligned}$$

$$40. \quad x = t^2 + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2t$$

To differentiate y with respect to t , use the chain rule as $\ln(3t + 2)$ is a function of a function.

$$y = \ln(3t + 2) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{(3t + 2)} \times 3 = \frac{3}{3t + 2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{\frac{3}{3t + 2}}{2t} = \frac{3}{2t(3t + 2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = -\frac{1}{3}: \quad x &= \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + 1 = \frac{1}{9} + 1 = \frac{10}{9}, \quad y = \ln\left(3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + 2\right) = \ln 1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{point} = \left(\frac{10}{9}, 0\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + 2\right)} = \frac{3}{2\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)(1)} = \frac{3}{-\frac{2}{3}} = -\frac{9}{2}$$

$$\text{Equation of tangent: } y - b = m(x - a) \Rightarrow y - 0 = -\frac{9}{2}\left(x - \frac{10}{9}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{9}{2}x + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = -9x + 10 \quad \text{or} \quad 2y + 9x = 10$$

41. $x = 5t^2 - 5, \quad y = 3t^3$

At the point $(0, -3)$, $x = 0$ and $y = -3$.

When $x = 0$: $5t^2 - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow 5t^2 = 5 \Rightarrow t^2 = 1 \Rightarrow t = \pm 1$

When $y = -3$: $3t^3 = -3 \Rightarrow t^3 = -1 \Rightarrow t = -1$

Hence $t = -1$ gives $x = 0$ and $y = -3$, thus giving the point $(0, -3)$.

$$x = 5t^2 - 5 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 10t \quad \text{and} \quad y = 3t^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 9t^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{9t^2}{10t} = \frac{9t}{10}$$

When $t = -1$: $m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9(-1)}{10} = -\frac{9}{10}$

The gradient of the curve at the point $(0, -3)$ is $-\frac{9}{10}$.

41. $x = t^2 + t - 1, \quad y = 2t^2 - t + 2$

At the point A(-1, 5), $x = -1$ and $y = 5$.

To show that the point A(-1, 5) lies on the curve, we must find a value of t which gives both $x = -1$ and $y = 5$.

When $x = -1$: $t^2 + t - 1 = -1 \Rightarrow t^2 + t = 0 \Rightarrow t(t+1) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0, t = -1$

When $y = 5$: $2t^2 - t + 2 = 5 \Rightarrow 2t^2 - t - 3 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (2t - 3)(t + 1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2}, t = -1$

Hence $t = -1$ gives $x = -1$ and $y = 5$, thus giving the point A(-1, 5).

So the point A(-1, 5) lies on the curve.

$$x = t^2 + t - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2t + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 2t^2 - t + 2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 4t - 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{4t - 1}{2t + 1}$$

When $t = -1$: $m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4(-1) - 1}{2(-1) + 1} = \frac{-5}{-1} = 5$

Equation of tangent at the point A(-1, 5): $y - b = m(x - a) \Rightarrow y - 5 = 5(x + 1)$
 $\Rightarrow y - 5 = 5x + 5$
 $\Rightarrow y = 5x + 10$

43. The instantaneous speed, v , of the particle at time t is given by $v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$.

$$x = t(t + 4) = t^2 + 4t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2t + 4$$

To differentiate $y = t(1-t)^3$ with respect to t , use the **product rule** as y is the product of two functions of t and use the **chain rule** to differentiate $(1-t)^3$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(1-t)^3 = 3(1-t)^2 \times (-1) = -3(1-t)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \frac{dy}{dt} &= t(-3(1-t)^2) + (1-t)^3 (1) \\ &= -3t(1-t)^2 + (1-t)^3 \\ &= (1-t)^3 - 3t(1-t)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{When } t = 3: \frac{dx}{dt} = 2(3) + 4 = 10, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = (-2)^3 - 3(3)(-2)^2 = -44$$

$$\text{and } v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} = \sqrt{10^2 + (-44)^2} = \sqrt{2036}$$

The instantaneous speed of the particle when $t = 3$ is $\sqrt{2036}$.

Notes

- (1) No units are given in this question.
- (2) Although not necessary, the expression for $\frac{dy}{dt}$ can be simplified by factorising as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= (1-t)^3 - 3t(1-t)^2 \\ &= (1-t)^2((1-t) - 3t) \quad [\text{removing a common factor of } (1-t)^2] \\ &= (1-t)^2(1-4t) \end{aligned}$$

44.(a) The instantaneous speed, v , of the particle at time t is given by $v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$.

$$x = t \cos t, \quad y = t \sin t$$

To differentiate x with respect to t , use the **product rule** as x is a product of two functions of t . Similarly for y .

$$x = t \cos t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = t(-\sin t) + \cos t(1) = -t \sin t + \cos t = \cos t - t \sin t$$

$$y = t \sin t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = t \cos t + \sin t(1) = t \cos t + \sin t$$

$$\text{Hence } v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(\cos t - t \sin t)^2 + (t \cos t + \sin t)^2}$$

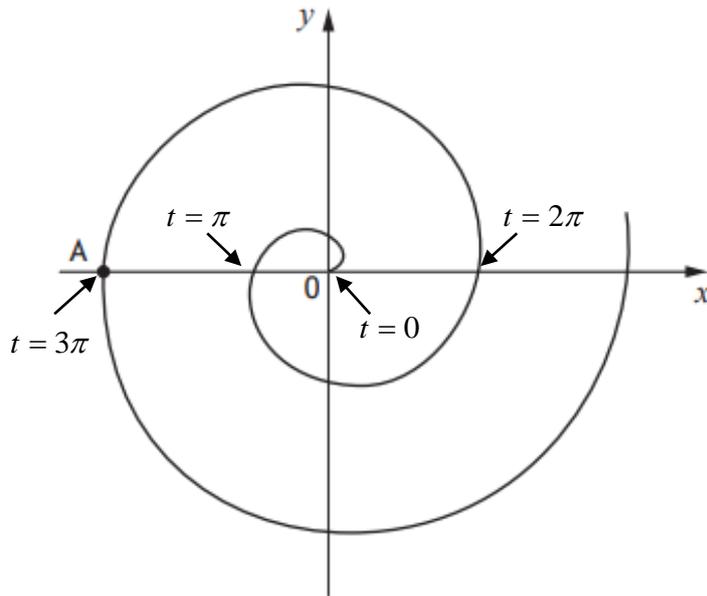
(b) To calculate the instantaneous speed of the particle at point A, we need to find the value of t at point A.

Point A is on the x -axis, so point A occurs when $y = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } y = 0: \quad y = t \sin t &\Rightarrow t \sin t = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow t = 0 \text{ or } \sin t = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow t = 0 \text{ or } t = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots \\ &\Rightarrow t = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots \end{aligned}$$

The particle starts from O at time $t = 0$ and the above solutions indicate the times when the particle crosses the x -axis.

Tracing the spiralling path of the particle anticlockwise from O shows that the point A occurs when $t = 3\pi$ (see diagram below).



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{When } t = 3\pi: \quad v &= \sqrt{(\cos t - t \sin t)^2 + (t \cos t + \sin t)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(\cos 3\pi - 3\pi \sin 3\pi)^2 + (3\pi \cos 3\pi + \sin 3\pi)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(-1 - 3\pi(0))^2 + (3\pi(-1) + 0)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-3\pi)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{1 + 9\pi^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The instantaneous speed of the particle at point A is $\sqrt{1 + 9\pi^2}$.

Notes

- (1) No units are given in this question.
- (2) Although not necessary, the expression for the instantaneous speed of the particle in (a) can be simplified as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 v &= \sqrt{(\cos t - t \sin t)^2 + (t \cos t + \sin t)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\cos^2 t - 2t \sin t \cos t + t^2 \sin^2 t + t^2 \cos^2 t + 2t \sin t \cos t + \sin^2 t} \\
 &= \sqrt{\cos^2 t + t^2 \sin^2 t + t^2 \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t} \quad [\text{since } -2t \sin t \cos t + 2t \sin t \cos t = 0] \\
 &= \sqrt{(\sin^2 t + \sin^2 t) + t^2 (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)} \\
 &= \sqrt{1 + t^2} \quad [\text{since } \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

Then in (b), when $t = 3\pi$: $v = \sqrt{1 + t^2} = \sqrt{1 + (3\pi)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 9\pi^2}$

$$45. \quad x = t - \sin t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 1 - \cos t \quad \text{and} \quad y = 1 - \cos t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \sin t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{\sin t}{1 - \cos t}$$

To differentiate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with respect to x to find the second derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, you must use the chain rule as $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is a function of t and t is a function of x .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\sin t}{1 - \cos t} \right) \\ &= \frac{(1 - \cos t) \cos t - \sin t (\sin t)}{(1 - \cos t)^2} && \text{[using the quotient rule]} \\ &= \frac{\cos t (1 - \cos t) - \sin^2 t}{(1 - \cos t)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos t - \cos^2 t - \sin^2 t}{(1 - \cos t)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos t - (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t)}{(1 - \cos t)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos t - 1}{(1 - \cos t)^2} && \text{[since } \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1 \text{]} \\ &= \frac{-(1 - \cos t)}{(1 - \cos t)(1 - \cos t)} \\ &= \frac{-1}{1 - \cos t} && \text{[cancelling the factor of } (1 - \cos t) \text{]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{dx/dt} = \frac{1}{1 - \cos t}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left(\frac{-1}{1 - \cos t} \right) \times \left(\frac{1}{1 - \cos t} \right) = \frac{-1}{(1 - \cos t)^2}$$

$$46. \quad x = 2t + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 + t \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{1}{3}t^3 - 3t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = t^2 - 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{t^2 - 3}{2 + t} = \frac{t^2 - 3}{t + 2}$$

To differentiate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with respect to x to find the second derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, you must use the chain rule as $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is a function of t and t is a function of x .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{t^2 - 3}{t + 2} \right) \\ &= \frac{(t + 2)2t - (t^2 - 3)1}{(t + 2)^2} && \text{[using the quotient rule]} \\ &= \frac{2t(t + 2) - (t^2 - 3)}{(t + 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{2t^2 + 4t - t^2 + 3}{(t + 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{t^2 + 4t + 3}{(t + 2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{dx/dt} = \frac{1}{2 + t} = \frac{1}{t + 2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left(\frac{t^2 + 4t + 3}{(t + 2)^2} \right) \times \left(\frac{1}{t + 2} \right) = \frac{t^2 + 4t + 3}{(t + 2)^3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(t + 1)(t + 3)}{(t + 2)^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stationary points occur when } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{t^2 - 3}{t + 2} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow t^2 - 3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow t^2 = 3 \\ &\Rightarrow t = \pm\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

To determine the nature of each stationary point, use the second derivative test.

$$\text{When } t = -\sqrt{3}: \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(-\sqrt{3})^2 + 4(-\sqrt{3}) + 3}{(-\sqrt{3} + 2)^3} = \frac{3 - 4\sqrt{3} + 3}{(2 - \sqrt{3})^3} = \frac{6 - 4\sqrt{3}}{(2 - \sqrt{3})^3} = -48 \cdot 2487... < 0$$

Hence $t = -\sqrt{3}$ gives a maximum turning point.

$$\text{When } t = \sqrt{3}: \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 4(\sqrt{3}) + 3}{(\sqrt{3} + 2)^3} = \frac{3 + 4\sqrt{3} + 3}{(2 + \sqrt{3})^3} = \frac{6 + 4\sqrt{3}}{(2 + \sqrt{3})^3} = 0 \cdot 2487... > 0$$

Hence $t = \sqrt{3}$ gives a minimum turning point.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Points of inflexion occur when } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{t^2 + 4t + 3}{(t + 2)^3} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow t^2 + 4t + 3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (t + 1)(t + 3) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow t = -1, t = -3 \end{aligned}$$

There are two distinct values of t , hence the curve has exactly two points of inflexion.

$$47. \quad x = \sqrt{t} = t^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}t^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \quad \text{and} \quad y = t^3 - \frac{5}{2}t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 3t^2 - 5t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{3t^2 - 5t}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}} = 2\sqrt{t}(3t^2 - 5t) = 2t^{\frac{1}{2}}(3t^2 - 5t) = 6t^{\frac{5}{2}} - 10t^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

To differentiate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with respect to x to find the second derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, you must use the chain rule as $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is a function of t and t is a function of x .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(6t^{\frac{5}{2}} - 10t^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) = 15t^{\frac{3}{2}} - 15t^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}}} = 2\sqrt{t}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left(15t^{\frac{3}{2}} - 15t^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \times 2\sqrt{t} = 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(15t^{\frac{3}{2}} - 15t^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = 30t^2 - 30t$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = at^2 + bt \quad \text{where } a = 30 \text{ and } b = -30.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Points of inflexion occur when } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 &\Rightarrow 30t^2 - 30t = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 30t(t-1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow t = 0, t = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow t = 1 \text{ (since } t > 0) \end{aligned}$$

The point of inflexion occurs when $t = 1$.

$$\text{When } t = 1: \quad x = \sqrt{1} = 1, \quad y = 1^3 - \frac{5}{2}(1)^2 = 1 - \frac{5}{2} = -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \text{point} = \left(1, -\frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = 6(1)^{\frac{5}{2}} - 10(1)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 6 - 10 = -4$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Equation of tangent: } y - b = m(x - a) &\Rightarrow y + \frac{3}{2} = -4(x - 1) \\ &\Rightarrow y + \frac{3}{2} = -4x + 4 \\ &\Rightarrow 2y + 3 = -8x + 8 \\ &\Rightarrow 2y = -8x + 5 \quad \text{or} \quad 2y + 8x = 5\end{aligned}$$

$$48.(a) \quad x = \cos 2t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -2 \sin 2t \quad \text{and} \quad y = \sin 2t \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 2 \cos 2t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{2 \cos 2t}{-2 \sin 2t} = -\cot 2t \quad \left[\text{since } \frac{\cos 2t}{\sin 2t} = \cot 2t \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } t = \frac{\pi}{8}: \quad x &= \cos 2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad y = \sin 2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{point} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = -\cot 2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = -\cot \frac{\pi}{4} = -1 \quad \left[\text{Note that } \cot \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\tan \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Equation of tangent: } y - b &= m(x - a) \Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -1\left(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = -x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow y = -x + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow y + x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}y + \sqrt{2}x = 2 \quad (\text{or equivalent}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) To differentiate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with respect to x to find the second derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, you must use the chain rule as $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is a function of t and t is a function of x .

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} (-\cot 2t) = -(-2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 2t) = 2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 2t$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{dx/dt} = \frac{1}{-2 \sin 2t} = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec} 2t \quad \left[\text{since } \operatorname{cosec} 2t = \frac{1}{\sin 2t} \right]$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 2t \times \left(-\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec} 2t \right) = -\operatorname{cosec}^3 2t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2t \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 &= \sin 2t (-\operatorname{cosec}^3 2t) + (-\cot 2t)^2 \\ &= \sin 2t \left(-\frac{1}{\sin^3 2t} \right) + \cot^2 2t \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sin^2 2t} + \frac{\cos^2 2t}{\sin^2 2t} \quad \left[\text{since } \cot 2t = \frac{\cos 2t}{\sin 2t} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1 + \cos^2 2t}{\sin^2 2t} \\ &= \frac{-1 + (1 - \sin^2 2t)}{\sin^2 2t} \quad \left[\text{since } \cos^2 2t = 1 - \sin^2 2t \right] \\ &= \frac{-1 + 1 - \sin^2 2t}{\sin^2 2t} \\ &= \frac{-\sin^2 2t}{\sin^2 2t} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \sin 2t \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 = k \quad \text{where } k = -1.$$