

Question Seven: [3, 4 = 7 marks]

CF

$$y = \frac{5x}{e^{-2x}} \text{ at } x = -1.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5x(-2e^{-2x}) - 5e^{-2x}}{25x^2} = \frac{-5(-2e^2) - 5e^2}{25} = \frac{5}{25}$$

$$f'(x) = 4\sin(4x) \quad f'\left(\frac{6}{x}\right) = 4\sin\frac{3}{2} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$f\left(\frac{6}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{2} = 2\sqrt{3}\left(\frac{6}{x}\right) + c \quad y = 2\sqrt{3}x + c$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 2\sqrt{3} - 2\pi\sqrt{3} + c \quad \therefore y = 2\sqrt{3}x + \frac{6}{3 - 2\pi\sqrt{3}}$$

(b) Determine the equation of the tangent to the curve  $f(x) = -\cos(4x)$  at  $x = \frac{6}{\pi}$ .



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Question One: [1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3 = 18 marks]

CF

Differentiate each of the following functions with respect to  $x$ . Do not simplify your answers.

(a)  $y = e^{3x}$

(b)  $g(x) = -\cos\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)$

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

(d)  $y = \frac{\sin x}{5x - 1}$

(e)  $h(x) = \sqrt{x^4 - 2x}$

(f)  $y = \sin^2(4x)$

**Question Six: [5 marks] CF**

By using first principles and the limits  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$  and  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} = 0$ , establish that  $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$ .

Remember that  $\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x + h) - \sin x}{h} \quad \checkmark \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \cosh + \cos x \sinh - \sin x}{h} \quad \checkmark \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x(\cosh - 1) + \cos x \sinh}{h} \quad \checkmark \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x(\cosh - 1)}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x \sinh}{h} \quad \checkmark \\ &= 0 + \cos x \quad \checkmark \\ &= \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2xe^{x^2-1} \\ \frac{d}{dx} \frac{y}{x^2} &= 2e^{x^2-1} + 4x^2e^{x^2-1} \\ \frac{d}{dx} \frac{y}{x^2} \times y^{1-1} \times x^2 &= 2e^{x^2-1}(1+2x^2) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \frac{y}{x^2} \times y^{1-1} \times \frac{1}{x^2} &= 2e^{x^2-1}(1+2x^2) \times \frac{1}{x^2} \\ &= 2 + 4x^2 - 2 \\ &= 4x^2\end{aligned}$$

Question Five: [2 marks]

CF

Given  $f(g(x)) = e^{0.5x} \cos(2e^{0.5x})$  and  $g(x) = e^{0.5x}$ , determine  $f(x)$ .

$$f(x) = \sin 2x$$

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(g)  
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**Question Two: [4 marks]** CF

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**Question Three: [4 marks]** CF

A curve is defined parametrically as  $x = 4t$  and  $y = t^3 - 1$ .

Determine an expression for the rate of change of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ , in terms of  $x$  only. Simplify your answer.

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3t^2 \times \frac{1}{4} \quad \checkmark \checkmark \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{3t^2}{4} \\ t &= \frac{x}{4} \quad \checkmark \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{3 \left( \frac{x}{4} \right)^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{3x^2}{16 \times 4} \\ &= \frac{3x^2}{64} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$


**Question Four: [5 marks]** CF


Given that  $y = e^{x^2-1}$ , show that  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \times y^{-1} - 2 = 4x^2$


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CF

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  $y = \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$

  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos(x) \cos(x) - \sin(x)(-\sin(x))}{\cos^2 x}$

  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$

  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2f'(3x - 1)(3)$$

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(d)

$$y = \frac{\sin x}{5x - 1}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(5x - 1)(\cos x) - (5 \sin x)}{(5x - 1)^2}$$

(e)

$$h(x) = \sqrt{x^4 - 2x}$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4x^3 - 2}{\sqrt{x^4 - 2x}}$$

(f)

$$y = \sin^2(4x)$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(\sin(4x))(\cos(4x))$$

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- (b) Determine the equation of the tangent to the curve  $f(x) = -\cos(4x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

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

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