ALEVELS P3

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH PROOF (SIMPLE)
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1 In a certain chemical reaction the amount, x grams, of a substance present is decreasing. The rate of decrease of x is proportional to the product of x and the time, t seconds, since the start of the reaction. Thus x and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -kxt,$$

where k is a positive constant. At the start of the reaction, when $t = 0$, $x = 100$.

(i) Solve this differential equation, obtaining a relation between x, k and t. [5]

(ii) 20 seconds after the start of the reaction the amount of substance present is 90 grams. Find the time after the start of the reaction at which the amount of substance present is 50 grams. [3]

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2 In a certain industrial process, a substance is being produced in a container. The mass of the substance in the container t minutes after the start of the process is x grams. At any time, the rate of formation of the substance is proportional to its mass. Also, throughout the process, the substance is removed from the container at a constant rate of 25 grams per minute. When $t = 0$, $x = 1000$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 75$.

(i) Show that x and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.1(x - 250).$$ [2]

(ii) Solve this differential equation, obtaining an expression for x in terms of t. [6]

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3 A model for the height, h metres, of a certain type of tree at time t years after being planted assumes that,while the tree is growing, the rate of increase in height is proportional to $(9 - h)^{\frac{1}{3}}$. It is given that ,
when $t = 0$, $h = 1$ and $\frac{dh}{dt} = 0.2$.

(i) Show that h and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = 0.1(9 - h)^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$ [2]

(ii) Solve this differential equation, and obtain an expression for h in terms of t. [7]

(iii) Find the maximum height of the tree and the time taken to reach this height after planting. [2]

(iv) Calculate the time taken to reach half the maximum height. [1]

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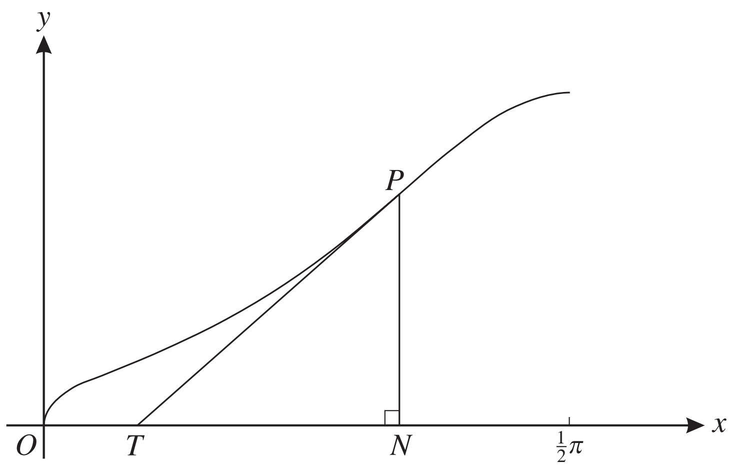

In the diagram the tangent to a curve at a general point P with coordinates (x, y) meets the x-axis at T. The point N on the x-axis is such that PN is perpendicular to the x-axis. The curve is such that, for all values of x in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, the area of triangle PTN is equal to $\tan x$, where x is in radians.

(i) Using the fact that the gradient of the curve at P is $\frac{PN}{TN}$, show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \tfrac{1}{2}y^2 \cot x. \qquad [3]$$

(ii) Given that $y = 2$ when $x = \frac{1}{6}\pi$, solve this differential equation to find the equation of the curve, expressing y in terms of x. [6]

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5 A certain substance is formed in a chemical reaction. The mass of substance formed t seconds after the start of the reaction is x grams. At any time the rate of formation of the substance is proportional to $(20 - x)$. When $t = 0$, $x = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$.

(i) Show that x and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.05(20 - x). \qquad [2]$$

(ii) Find, in any form, the solution of this differential equation. [5]

(iii) Find x when $t = 10$, giving your answer correct to 1 decimal place. [2]

(iv) State what happens to the value of x as t becomes very large. [1]

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6 A biologist is investigating the spread of a weed in a particular region. At time t weeks after the start of the investigation, the area covered by the weed is A m^2. The biologist claims that the rate of increase of A is proportional to $\sqrt{(2A - 5)}$.

(i) Write down a differential equation representing the biologist's claim. [1]

(ii) At the start of the investigation, the area covered by the weed was 7 m^2 and, 10 weeks later, the area covered was 27 m^2. Assuming that the biologist's claim is correct, find the area covered 20 weeks after the start of the investigation. [9]

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7 A certain curve is such that its gradient at a point (x, y) is proportional to xy. At the point $(1, 2)$ the gradient is 4.

(i) By setting up and solving a differential equation, show that the equation of the curve is $y = 2e^{x^2-1}$. [7]

(ii) State the gradient of the curve at the point $(-1, 2)$ and sketch the curve. [2]

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8 In a chemical reaction, a compound X is formed from two compounds Y and Z. The masses in grams of X, Y and Z present at time t seconds after the start of the reaction are x, $10 - x$ and $20 - x$ respectively. At any time the rate of formation of X is proportional to the product of the masses of Y and Z present at the time. When $t = 0$, $x = 0$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$.

(i) Show that x and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.01(10 - x)(20 - x).$$ [1]

(ii) Solve this differential equation and obtain an expression for x in terms of t. [9]

(iii) State what happens to the value of x when t becomes large. [1]

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9 In a certain chemical process a substance A reacts with another substance B. The masses in grams of A and B present at time t seconds after the start of the process are x and y respectively. It is given that $\frac{dy}{dt} = -0.6xy$ and $x = 5e^{-3t}$. When $t = 0$, $y = 70$.

(i) Form a differential equation in y and t. Solve this differential equation and obtain an expression for y in terms of t. [6]

(ii) The percentage of the initial mass of B remaining at time t is denoted by p. Find the exact value approached by p as t becomes large. [2]

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10 Liquid is flowing into a small tank which has a leak. Initially the tank is empty and, t minutes later, the volume of liquid in the tank is $V\,\text{cm}^3$. The liquid is flowing into the tank at a constant rate of $80\,\text{cm}^3$ per minute. Because of the leak, liquid is being lost from the tank at a rate which, at any instant, is equal to $kV\,\text{cm}^3$ per minute where k is a positive constant.

(i) Write down a differential equation describing this situation and solve it to show that

$$V = \frac{1}{k}(80 - 80\mathrm{e}^{-kt}).$$ [7]

(ii) It is observed that $V = 500$ when $t = 15$, so that k satisfies the equation

$$k = \frac{4 - 4\mathrm{e}^{-15k}}{25}.$$

Use an iterative formula, based on this equation, to find the value of k correct to 2 significant figures. Use an initial value of $k = 0.1$ and show the result of each iteration to 4 significant figures. [3]

(iii) Determine how much liquid there is in the tank 20 minutes after the liquid started flowing, and state what happens to the volume of liquid in the tank after a long time. [2]

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11 The population of a country at time t years is N millions. At any time, N is assumed to increase at a rate proportional to the product of N and $(1 - 0.01N)$. When $t = 0$, $N = 20$ and $\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0.32$.

(i) Treating N and t as continuous variables, show that they satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0.02N(1 - 0.01N).$$ [1]

(ii) Solve the differential equation, obtaining an expression for t in terms of N. [8]

(iii) Find the time at which the population will be double its value at $t = 0$. [1]

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12 Naturalists are managing a wildlife reserve to increase the number of plants of a rare species. The number of plants at time t years is denoted by N, where N is treated as a continuous variable.

(i) It is given that the rate of increase of N with respect to t is proportional to $(N - 150)$. Write down a differential equation relating N, t and a constant of proportionality. [1]

(ii) Initially, when $t = 0$, the number of plants was 650. It was noted that, at a time when there were 900 plants, the number of plants was increasing at a rate of 60 per year. Express N in terms of t. [7]

(iii) The naturalists had a target of increasing the number of plants from 650 to 2000 within 15 years. Will this target be met? [2]

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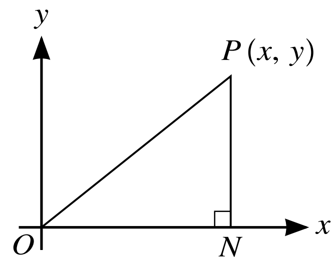

The diagram shows a variable point P with coordinates $(x,\ y)$ and the point N which is the foot of the perpendicular from P to the x-axis. P moves on a curve such that, for all $x \geqslant 0$, the gradient of the curve is equal in value to the area of the triangle OPN, where O is the origin.

(i) State a differential equation satisfied by x and y. [1]

The point with coordinates $(0,\ 2)$ lies on the curve.

(ii) Solve the differential equation to obtain the equation of the curve, expressing y in terms of x. [5]

(iii) Sketch the curve. [1]

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14 In a certain chemical process a substance A reacts with and reduces a substance B. The masses of A and B at time t after the start of the process are x and y respectively. It is given that $\frac{dy}{dt} = -0.2xy$ and $x = \frac{10}{(1+t)^2}$. At the beginning of the process $y = 100$.

(i) Form a differential equation in y and t, and solve this differential equation. [6]

(ii) Find the exact value approached by the mass of B as t becomes large. State what happens to the mass of A as t becomes large. [2]

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15 In a certain chemical reaction, a compound A is formed from a compound B. The masses of A and B at time t after the start of the reaction are x and y respectively and the sum of the masses is equal to 50 throughout the reaction. At any time the rate of increase of the mass of A is proportional to the mass of B at that time.

(i) Explain why $\frac{dx}{dt} = k(50 - x)$, where k is a constant. [1]

It is given that $x = 0$ when $t = 0$, and $x = 25$ when $t = 10$.

(ii) Solve the differential equation in part **(i)** and express x in terms of t. [8]

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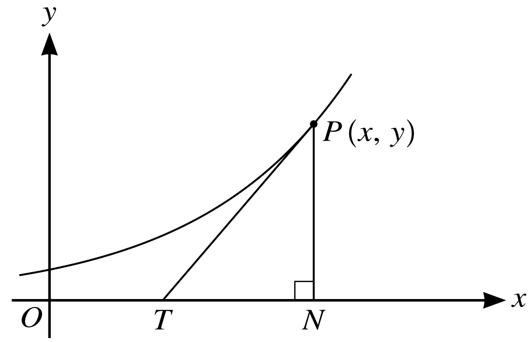

In the diagram, the tangent to a curve at the point P with coordinates (x, y) meets the x-axis at T. The point N is the foot of the perpendicular from P to the x-axis. The curve is such that, for all values of x, the gradient of the curve is positive and $TN = 2$.

(i) Show that the differential equation satisfied by x and y is $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}y$. [1]

The point with coordinates (4, 3) lies on the curve.

(ii) Solve the differential equation to obtain the equation of the curve, expressing y in terms of x. [5]

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17 A certain curve is such that its gradient at a general point with coordinates (x, y) is proportional to $\frac{y^2}{x}$. The curve passes through the points with coordinates (1, 1) and (e, 2). By setting up and solving a differential equation, find the equation of the curve, expressing y in terms of x. [8]

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18 The number of insects in a population t weeks after the start of observations is denoted by N. The population is decreasing at a rate proportional to $Ne^{-0.02t}$. The variables N and t are treated as continuous, and it is given that when $t = 0$, $N = 1000$ and $\frac{dN}{dt} = -10$.

(i) Show that N and t satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -0.01e^{-0.02t}N.$$ [1]

(ii) Solve the differential equation and find the value of t when $N = 800$. [6]

(iii) State what happens to the value of N as t becomes large. [1]

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