

9 A curve has equation $y = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1$.

- (a) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point $A(4, 3)$, giving your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. [3]

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A point is moving along the curve $y = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1$ in such a way that at A the rate of increase of the x -coordinate is 3 cm s^{-1} .

- (b) Find the rate of increase of the y -coordinate at A . [2]

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At A the moving point suddenly changes direction and speed, and moves down the normal in such a way that the rate of decrease of the y -coordinate is constant at 5 cm s^{-1} .

- (c) As the point moves down the normal, find the rate of change of its x -coordinate. [3]

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