

- 10** A curve is such that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{a}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + ax^{-\frac{3}{2}}$, where a is a positive constant. The point $A(a^2, 3)$ lies on the curve. Find, in terms of a ,

(i) the equation of the tangent to the curve at A , simplifying your answer, [3]

(ii) the equation of the curve. [4]

It is now given that $B(16, 8)$ also lies on the curve.

(iii) Find the value of a and, using this value, find the distance AB . [5]