

- 10 (a)** The functions f and g are defined for $x \geq 0$ by

$$f : x \mapsto (ax + b)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are positive constants,}$$
$$g : x \mapsto x^2.$$

Given that $fg(1) = 2$ and $gf(9) = 16$,

- (i) calculate the values of a and b , [4]
- (ii) obtain an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$ and state the domain of f^{-1} . [4]
- (b)** A point P travels along the curve $y = (7x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ in such a way that the x -coordinate of P at time t minutes is increasing at a constant rate of 8 units per minute. Find the rate of increase of the y -coordinate of P at the instant when P is at the point $(3, 4)$. [5]