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Powers Using Chain Rule 1

A Level Further A
P P P P P P

Part A Differentiate $w = (4s + 3)^3$

Find $\frac{dw}{ds}$ if $w = (4s + 3)^3$.

The following symbols may be useful: s

Part B First derivative of $z = (b - aw)^4$

Find $\frac{dz}{dw}$ when $z = (b - aw)^4$, where a and b are constants.

The following symbols may be useful: a , b , w

Part C Second derivative of $z = (b - aw)^4$

Find $\frac{d^2z}{dw^2}$ when $z = (b - aw)^4$, where a and b are constants.

The following symbols may be useful: a , b , w



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Differentiating Exponentials 1

A Level Further A
P P P P P P

Part A Differentiate $\beta e^{-\alpha t}$

Differentiate $\beta e^{-\alpha t}$ with respect to t , where α and β are constants.

The following symbols may be useful: alpha, beta, e, t

Part B Differentiate $Ce^{\beta m} + D$

Differentiate $Ce^{\beta m} + D$ with respect to m , where β , C and D are constants.

The following symbols may be useful: C, D, beta, e, m

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Differentiating Trig Functions 2

A Level Further A
P P P P P P

Part A Differentiate $s = r \sin(\alpha\theta)$

Find $\frac{ds}{d\theta}$ if $s = r \sin(\alpha\theta)$ and r and α are constants.

The following symbols may be useful: alpha, r, theta

Part B Differentiate $q = l \cos(\alpha - 2\beta\theta)$

Find $\frac{dq}{d\theta}$ if $q = l \cos(\alpha - 2\beta\theta)$ and l , α and β are constants.

The following symbols may be useful: alpha, beta, l, theta

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Differentiating Natural Logs

A Level Further A
P P P P P P

Part A Differentiate $u = \ln(2v + 3)$

Find $\frac{du}{dv}$ if $u = \ln(2v + 3)$.

The following symbols may be useful: v

Part B Stationary point of $p = 2 \ln(2q) - 3q$

Find the coordinates and nature of the stationary point of the function $p = 2 \ln(2q) - 3q$.

Find the q coordinate of the stationary point.

The following symbols may be useful: q

Find the p coordinate of the stationary point.

The following symbols may be useful: p

Determine the nature of the stationary point.

☐ Minimum

☐ Maximum



Differentiation: Chain Rule 1ii

A Level



The volume, $V \text{ m}^3$, of liquid in a container is given by

$$V = (3h^2 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 8$$

where $h \text{ m}$ is the depth of the liquid.

Part A Rate of Change (a)

Find the value of $\frac{dV}{dh}$ when $h = 0.6$, giving your answer to four significant figures.

Part B Rate of Change (b)

Liquid is leaking from the container. It is observed that, when the depth of the liquid is 0.6 m , the depth is decreasing at a rate of 0.015 m per hour. Find the rate at which the volume of liquid in the container is decreasing at the instant when the depth is 0.6 m . Answer to four significant figures.

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Differentiation: Chain Rule 2ii

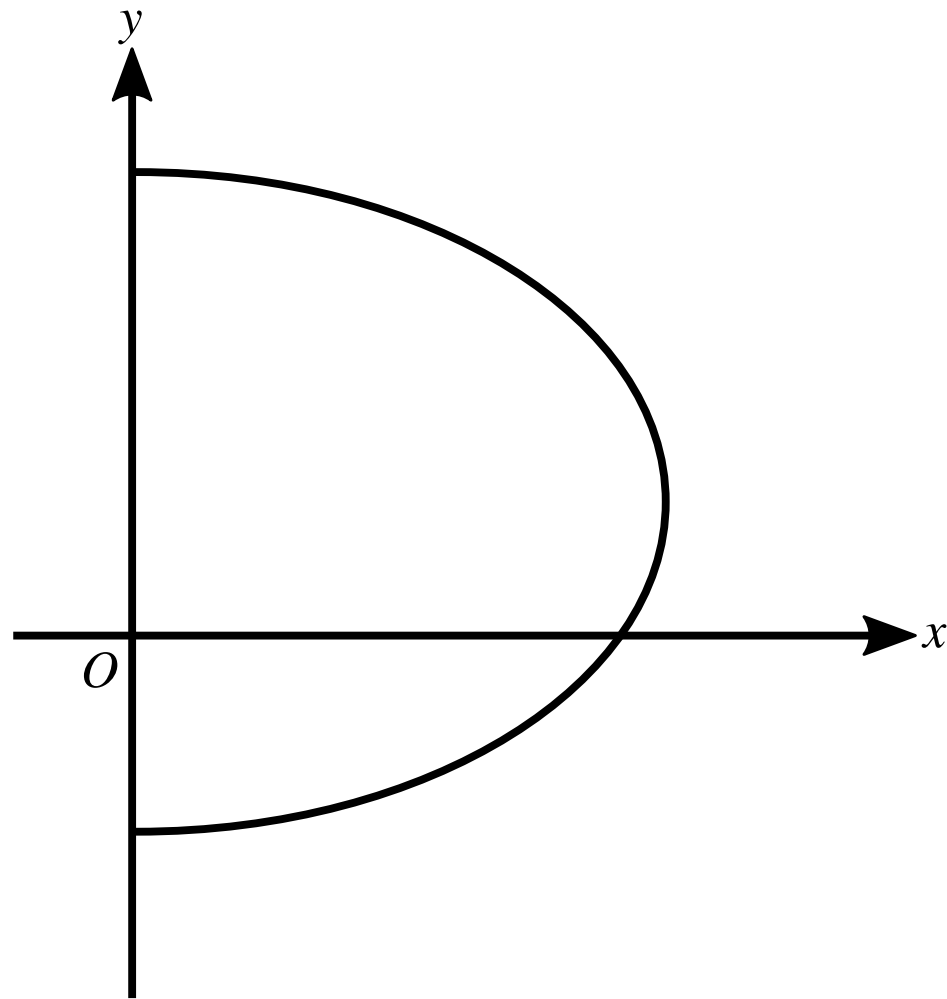


Figure 1: The curve with equation $x = (37 + 10y - 2y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Figure 1 shows the curve with equation $x = (37 + 10y - 2y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Part A Differentiate

Find an expression for $\frac{dx}{dy}$ in terms of y .

The following symbols may be useful: $\text{Derivative}(x, y)$, x , y

Part B Tangent

Hence find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point $(7, 3)$, giving your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

The following symbols may be useful: x , y

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Differentiation: Chain Rule 3ii

A Level



Part A Derivatives

Given that $x = (4t + 9)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $y = 6e^{\frac{1}{2}x+1}$, find expressions for $\frac{dx}{dt}$ and $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Give the expression for $\frac{dx}{dt}$.

The following symbols may be useful: `Derivative(x, t)`, `t`, `x`

Give the expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

The following symbols may be useful: `Derivative(y, x)`, `e`, `ln()`, `log()`, `x`, `y`

Part B $\frac{dy}{dt}$

Hence find the value of $\frac{dy}{dt}$ when $t = 4$, giving your answer correct to three significant figures.

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Part A Tangent to $y = e^{2x} - e^{-2x}$

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = e^{2x} - e^{-2x}$ at the point $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

The following symbols may be useful: e , x , y

Part B Stationary point of $u = 2e^{3v} - 3v$

Find the coordinates and nature of the stationary point of the function $u = 2e^{3v} - 3v$.

Find the v coordinate of the stationary point.

The following symbols may be useful: v

Find the u coordinate of the stationary point.

The following symbols may be useful: u

Determine the nature of the stationary point.

☐ Maximum

☐ Minimum



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Chain Rule 2

A Level Further A
P P P P P P

Part A Differentiate $E = B \sin^2(\omega t)$.

Find $\frac{dE}{dt}$ if $E = B \sin^2(\omega t)$, where B and ω are constants.

The following symbols may be useful: B, E, omega, t

Part B Differentiate $y = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$, where σ is a constant.

The following symbols may be useful: e, sigma, x

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Further Derivatives of Exponentials and Logarithms



This question uses the chain rule to find the derivatives of several functions involving exponentials and logarithms.

Part A Rewriting a^x

Use the rules for exponentials and logarithms to write $y = a^x$, where a is a positive constant, in the form $y = e^{bx}$, where b is a constant. Enter an expression for b in terms of a .

The following symbols may be useful: a , $\ln()$, $\log()$

Part B Differentiating a^x

Using your answer to part A, use the chain rule to find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the function $y = a^x$. Give your answer in the form $f(a)a^x$, where $f(a)$ is a function of a to be determined.

The following symbols may be useful: a , $\ln()$, $\log()$

Part C Differentiating $\log_a(x)$

Use the chain rule to find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the function $y = \log_a(x)$.

The following symbols may be useful: a , $\ln()$, $\log()$

Part D Differentiate e^{e^x}

Use the chain rule to find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the function $y = e^{e^x}$.

The following symbols may be useful: e , x

Part E Differentiate $\ln(\ln(x))$

Use the chain rule to find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for the function $y = \ln(\ln x)$.

The following symbols may be useful: $\ln()$, $\log()$, x
