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Differentiation from First Principles 2

A Level

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Differentiating a function $f(x)$ from first principles involves taking a limit. The derivative of $f(x)$ is given by the expression

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}.$$

Part A   **Differentiate $4x^2 + 2x + 7$ from first principles**

Differentiate $f(x) = 4x^2 + 2x + 7$ from first principles. Drag and drop options into the spaces below.

$f(x+h) = 4(x+h)^2 + 2(x+h) + 7$. Substituting this into the expression for $f'(x)$,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(4(x+h)^2 + 2(x+h) + 7) - (4x^2 + 2x + 7)}{h}.$$

Next, expanding the brackets in the numerator and simplifying gives

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\boxed{} - (4x^2 + 2x + 7)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} (\boxed{} + (\boxed{})h).$$

Finally, take the limit. As $h \to 0$, the terms containing h tend to 0. Therefore,

$$f'(x) = \boxed{}.$$

Items:

$\boxed{8x+2}$ $\boxed{4x^2 + 4h^2}$ $\boxed{8x+4}$ $\boxed{4x^2 + 2x + 7 + 8hx + 2h + 4h^2}$ $\boxed{4x^2 + 2x + 7 + 4hx + 2h + 4h^2}$ $\boxed{4}$ $\boxed{7}$

Part B   Differentiate $ax^2 + bx + c$ from first principles

Differentiate $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where a, b and c are constants, from first principles.

$f(x + h) = a(x + h)^2 + b(x + h) + c$. Substituting this into the expression for $f'(x)$,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{(a(x + h)^2 + b(x + h) + c) - (ax^2 + bx + c)}{h}.$$

Next, expanding the brackets in the numerator and simplifying gives

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\boxed{} + (\boxed{})h + (\boxed{})h^2}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} (\boxed{} + (\boxed{})h).$$

Finally, take the limit. As $h \to 0$, the terms containing h tend to 0. Therefore,

$$f'(x) = \boxed{}.$$

Items:

$\boxed{a}$ $\boxed{2a}$ $\boxed{1}$ $\boxed{ax^2 + 2ahx + ah^2}$ $\boxed{b + ah}$ $\boxed{2ax + b}$ $\boxed{ab}$ $\boxed{0}$

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Calculus

A Level

Part A   Integrating a factorised expression

Find $\int (x^2 + 9)(x - 4)\mathrm{d}x$.

The following symbols may be useful: `C, c, k, x`

Part B   Differentiation

A curve has the equation $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 9x$.

Find $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$.

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

Part C   Stationary points

Find the coordinates of the stationary points of the curve $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 9x$. Enter the x and y coordinates of the stationary point with the largest x coordinate.

Enter the x-coordinate of the stationary point with the largest (most positive) x:

The following symbols may be useful: x

Enter its corresponding y coordinate:

The following symbols may be useful: y

Part D   Nature of stationary point

Determine the nature of the stationary point with the largest x-coordinate.

○ Minimum

○ Maximum

○ Neither/Inconclusive

Part E   Tangent to the curve

Given that $24x + 3y + 2 = 0$ is the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 9x$ at the point (p, q), find the values of p and q.

(i) Enter value of p:

The following symbols may be useful: p

(ii) Enter value of q:

The following symbols may be useful: q

Part F   Normal to the curve

Find the equation of the normal to the curve $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 9x$ at the point (p, q) you found in Part E.

Give your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a, b, and c are integers

The following symbols may be useful: x, y

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Minimisation: Surface Area

A Level

Figure 1 shows a solid shape, which is made out of a cuboid and two half-cylinders.
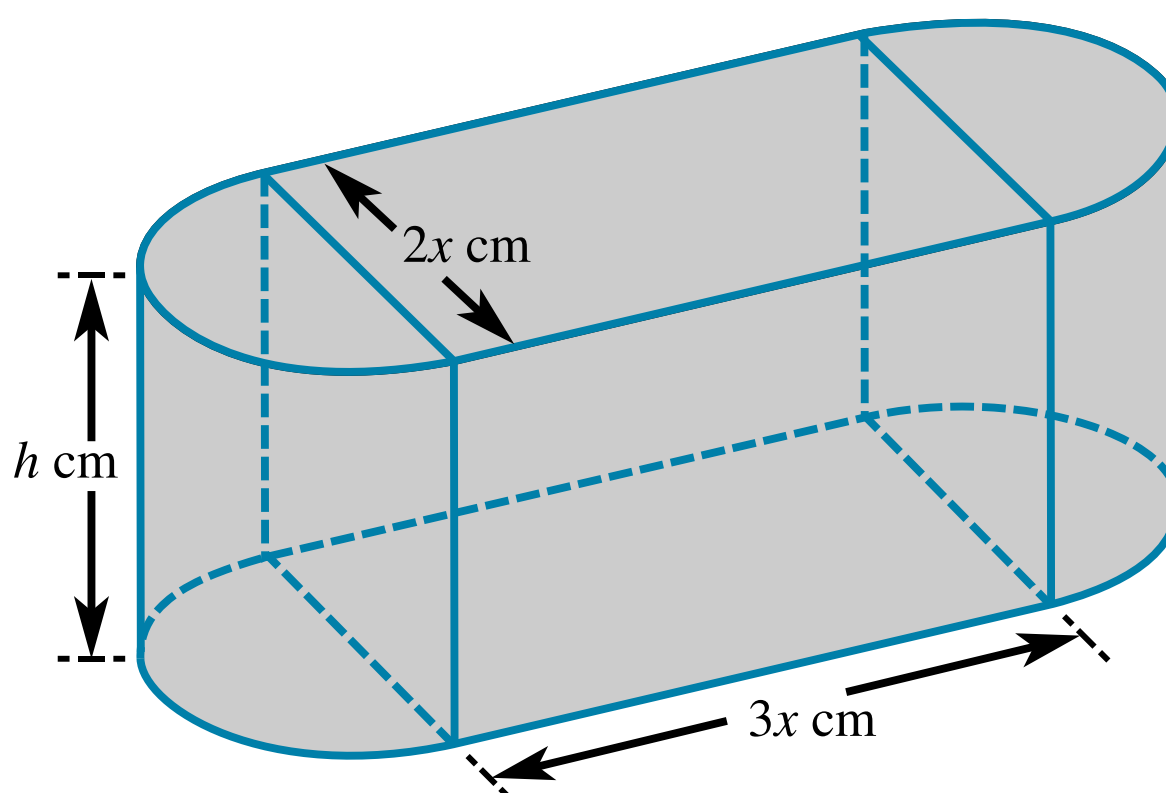

Figure 1: A solid shape made out of a cuboid and two half-cylinders.

Part A   Expression for surface area

Find an expression for the surface area of the shape S in terms of π, x and h.

The following symbols may be useful: `S, h, pi, x`

Part B   Expression for volume

Find an expression for the volume of the shape V in terms of π, x and h.

The following symbols may be useful: `V, h, pi, x`

Part C   Minimum surface area

If the volume of the shape is $32\,000\,\mathrm{cm}^3$, find the value of x for which the surface area is a minimum. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

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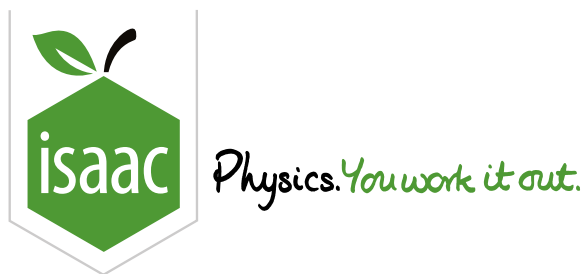
Differentiation and Gradients: Beyond Polynomials 4ii

A Level

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in each of the following cases.

Part A   Derivative 1

$$y = x^3 e^{2x}$$

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

Part B   Derivative 2

$$y = \ln\left(3 + 2x^2\right)$$

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

Part C   Derivative 3

$$y = \frac{x}{2x+1}$$

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

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Differentiating Trig Functions 2

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A Level   Further A

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

Find $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}s}{\mathrm{d}\theta}$ 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 $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}q}{\mathrm{d}\theta}$ 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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Differentiation: Chain Rule 4ii

A Level

The volume, V cubic metres, of water in a reservoir is given by

$$V = 3(2 + \sqrt{h})^6 - 192,$$

where h metres is the depth of the water. Water is flowing into the reservoir at a constant rate of 150 cubic metres per hour. Find the rate at which the depth of water is increasing at the instant when the depth is 1.4 metres, to three significant figures, in metres per hour.

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Area Between Two Curves 4ii
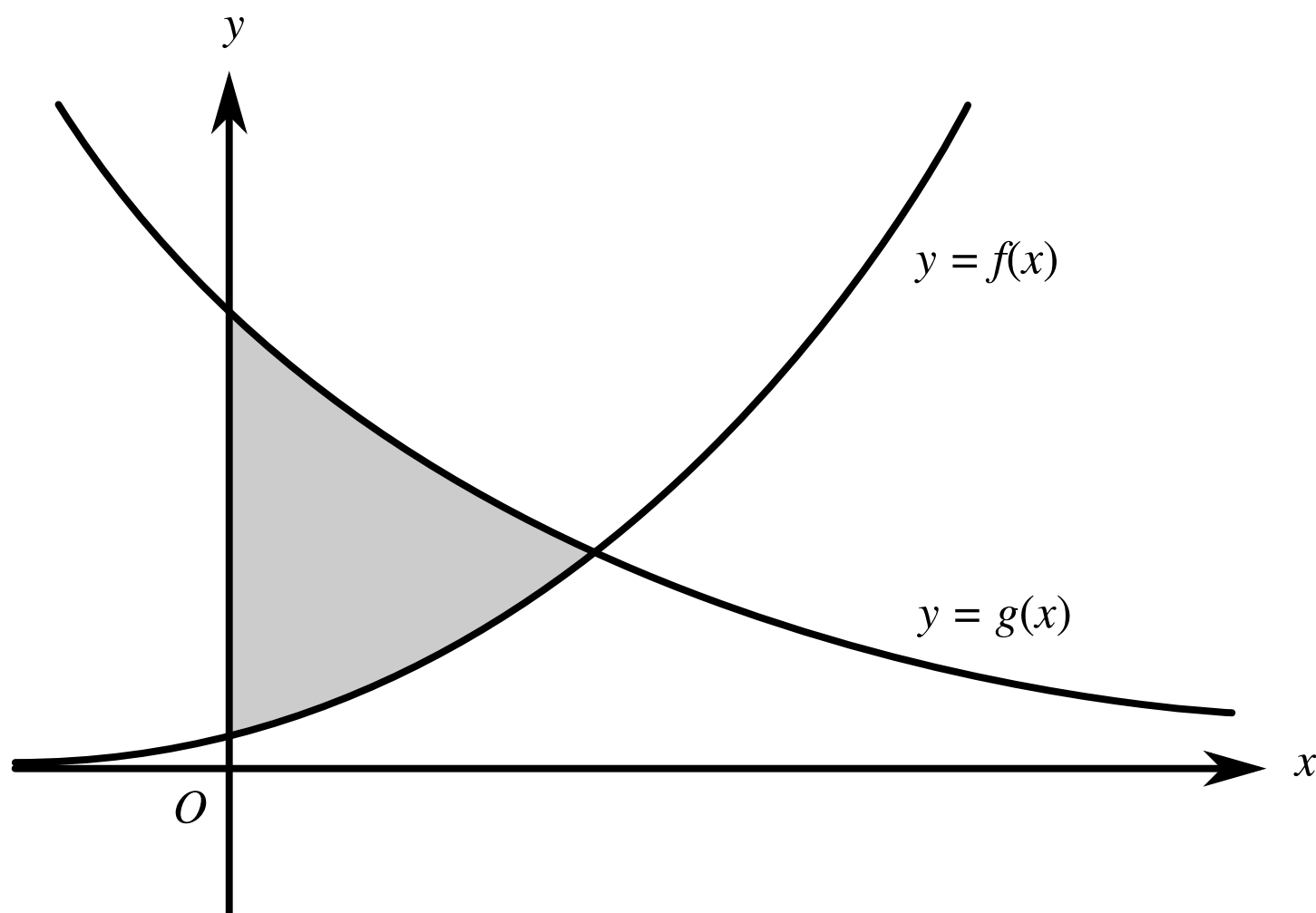
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Figure 1: The curves $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$.

Figure 1 shows the curves $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$, where

$$f(x) = \mathrm{e}^{2x}$$

$$g(x) = 8\mathrm{e}^{-x}$$

The shaded region is bounded by the curves and the y-axis.

Part A x-coordinate

Find the exact x-coordinate of the point of intersection of the curves.

The following symbols may be useful: x
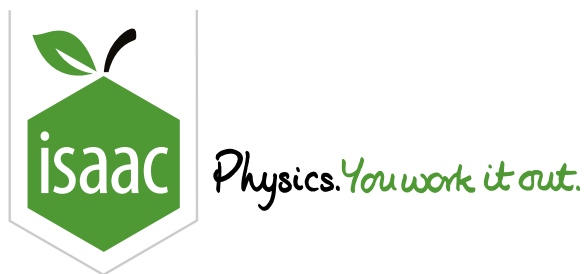
Part B   Integral

Find the exact area of the shaded region. Give your answer as a fraction.

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Integration by Substitution 3i

A Level

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Part A   Substitution

Find the expression that appears to the right of the integral sign after the substitution $u = e^x + 1$ has been applied to $\int \dfrac{e^{2x}}{e^x + 1}\, dx$. Include du in your answer.

The following symbols may be useful: `du, u`

Part B   Integral

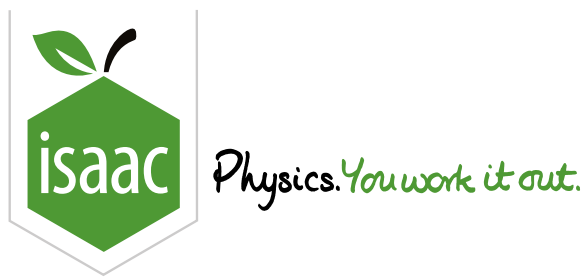Hence find the exact value of $\int_0^1 \dfrac{e^{2x}}{e^x + 1}\, dx$.

The following symbols may be useful: `e`

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Integration by Parts 2ii

A Level

Find the exact value of $\displaystyle\int_1^8 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \ln(x)\,\mathrm{d}x$, giving your answer in the form $A\ln(2) + B$, where A and B are constants to be found.

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