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**Year 2 (A-Level)**

**Differentiation Set 1B**

**(Product and Quotient Rules, Implicit differentiation)  
(Solutions)**

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**The questions are repeated here for your convenience**

1 Given that  $y = \frac{3 \sin x + 2 \sin 2x}{2 + 3 \cos x + 2 \cos 2x}$

a) Show that  $y = \tan x$

b) Hence find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

### Solution

a) Use the identities

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x \text{ and}$$

$$\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$$

$$y = \frac{3 \sin x + 2(2 \sin x \cos x)}{2 + 3 \cos x + 2(2 \cos^2 x - 1)} \quad \text{[2marks]}$$

$$= \frac{3 \sin x + 4 \sin x \cos x}{2 + 3 \cos x + 4 \cos^2 x - 2}$$

$$= \frac{\sin x(3 + 4 \cos x)}{\cos x(3 + 4 \cos x)} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

Therefore,  $y = \tan x$  [1mark]

b) Standard derivative: if  $y = \tan x$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2 x$

[1mark]

{ Alternatively, by writing  $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ , you may apply the quotient rule }

2 The angle of a sector is 2.168 rad.  
The radius of the sector is increasing at a rate of  $0.95 \text{ ms}^{-1}$   
At what rate is the area increasing when the radius of the sector is 55 cm?

**Solution**

The area of a sector =  $\frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$  where  $\theta$  in radians

Differentiating the above equation

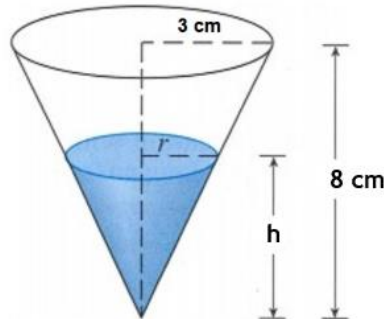
$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \times 2r \times \frac{dr}{dt} \times \theta \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$= r \times \frac{dr}{dt} \times \theta$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 0.55 \times 0.95 \times 2.168 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dA}{dt} = 1.13 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1} (3\text{sf})} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

- 3 Water is being poured into a hollow cone at a rate of  $5 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$



The height and radius of the cone are 8 cm and 3 cm respectively.

Calculate the rate at which the water level is rising when the depth of water is 5.5 cm.

### Solution

The volume of a cone is given by:

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

By using similar triangles, we find that,  $\frac{8}{h} = \frac{3}{r}$

Therefore,  $r = \frac{3}{8} h$

Substitute  $r = \frac{3}{8} h$  into  $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$  [1mark]

Therefore,  $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \left( \frac{3}{8} h \right)^2 h$

$V = \frac{3}{64} \pi h^3$  [1mark]

Differentiate the above equation

$$\frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{d}{dh} \left( \frac{3}{64} \pi h^3 \right)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{9}{64} \pi h^2 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$dV = \frac{9}{64} \pi h^2 dh$$

$$dh = \frac{64dV}{9\pi h^2} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$dh = \frac{64 \times 5}{9\pi(5.5)^2} = 0.374 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\boxed{dh = 0.374} \text{ cm/m (3sf)}$$

4 Given that  $y = \frac{\tan 2x}{x^5}$

a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

b) Hence evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$

**Solution**

a) Apply quotient rule as follows:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{d}{dx}(\tan 2x)\right)x^5 - \left(\frac{d}{dx}(x^5)\right)\tan 2x}{(x^5)^2}$$

**[1mark]**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2 \sec^2 2x)x^5 - (5x^4)\tan 2x}{x^{10}}$$

**[1mark]**

$$= \frac{2x^5 \sec^2 2x - 5x^4 \tan 2x}{x^{10}} \quad \mathbf{[1mark]}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^4(2x \sec^2 2x - 5 \tan 2x)}{x^{10}}$$

**[1mark]**

$$= \frac{2x \sec^2 2x - 5 \tan 2x}{x^6}$$

**[1mark]**

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x \sec^2 2x - 5 \tan 2x}{x^6}$
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b)

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \sec^2 2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - 5 \tan 2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^6}$$

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} \sec^2\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) - 5 \tan\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^6}$$

**[1mark]**

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \times 4\right) - (5 \times (-\sqrt{3}))}{\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^6}$$

**[1mark]**

$$\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{\frac{8\pi}{3} + 5\sqrt{3}}{\frac{\pi^6}{729}} = 12.9$$

**[1mark]**

$$\boxed{\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{\frac{\pi}{3}} = 12.9 \text{ (3sf)}}$$

5 The equation of a curve is given as  $y = x^2 \ln x$

a) Find the roots of the curve

b) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and hence the exact coordinates of the stationary point of the curve

c) Hence show that  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 \ln x + 3$

**Solution**

a) The roots of the curve are

$$0 = x^2 \ln x \quad [1\text{mark}]$$

$$\text{So, } \ln x = 0 \text{ or } x = 0$$

$$\text{If } 0 = \ln x$$

$$\text{Then, } x = e^0 = 1$$

Hence the roots are  $x = 0$  or  $x = 1$  [1mark]

Verify Solutions:

$$0 = 0^2 \ln 0 \text{ is undefined therefore false}$$

$$0 = 1^2 \ln 1 \text{ is true}$$

Hence, the only solution is,  $x = 1$  [1mark]

b)

Apply the product rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) \ln x + \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x)x^2 \quad [1\text{mark}]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \ln x + \frac{1}{x}x^2 = 2x \ln x + x \quad [3\text{marks}]$$

Therefore,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \ln x + x$



Stationary point occurs when  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

Therefore,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \ln x + x = 0$  [1mark]

$$x(2 \ln x + 1) = 0$$

Therefore, either  $2 \ln x + 1 = 0$  or  $x = 0$

$$\ln x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad [1mark]$$

$$x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Verify the solution:

When  $x = 0$ , the expression will be undefined

Therefore,  $x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is the only solution

[1mark]

Now find the y-coordinate of the stationary point,

$$y = \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 \ln e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2e} \quad [1mark]$$

Hence, the coordinate of the stationary point is

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}, -\frac{1}{2e}\right)$$

c)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} (2x \ln x + x)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} (2x \ln x) + \frac{d}{dx} (x)$$

Apply the product rule to the first part:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 \left( \frac{d}{dx} (x) \ln x + \frac{d}{dx} (\ln x)x \right) + 1 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 \left( 1 \ln x + \frac{1}{x}x \right) + 1 \quad \text{[3marks]}$$

$$= 2 \ln x + 3 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

Hence,  $\boxed{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 \ln x + 3}$

6 A curve is defined implicitly by the equation  $x^2 + kxy - 3xy^2 = 5$  Where  $k$  is a constant.

The gradient of the curve at the point  $(-1, 2)$  is  $\frac{3}{4}$

Find the value of  $k$

**Solution**

a) Use implicit differentiation

$$x^2 + kxy - 3xy^2 = 5$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + kxy - 3xy^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(5) \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$2x + kx \frac{dy}{dx} + ky - 3\left(y^2 + 2xy \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0 \quad \text{[4marks]}$$

$$2x + kx \frac{dy}{dx} + ky - 3y^2 - 6xy \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$kx \frac{dy}{dx} - 6xy \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x - ky + 3y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x - ky + 3y^2}{kx - 6xy} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ at } (-1, 2)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{3}{4} = \frac{-2(-1) - k(2) + 3(2)^2}{k(-1) - 6(-1)(2)} \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{2 - 2k + 12}{-k + 12}$$

$$-3k + 36 = 8 - 8k + 48 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$

$$5k = 20 \text{ therefore, } k = 4 \quad \text{[1mark]}$$