

Chapter 12 Differentiation

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1. The area of a sector of a circle of radius r cm is 36 cm^2 .

a. Show that the perimeter, P cm, of the sector is such that $P = 2r + \frac{72}{r}$.

$$\begin{array}{l|l} A = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta & P = r\theta + 2r \\ 36 = \frac{1}{2} \times r^2 \times \theta & = r \times \frac{72}{r^2} + 2r \\ 72 = r^2 \theta & \\ \theta = \frac{72}{r^2} & = \frac{72}{r} + 2r \text{ (shown)} \end{array} \quad [3]$$

b. Hence, given that r can vary, find the stationary value of P and determine its nature.

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{72}{r^2} + 2 \quad [4]$$

$$-\frac{72}{r^2} + 2 = 0$$

$$-\frac{72}{r^2} = -2$$

$$\frac{72}{r^2} = 2$$

$$r^2 = 36$$

$$r = 6 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{72}{r} + 2r \\ &= 24 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2P}{dr^2} = \frac{144}{r^3}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} > 0 \quad \therefore \text{minimum value}$$

2. (a) Given that $y = x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ax^2 + b}{(x^2 + 1)^p}$, where a , b and p are positive constants.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2x \times x \\ &= (x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{(x^2 + 1) + x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{2x^2 + 1}{(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

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(b) Explain why the graph of $y = x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ has no stationary points.

Assume y has a stationary point.

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \frac{2x^2 + 1}{(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} &= 0 \\ 2x^2 + 1 &= 0 \\ 2x^2 &= -1 \\ x^2 &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ &\text{(reject)} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} \neq 0$
 \therefore no stationary point.

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3. It is given that $y = (x^2 + 1)(2x - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{Px^2 + Qx + 1}{(2x - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$, where P and Q are integers.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2x(2x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \times 2(2x-3)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x^2+1) \\ &= 2x(2x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(x^2+1)}{(2x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{2x(2x-3) + x^2 + 1}{(2x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{4x^2 - 6x + x^2 + 1}{(2x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{5x^2 - 6x + 1}{(2x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\end{aligned}$$

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(ii) Hence find the equation of the normal to the curve $y = (x^2 + 1)(2x - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ at the point where $x = 2$, giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers.

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5x^2 - 6x + 1}{(2x - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{20 - 12 + 1}{3} = 9$$

$$m_{\text{normal}} = -\frac{1}{9}$$
$$y = (x^2 + 1)(2x - 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$x = 2, y = 5$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{9}x + c$$

$$5 = -\frac{2}{9} + c$$

$$c = \frac{45 + 2}{9}$$

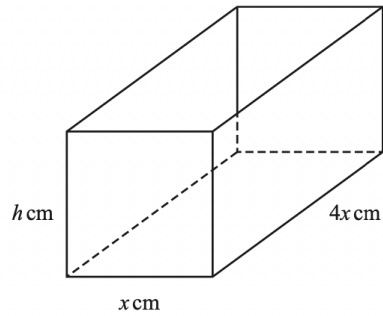
$$c = \frac{47}{9}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{9}x + \frac{47}{9}$$

$$9y = -x + 47$$

$$x + 9y - 47 = 0$$

4.



The diagram shows an open container in the shape of a cuboid of width x cm, length $4x$ cm and height h cm. The volume of the container is 800cm^3 .

- a. Show that the external surface area, $S\text{ cm}^2$, of the open container is such that

$$S = 4x^2 + \frac{2000}{x}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} S.A &= 2hx + 8hx + 4x^2 \\ &= 10hx + 4x^2 \end{aligned}$$

[4]

$$\begin{aligned} V &= h \times 4x \times x \\ 800 &= 4x^2 h \end{aligned}$$

$$h = \frac{200}{x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} SA &= 10 \times \frac{200}{x^2} \times x + 4x^2 \\ &= \frac{2000}{x} + 4x^2 \\ &\quad \text{(shown)} \end{aligned}$$

b. Given that x can vary, find the stationary value of S and determine its nature.

$$S = \frac{2000}{x} + 4x^2$$

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$$\frac{dS}{dx} = -\frac{2000}{x^2} + 8x$$

$$\frac{dS}{dx} = 0$$

$$-\frac{2000}{x^2} + 8x = 0$$

$$\frac{-2000}{x^2} = -8x$$

$$2000 = 8x^3$$

$$250 = x^3$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{250}$$

$$x = 6.3 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{2000}{x} + 4x^2 \\ &= \frac{2000}{6.3} + 4(6.3)^2 \\ &= 476.22 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2S}{dx^2} = \frac{4000}{x^3} + 8$$

$$= \frac{4000}{(6.3)^3} + 8$$

$$= 23.99 > 0 \text{ minimum point}$$

5. The normal to the curve $y = (x - 2)(3x + 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ at the point where $x = \frac{7}{3}$, meets the y -axis at the point P . Find the exact coordinates of the point P .

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$$y = (x-2)(3x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= (3x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{2}{3} \times 3 (3x+1)^{-\frac{1}{3}} (x-2) \\ &= (3x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{2x-4}{(3x+1)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{7}{3}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 4 + \frac{14-4}{2} = \frac{13}{3}$$

$$m_{\text{normal}} = -\frac{3}{13}$$

$$x = \frac{7}{3}, \quad y = (x-2)(3x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{13}x + C$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = -\frac{7}{13} + C$$

$$C = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{7}{13}$$

$$C = \frac{73}{39}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{13}x + \frac{73}{39}$$

$$\therefore P \left(0, \frac{73}{39} \right)$$

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6. A circle has diameter x which is increasing at a constant rate of 0.01 cm s^{-1} . Find the exact rate of change of the area of the circle when $x = 6 \text{ cm}$.

$$A = \pi \frac{x^2}{4} \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = 0.01 \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = ? \quad [5]$$

$$\frac{dA}{dx} = \frac{\pi x}{2} = 3\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= \frac{dA}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt} \\ &= 3\pi \times 0.01 \\ &= 0.03\pi \end{aligned}$$

7. A curve has equation $y = (3x - 5)^2 - 2x$.

a. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2(3x-5) \times 3 - 2 \\ &= 6(3x-5) - 2 \\ &= 18x - 30 - 2 \\ &= 18x - 32\end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 18$$

b. Find the exact value of the x-coordinate of each of the stationary points of the curve.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ 18x - 32 &= 0 \\ 18x &= 32 \\ x &= \frac{16}{9}\end{aligned}$$

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c. Use the second derivative test to determine the nature of each of the stationary points.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 18 > 0 \quad \therefore \text{minimum value}$$

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8. Find the equation of the normal to the curve $y = \sqrt{8x + 5}$ at the point where $x = \frac{1}{2}$ giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers.

$$y = (8x + 5)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} (8x + 5)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 8$$

$$= 4(8x + 5)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 4(8 \times \frac{1}{2} + 5)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$m_{\text{normal}} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + c$$

$$3 = -\frac{3}{8} + c$$

$$c = \frac{24 + 3}{8} = \frac{27}{8}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{27}{8}$$

$$8y = -6x + 27$$

$$8y + 6x - 27 = 0$$

$$y = (8x + 5)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y = 3$$

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9. A solid circular cylinder has a base radius of r cm and a height of h cm. The cylinder has a volume of 1200π cm³ and a total surface area of S cm².

a. Show that $S = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2400\pi}{r}$.

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h \\ &= 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2\pi \times 1200}{r} \\ &= 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2400\pi}{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi r^2 h \\ 1200\pi &= \pi r^2 h \\ 1200 &= r^2 h \\ h &= \frac{1200}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

[3]

b. Given that h and r can vary, find the stationary value of S and determine its nature.

$$S = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2400\pi}{r}$$

[5]

$$\frac{dS}{dr} = 4\pi r - \frac{2400\pi}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{dS}{dr} = 0$$

$$4\pi r = \frac{2400\pi}{r^2}$$

$$r^3 = 600$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{600}$$

$$= 8.43$$

$$\frac{d^2S}{dr^2} = 4\pi + \frac{4800\pi}{r^3}$$

$$= 37.74 > 0$$

\therefore minimum value

$$S = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2400\pi}{r}$$

$$= 2\pi (8.43)^2 + \frac{2400\pi}{8.43}$$

$$= 1340.92$$

10. (i) Differentiate $y = (3x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ with respect to x .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{3} (3x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \times 6x \\ &= -2x (3x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \end{aligned} \quad [2]$$

(ii) Find the approximate change in y as x increases from $\sqrt{3}$ to $\sqrt{3} + p$, where p is small.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2\sqrt{3} (9-1)^{-\frac{4}{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \\ &= -2\sqrt{3} (8)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \\ &= -2\sqrt{3} (2^{-4}) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{\delta y}{\delta x} \\ \delta y \approx -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} p \end{array} \right\} [1]$$

(iii) Find the equation of the normal to the curve $y = (3x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ at the point where $x = \sqrt{3}$.

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{normal}} &= \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \\ y &= \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}x + C \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} y &= (9-1)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (8)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = (2^3)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned} \quad [3]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{3} + C$$

$$C = -\frac{15}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}x - \frac{15}{2}$$

$$= k(x+1)^{-2}$$

11. At the point where $x = 1$ on the curve $y = \frac{k}{(x+1)^2}$, the normal has a gradient of $\frac{1}{3}$.

a. Find the value of the constant k .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2k(x+1)^{-3} \\ &= \frac{-2k}{(x+1)^3} = \frac{-2k}{8} = -\frac{k}{4} \end{aligned} \quad [4]$$

$$m_{\text{normal}} = \frac{4}{k}$$

$$\frac{4}{k} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$k = 12$$

b. Using your value of k , find the equation of the tangent to the curve at $x = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -2k(x+1)^{-3} \\ &= -24(3)^{-3} \\ &= \frac{-24}{27} = -\frac{8}{9} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} y &= \frac{k}{(x+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned} \quad [3]$$

$$y = -\frac{8}{9}x + c$$

$$\frac{4}{3} = -\frac{16}{9} + c$$

$$c = \frac{12+16}{9}$$

$$c = \frac{28}{9}$$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{8}{9}x + \frac{28}{9}$$