

DIFFERENTIATION & APPLICATIONS (Q 6 & 7, PAPER 1)

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6 (a) Differentiate

(i) $x^3 + 2\sqrt{x}$ (ii) $(x+2)\ln x$.

(b) (i) Find from first principles the derivative of x^3 with respect to x .

(ii) Let $f(x) = \sin^4 x + \cos^4 x$.

Find the derivative of $f(x)$ and express it in the form $k \sin px$, where $k, p \in \mathbf{Z}$.

(c) If $\sin y = \frac{1}{2}(1-x^2)$ for $-\sqrt{3} < x < \sqrt{3}$, calculate the value of a and the value of b when

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{a}{3-x^2} - \frac{b}{1+x^2}, \quad a, b \in \mathbf{N}_0.$$

SOLUTION

6 (a) (i)

$$y = x^3 + 2\sqrt{x} = x^3 + 2x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$y = x^n \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = nx^{n-1} \dots\dots \textcircled{1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 2 \times \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 3x^2 + x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 3x^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

6 (a) (ii)

$$y = (x+2)\ln x$$

$u = (x+2) \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 1$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \dots\dots \textcircled{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = (x+2)\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + (\ln x)(1)$$

$v = \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$

$y = \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \dots\dots \textcircled{8}$

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

6 (b) (i)

FIRST PRINCIPLES PROOF. If $y = x^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$.

PROOF

$$y + \Delta y = (x + \Delta x)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2\Delta x + 3x(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta x)^3$$

$$y = x^3$$

$\Delta y = 3x^2\Delta x + 3x(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta x)^3$ by subtraction

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = 3x^2 + 3x\Delta x + (\Delta x)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = 3x^2$$

6 (b) (ii)

$$y = f(x) = \sin^4 x + \cos^4 x = (\sin x)^4 + (\cos x)^4$$

$$y = \sin x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x \quad \dots\dots \text{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 4(\sin x)^3(\cos x) + 4(\cos x)^3(-\sin x)$$

$$y = \cos x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin x \quad \dots\dots \text{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 4\sin^3 x \cos x - 4\cos^3 x \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 4\sin x \cos x(\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x) \quad \sin 2A = 2\sin A \cos A \quad \dots\dots \text{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sin 2x(-\cos 2x) \quad \cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A \quad \dots\dots \text{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -2\sin 2x \cos 2x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin 4x$$

6 (c)

$$\sin y = \frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2) \Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2)\right]$$

$$y = \sin^{-1} f(x) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - f(x)^2}} \times f'(x) \quad \dots\dots \text{9}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left[\frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2)\right]^2}} \times \frac{1}{2}(-2x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - \left[\frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2)\right]^2}}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{1 - \left[\frac{1}{2}(1 - x^2)\right]^2} = \frac{x^2}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(1 - x^2)^2} \quad \text{[Multiply above and below by 4.]}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{4x^2}{4 - (1 - x^2)^2} = \frac{4x^2}{4 - (1 - 2x^2 + x^4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{4x^2}{4 - 1 + 2x^2 - x^4} = \frac{4x^2}{3 + 2x^2 - x^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{4x^2}{(3 - x^2)(1 + x^2)}$$

$$\frac{4x^2}{(3 - x^2)(1 + x^2)} = \frac{a}{3 - x^2} - \frac{b}{1 + x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4x^2}{(3 - x^2)(1 + x^2)} = \frac{a(1 + x^2) - b(3 - x^2)}{(3 - x^2)(1 + x^2)}$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 = a(1 + x^2) - b(3 - x^2)$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 = a + ax^2 - 3b + bx^2$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 = (a - 3b) + (a + b)x^2 \quad \text{[This is an identity.]}$$

$$\therefore a - 3b = 0 \Rightarrow a = 3b$$

$$\therefore a + b = 4 \Rightarrow 3b + b = 4 \Rightarrow 4b = 4$$

$$\therefore b = 1, a = 3$$

- 7 (a) Take $x_1 = 3$ as the first approximation of a real root of the equation $x^3 - 6x^2 + 24 = 0$.
Find, using the Newton-Raphson method, x_2 , the second approximation and write your answer as a fraction.
- (b) (i) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $2x^2 - 3y^2 = 6$ at the point $(-3, -2)$.
- (ii) If $x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$ and $y = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$, find, as a fraction, the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $t = \frac{3}{4}$.
- (c) Let $y = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x-1}$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$, $x \neq 1$.
- (i) Find the values of x for which $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.
- (ii) For x real, show that y cannot have a real value between -2 and $+2$.

SOLUTION

7 (a)

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} \dots\dots \mathbf{16}$$

STEPS

1. Write down $f(x)$.
2. Do $f'(x)$.
3. Substitute starting value x_n into formula **16**.
4. Repeat if asked.

1. $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 24$
2. $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x$
3. $x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} \Rightarrow x_2 = 3 - \frac{(3)^3 - 6(3)^2 + 24}{3(3)^2 - 12(3)}$
 $\Rightarrow x_2 = 3 - \frac{27 - 54 + 24}{27 - 36} = 3 - \frac{-3}{-9}$
 $\Rightarrow x_2 = 3 - \frac{1}{3}$
 $\therefore x_2 = \frac{8}{3}$

7 (b) (i)

$$2x^2 - 3y^2 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x - 6y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 6y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x}{6y} = \frac{2x}{3y}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{(-3, -2)} = \frac{2(-3)}{3(-2)} = 1$$

Equation of tangent:

$$m = 1, \text{ point } (-3, -2)$$

$$x - y + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-3) - (-2) + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 + 2 + k = 0$$

$$\therefore k = 1$$

Equation of tangent: $x - y + 1 = 0$

7 (b) (ii)

Do $\frac{dy}{dt}$ first, then do $\frac{dx}{dt}$, and then divide $\frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{(1+t^2)2 - 2t(2t)}{(1+t^2)^2} = \frac{2+2t^2-4t^2}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2-2t^2}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$u = 2t \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = 2$$

$$v = 1+t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = 2t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2} \dots\dots \mathbf{4}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{(1+t^2)(-2t) - (1-t^2)(2t)}{(1+t^2)^2} = \frac{-2t-2t^3-2t+2t^3}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{-4t}{(1+t^2)^2}$$

$$u = 1-t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dt} = -2t$$

$$v = 1+t^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = 2t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{\frac{2-2t^2}{(1+t^2)^2}}{\frac{-4t}{(1+t^2)^2}} = \frac{2-2t^2}{(1+t^2)^2} \times \frac{(1+t^2)^2}{-4t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2-2t^2}{-4t} = \frac{t^2-1}{2t}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{t=\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2-1}{2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)} = \frac{\frac{9}{16}-1}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{-\frac{7}{16}}{\frac{3}{2}} = -\frac{7}{24}$$

7 (c) (i)

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 1(x-1)^{-2}(1) = 1 - \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$$

$$y = [f(x)]^n \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = n[f(x)]^{n-1} \times f'(x) \dots\dots \mathbf{1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1) = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore x = 0, 2$$

7 (c) (ii)

$$y = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x-1} \quad [\text{Multiply across by } (x-1).]$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)y = (x-1)(x-1) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow xy - y = x^2 - 2x + 1 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x^2 - 2x - xy + y + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x^2 - (y+2)x + (y+2)$$

REMEMBER: If $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0 \Rightarrow$ Real roots.

If $b^2 - 4ac < 0 \Rightarrow$ Unreal or complex roots.

$$a = 1$$

$$b = -(y+2)$$

$$c = (y+2)$$

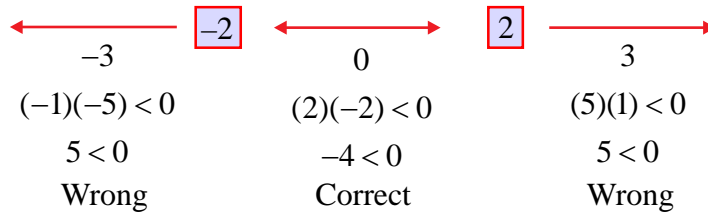
$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+2)^2 - 4(1)(y+2) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+2)[(y+2) - 4] < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+2)(y-2) < 0$$

$$\text{Solve } (y+2)(y-2) = 0 \Rightarrow y = -2, 2$$



Therefore, y cannot have a real value between -2 and 2 .