

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

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6 (a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$

(i)  $(1+5x)^3$                       (ii)  $\frac{7x}{x-3}, x \neq 3.$

(b) (i) Prove, from first principles, the product rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

where  $u = u(x)$  and  $v = v(x)$ .

(ii) Given  $y = \sin^{-1}(2x-1)$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and calculate its value at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  where  $x \in \mathbf{R}, x \neq -1$ .

(i) Find the equations of the asymptotes of the graph of  $f(x)$ .

(ii) Prove that the graph of  $f(x)$  has no turning points or points of inflection.

(iii) If the tangents to the curve at  $x = x_1$  and  $x = x_2$  are parallel and if  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , show that

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2 = 0.$$

**SOLUTION**

**5 (a) (i)**

$$y = (1+5x)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3(1+5x)^2 (5)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 15(1+5x)^2$$

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

**5 (a) (ii)**

$$y = \frac{7x}{x-3}$$

$$u = 7x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 7$$

$$v = (x-3) \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 1$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x-3)7 - 7x(1)}{(x-3)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{7x - 21 - 7x}{(x-3)^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{21}{(x-3)^2}$$

**6 (b) (i)**

**STATEMENT OF SUM RULE:** If  $y = u + v$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$

**PROOF**

$$y + Dy = (u + Du) + (v + Dv)$$

$$y = u + v$$

$$Dy = Du + Dv$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} + \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta x} \Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{dv}{dx}$$

**6 (b) (ii)**

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

$$y = \sin^{-1}(2x-1)$$

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

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

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

**6 (c) (i)**

**FINDING THE VERTICAL ASYMPTOTE:** Put the denominator equal to zero.

$$x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1 \text{ is the vertical asymptote.}$$

**FINDING THE HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x+1} = 0$$

Therefore,  $y = 0$  is the horizontal asymptote.

**6 (c) (ii)**

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

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = 0 \text{ [Multiply both sides by } (1+x)^2 \text{.]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 0 \text{ [This is nonsense.]}$$

Therefore, there are no turning points.

To find the turning points set

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ and solve for } x.$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{(1+x)^3} = 0 \text{ [Multiply both sides by } (1+x)^3 \text{.]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 0 \text{ [This is nonsense.]}$$

Therefore, there are no points of inflection.

To find the point of inflection set  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$  and solve for  $x$ .

**6 (c) (iii)**

$\frac{dy}{dx}$  is the slope. The slopes at  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the same as their tangents are parallel.

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=x_1} = -\frac{1}{(1+x_1)^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=x_2} = -\frac{1}{(1+x_2)^2}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{(1+x_1)^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+x_2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+x_1)^2 = (1+x_2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+x_1 = \pm(1+x_2) \text{ [Solve each equation separately.]}$$

$$1+x_1 = +(1+x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

[Ignore this solution as you are told that  $x_1 \neq x_2$ .]

$$1+x_1 = -(1+x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1+x_1 = -1-x_2$$

$$\therefore x_1 + x_2 + 2 = 0$$

7 (a) Find the slope of the tangent to the curve  $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 1$  at the point  $(1, 0)$ .

(b) The parametric equations of a curve are  $x = \cos^3 t$  and  $y = \sin^3 t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

(i) Find  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  in terms of  $t$ .

(ii) Hence, find integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{a}{b}(\sin 2t)^2$ .

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$  where  $x > 0$ .

(i) Show that the maximum of  $f(x)$  occurs at the point  $(e, \frac{1}{e})$ .

(ii) Hence, show that  $x^e \leq e^x$  for all  $x > 0$ .

**SOLUTION**

**7 (a)**

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x - [x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(1)] + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ [The product rule is used on } xy.]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - x \frac{dy}{dx} - y + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

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

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

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{(1,0)} = \frac{(0) - 2(1)}{2(0) - (1)} = \frac{-2}{-1} = 2$$

**7 (b) (i)**

$$x = \cos^3 t = (\cos t)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 3(\cos t)^2(-\sin t)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = -3\cos^2 t \sin t$$

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

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

$$y = \sin^3 t = (\sin t)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = 3(\sin t)^2(\cos t)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dt} = 3\sin^2 t \cos t$$

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

7 (b) (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 \\ &= (-3\cos^2 \sin t)^2 + (3\sin^2 t \cos t)^2 \\ &= 9\cos^4 t \sin^2 t + 9\sin^4 t \cos^2 t \\ &= 9\cos^2 t \sin^2 t (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) \\ &= 9\cos^2 t \sin^2 t \\ &= (3\cos t \sin t)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{2} \times 2 \sin t \cos t\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{9}{4} (\sin 2t)^2 \\ \therefore a &= 9, b = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A = 1 \dots\dots \textcircled{8}$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A \dots\dots \textcircled{13}$$

7 (c) (i)

$$f(x) = y = \frac{\ln x}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \\ v &= x \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - \ln x}{x^2} \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 1 - \ln x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \ln x \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \log_e x \\ \Rightarrow e^1 &= x \\ \therefore x &= e \end{aligned}$$

To find the turning points set  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  and solve for  $x$ .

$$\therefore f(e) = \frac{\ln e}{e} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$\therefore (e, \frac{1}{e})$  is a turning point.

Local Maximum:  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{TP} < 0$   
Local Minimum:  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{TP} > 0$  .....  $\textcircled{12}$

You need to show this point is a maximum.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{x^2\left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) - (1 - \ln x)}{x^4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{-x - 1 + \ln x}{x^4} \\ \therefore \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=e} &= \frac{-e - 1 + \ln e}{e^4} = \frac{-e - 1 + 1}{e^4} = \frac{-e}{e^4} = -\frac{1}{e^3} < 0 \Rightarrow (e, \frac{1}{e}) \text{ is a local maximum.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 1 - \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x} \\ v &= x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 2x \end{aligned}$$

**7 (c) (ii)**

$x^e \leq e^x$  [Take the natural log of both sides.]

$\Rightarrow \ln x^e \leq \ln e^x$  [When  $\ln$  and  $e$  come together they cancel.]

$\Rightarrow e \ln x \leq x$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ln x}{x} \leq \frac{1}{e}$$

But  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x} \Rightarrow f(x) \leq \frac{1}{e}$

This is true as  $(e, \frac{1}{e})$  is the only maximum point.