



Differentiation

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1. Prove from first principles that the derivative of x^3 is $3x^2$ (5)
2. Prove, from first principles, that the derivative of kx^3 is $3kx^2$. Where k is a constant. (5)
3. Differentiate from first principles $y = 2x^2$ (5)

Mark Scheme

1.

$y = x^3$ $x_1 = x$ $y_1 = x^3$ $x_2 = x + h$ $y_2 = (x + h)^3$	M1
$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{x+h-x}$	M1
$m = \frac{(x+h)(x+h)(x+h) - x^3}{h}$ $m = \frac{x^3 + hx^2 + 2hx^2 + 2h^2x + h^2x + h^3 - x^3}{h}$	M1
$m = \frac{3hx^2 + 3hx^2 + h^3}{h}$ $m = 3x^2 + 3hx + h^2$	M1
As h tends to 0, $m = 3x^2$	M1

2.

$y = kx^3$ $x_1 = x$ $y_1 = kx^3$ $x_2 = x + h$ $y_2 = k(x + h)^3$	M1
$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{k(x+h)^3 - kx^3}{x+h-x}$	M1
$m = \frac{k(x+h)(x+h)(x+h) - kx^3}{h}$ $m = \frac{kx^3 + hkx^2 + 2hkx^2 + 2h^2kx + h^2kx + kh^3 - kx^3}{h}$	M1
$m = \frac{3hkx^2 + 3hkx^2 + kh^3}{h}$ $m = 3kx^2 + 3hkx + kh^2$	M1
As h tends to 0, $m = 3kx^2$	M1

3.

$y = 2x^2$ $x_1 = x$ $y_1 = 2x^2$ $x_2 = x + h$ $y_2 = 2(x + h)^2$	M1
$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{2(x+h)^2 - 2x^2}{x+h-x}$	M1
$m = \frac{2(x+h)(x+h) - 2x^2}{h}$ $m = \frac{2x^2 + 4hx + 2h^2 - 2x^2}{h}$	M1
$m = \frac{4hx + 2h^2}{h}$ $m = 4x + 2h^2$	M1
As h tends to 0, $m = 4x$	M1





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1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = 6x^3 + 5x^{-2}$ (2)
2. Find $f'(x)$ when $f(x) = 2x + \frac{1}{3}x^6$ (2)
3. Find the differential of $y = \frac{x^3 - 2x}{x}$ (2)
4. Find the differential of $y = \frac{x+3}{\sqrt{x}}$ (3)
5. Find the gradient of the curve, $y = x^2 - 2x^{-1}$ at the point (2, 3) (3)
6. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = x^2 + 3x + 4$ at the point (-1, 2) (3)
7. Find in the form $y = mx + c$, an equation of,
 - a. The tangent to the curve $y = 3x^2 - 5x + 2$ at the point on the curve with x -coordinate 2. (4)
 - b. The normal to the curve $y = x^3 + 5x^2 - 12$ at the point on the curve with x -coordinate -3. (4)
8. The straight line l is a tangent to the curve $y = x^2 - 5x + 3$ at the point A on the curve. Given that l is parallel to the line $3x + y = 0$,
 - a. Find the coordinates of the point A (3)
 - b. Find the equation of the line l in the form $y = mx + c$. (2)
9. The curve C has the equation $y = x - 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3$ and passes through the point $P(4, 1)$.
 - a. Show that the tangent to C at P passes through the origin. (4)
The normal to C at P crosses the y -axis at the point Q .
 - b. Find the area of triangle OPQ , where O is the origin. (4)
10. A curve has the equation $y = 2 + 3x + kx^2 - x^3$ where k is a constant. Given that the gradient of the curve is -6 at the point P where $x = -1$,
 - a. Find the value of k . (4)
 - Given also that the tangent to the curve at the point Q is parallel to the tangent at P
 - b. Find the length PQ , giving your answer in the form $k\sqrt{5}$. (5)
11. Find the set of value of x for which $f(x)$ is increasing when $f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 - 15x + 8$ (3)
12. Find the co-ordinates of any stationary points on the curve $y = 5x^2 - 4x + 1$ (4)
13. Find the stationary point of the curve $y = x^2 + \frac{16}{x}$ and states its nature. (6)
14. Sketch $y = 3x - 4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ (7)

15. The diagram shows a square prism of length l cm and cross section x cm by x cm. Given that the surface area of the prism is k cm², where k is a constant,
- Show that $l = \frac{k-2x^2}{4x}$ (2)
 - Use calculus to prove that the maximum volume of the prism occurs when it is a cube (7)
16. The curve C has the equation $y = x^3 + 3kx^2 - 9k^2x$, where k is a non-zero constant.
- Show that C is stationary when, $x^2 + 2kx - 3k^2 = 0$. (2)
 - Hence show that C is stationary at the point with coordinates $(k, -5k^3)$. (2)
 - Find, in terms of k , the coordinates of the other stationary points on C . (2)
17. $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4$
- Show that $(x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$. (1)
 - Fully factorise $f(x)$. (2)
 - Hence state, with a reason, the coordinates of one of the turning points of the curve $y = f(x)$. (1)
 - Using differentiation, find the coordinates of the other turning point of the curve $y = f(x)$. (3)
18. The curve C has the equation $y = 2x - x^{\frac{3}{2}}$, $x \geq 0$
- Find the coordinates of any points where C meets the x -axis. (3)
 - Find the x -coordinate of the stationary point on C and determine whether it is a maximum or minimum point (5)
 - Sketch the curve C (2)
- 19a. Find the coordinates of the stationary points on the curve, $y = 2 + 9x + 3x^2 - x^3$. (6)
- Determine whether each stationary point is a maximum or minimum point. (2)
 - State the set of values of k for which the equation, $2 + 9x + 3x^2 - x^3 = k$, has three solutions. (2)



Mark Scheme

1.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 18x^2 - 10x^{-3}$	M1 M1
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2.

$f'(x) = 2 + 2x^5$	M1 M1
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3.

$y = \frac{x^3}{x} - \frac{2x}{x} = x^2 - 2$	M1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$	M1
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4.

$y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}$	M1
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$y = \frac{x}{x^{0.5}} - \frac{3}{x^{0.5}} = x^{0.5} - 3x^{-0.5}$	M1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}$	M1
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5.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 2x^{-2}$	M1
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At $x = 2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(2) + 2(2)^{-2}$	M1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12$	M1
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6.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 3$	M1
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At $x = -1$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(-1) + 3 = 1$	M1
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$x = -1, y = 2, m = 1$ $2 = (1)(-1) + c$ $2 = -1 + c$ $c = 3$	M1
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$y = x + 3$	
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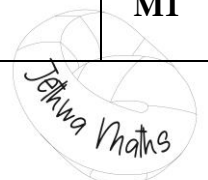
7a.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x - 5$	M1
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At $x = 2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6(2) - 5 = 7$	M1
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At $x = 2$, $y = 3(2)^2 - 5(2) + 2 = 4$	M1
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$y = 4, m = 7, x = 2$ $4 = (7)(2) + c$ $c = -10$	M1
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$$y = 7x - 10$$

7b.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 10x$$

M1

$$\text{At } x = -3, \frac{dy}{dx} = 3(-3)^2 + 10(-3) = -3$$

M1

$$\text{Gradient of normal} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{At } x = -3, y = (-3)^3 + 5(-3)^2 - 12 = 6$$

M1

$$y = 6, m = \frac{1}{3}, x = -3$$

$$6 = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(-3) + c$$

M1

$$c = 7$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x + 7$$

8a.

$$\text{Gradient of line} = -3$$

M1

$$\text{For the curve, } \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 5$$

M1

$$\text{At the point A, } 2x - 5 = -2$$

M1

$$x = -1$$

$$\text{Therefore A: } (1, -1)$$

8b.

$$y + 1 = -3(x - 1)$$

M1

$$y = -3x + 2$$

M1

9a.

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

M1

$$\text{Gradient at } P = \frac{1}{4}$$

M1

$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 4)$$

M1

As line passes through origin

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x$$

M1

9b.

$$\text{Gradient of normal} = -4$$

M1

$$y - 1 = -4(x - 4)$$

$$y = 17 - 4x$$

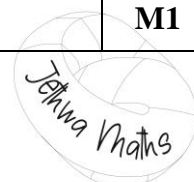
M1

$$y(0) = 17 - 4(0) = 17$$

M1

$$\text{Therefore area} = \frac{1}{2} \times 17 \times 4 = 34$$

M1



10a.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 + 2kx - 3x^2$	M1 M1
At P , $3 - 2k - 3 = -6$	M1
$k = 3$	M1

10b.

$y = 2 + 3x + 3x^2 - x^3$	M1
At point P , $x = -1$, $y = 3$	M1

10b.

10c.

At Q , $3 + 6x - 3x^2 = -6$ $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$ $(x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$ $x = -1$ (at P) $x = 3$ (at Q) $y = 11$	M1
$PQ = \sqrt{16 + 64} = \sqrt{80} = 4\sqrt{5}$	M1

11.

$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 12x - 15$ $3x^2 + 12x - 15 \geq 0$	M1
$x^2 + 4x - 5 \geq 0$ $(x + 5)(x - 1) \geq 0$	M1
$x \leq -5$ $x \geq 1$	M1

12.

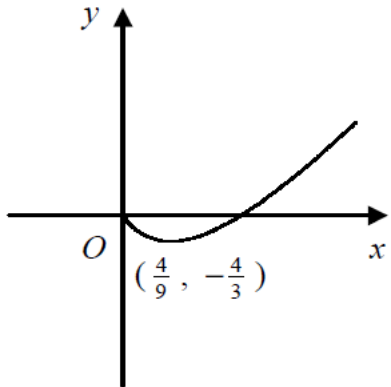
$\frac{dy}{dx} = 10x - 4$	M1
At stationary point, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$	M1
$10x - 4 = 0$ $x = \frac{2}{5}$	M1
Therefore stationary point is $(\frac{2}{5}, \frac{1}{5})$	M1

13.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 16x^{-2}$	M1
At stationary point, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$	M1
$2x - 16x^{-2} = 0$ $x^3 = 8$ $x = 2$	M1
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 + 32x^{-3}$	M1
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}(2) = 2 + 32(2)^{-3} = 6$	M1

As $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$, stationary point is a minimum	M1
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14.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	M1
At stationary point, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$	M1
$3 - 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$ $x = \frac{4}{9}$	M1
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$	M1
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \left(\frac{4}{9}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{27}{8}$	M1
As $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$, stationary point is a minimum	M1
 <p style="text-align: right;">Shape M1</p>	

15a.

$S.A = 2x^2 + 4xl = k$ $4xl = k - 2x^2$	M1
$l = \frac{k-2x^2}{4x}$	M1

15b.

$V = x^2l$ $V = x^2 x \frac{k-2x^2}{4x}$ $V = \frac{1}{4}kx - \frac{1}{2}x^3$	M1
$\frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{1}{4}k - \frac{3}{2}x^2$	M1
At stationary point, $\frac{dV}{dx} = 0$ $\frac{1}{4}k - \frac{3}{2}x^2 = 0$ $x = \sqrt{\frac{k}{6}}$	M1
$\frac{d^2V}{dx^2} = -3x$	M1
When $x = \sqrt{\frac{k}{6}}$, $\frac{d^2V}{dx^2} < 0$, therefore stationary point is a maximum	M1
$l = \frac{k-2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{6}}\right)^2}{4\sqrt{\frac{k}{6}}}$	M1

$$l = \frac{2}{3}k \times \frac{1}{4} \times \sqrt{\frac{6}{k}}$$

$$= \frac{k}{6} \times \sqrt{\frac{6}{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{6}}$$

Therefore maximum V occurs when $l = x$, therefore prism is a cube

M1

16a.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 6kx - 9k^2$$

M1

At stationary point, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$3x^2 + 6kx - 9k^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2kx - 3k^2 = 0$$

M1

16b.

$$(x + 3k)(x - 3k) = 0$$

$$x = -3k$$

$$x = k$$

M1

$$\text{When } x = k, y = k^3 + 3k^3 - 9k^3 = -5k^3$$

Therefore station point is at $(k, -5k^3)$

M1

16c.

When $x = -3k$

$$y = -27k^3 + 27k^3 + 27k^3$$

M1

Therefore point is $(-3k, 27k^3)$

M1

17a.

$$f(-1) = -1 - 3 + 4 = 0$$

Therefore $(x + 1)$ is a factor

M1

17b.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 4x + 4 \\ x+1 \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 + 0x + 4} \\ \underline{x^3 + x^2} \\ -4x^2 + 0x \\ \underline{-4x^2 - 4x} \\ 4x + 4 \\ \underline{4x + 4} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

M1

$$f(x) = (x + 1)(x^2 - 4x + 4)$$

$$f(x) = (x + 1)(x - 2)^2$$

M1

17c.

$(2, 0)$ as $(x - 2)$ is a repeated factor of $f(x)$ so x -axis is a tangent at $(2, 0)$

M1

17d.

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x$$

M1

$$\text{Stationary point} = 3x^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$3x(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

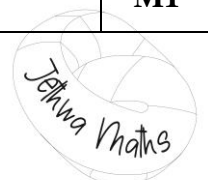
$$x = 2$$

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When $x = 0, y = 4$

Therefore, other turning point is $(0, 4)$

M1



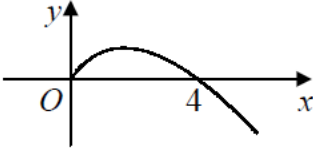
18a.

$2x - x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 0$ $x(2 - x^{\frac{1}{2}}) = 0$	M1
$x = 0$ $y = 0$	M1
$2 - x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $x = 4$ $y = 0$	M1
(0, 0) and (4, 0)	

18b.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$	M1
Stationary point: $2 - \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$ $x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{3}$ $x = \frac{16}{9}$	M1
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	M1
when $x = \frac{16}{9}$ $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{9}{16}$	M1
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$, therefore TP is a minimum	M1

18c.

Shape M1 (4, 0) labelled M1	
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19a.

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 9 + 6x - 3x^2$	M1 M1
Stationary point: $9 + 6x - 3x^2 = 0$ $-3(x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$	M1
$x = -1, y = -3$	M1 M1
$x = 3, y = 29$	M1
(-1, -3) (3, 29)	

19b.

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6 - 6x$	M1
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at $(-1, -3)$: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12$, therefore a minimum point	M1
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at $(3, 29)$: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -12$, therefore a maximum point	M1
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19c.

$-3 < k < 29$	M1
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