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Pure Maths - 1

Differentiation
Exercise 1 Solution (Revision)

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Example 2. A curve has equation $y = \frac{12}{3-2x}$

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

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A point moves along this curve. As the point passes through A, the x -coordinate is increasing at a rate of 0.15 units per seconds and the y -coordinate is increasing at a rate of 0.4 units per seconds.

(b) Find the possible x -coordinates of A. [SP-20/01/Q8] --- [4]

Solution (a) $y = \frac{12}{(3-2x)}$ or $y = (3-2x)^{-1}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12(-1)(3-2x)^{-2} \times (-2)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{24}{(3-2x)^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} / \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{0.4}{0.15} = \frac{8}{3}$ --- (2)

from (1) and (2)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{24}{(3-2x)^2} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-2x)^2 = 9 \Rightarrow 3-2x = \pm 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

Example 1. The following points,

A(0,1), B(1,6), C(1.5, 7.75), D(1.9, 8.79) and E(2,9)

lie on the curve $y = f(x)$. The table below shows the gradient of the chords AE and BE

Chord	AE	BE	CE	DE
Gradient of the chord.	4	3	--	--

[SP-20/01/Q1]

(a) Complete the table to show the gradients of CE and DE.

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(b) State what the values in the table indicate about the value of $f'(2)$

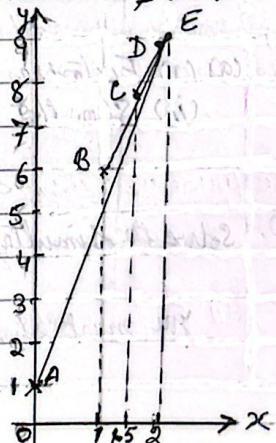
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Solution (a) Gradient of CE = $\frac{9-7.75}{2-1.5} = 2.5 \checkmark$

Gradient of DE = $\frac{9-8.79}{2-1.9} = 2.1 \checkmark$

(b) $x \rightarrow 2$, gradient at E $\rightarrow 2$

$$\therefore f'(2) = 2$$



Example 3: The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{3x+2} + x^2$ for $x < -1$. Determine whether f is an increasing function, a decreasing function or neither. [M-20/12/Q 1] -- [3]

Solution: $f(x) = (3x+2)^{-1} + x^2$ for $x < -1$

$$f'(x) = -(3x+2)^{-2} \times 3 + 2x$$

$$= \frac{-3}{(3x+2)^2} + 2x < 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing function. ✓

as $(3x+2)^2 > 0$ for $x < -1$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{-3}{(3x+2)^2} < 0$
 and $2x < 0$ as $x < -1$
 so is there sum.

Example 4: A curve has equation $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$. A point is moving along the curve in such a way that at P the y -coordinate is increasing at 4 units per second and the x -coordinate is increasing at 6 units per second. Find the x -coordinate of P . [M-20/12/Q 4] -- [4]

Solution: $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$ — (1)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 2$$
 — (2)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{4}{6} \quad \left[\because \text{Given } \frac{dy}{dt} = 4; \frac{dx}{dt} = 6 \right]$$

from (2) and (3) $2x - 2 = \frac{4}{6} \Rightarrow x - 1 = \frac{1}{3}$
 $\Rightarrow x = 1 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$ ✓

Example 5: The gradient of a curve at the point (x, y) is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} - x$. The curve has a stationary point at $(a, 14)$, where a is a positive constant.

(a) Find the value of a . -- [3]

(b) Determine the nature of the stationary point. [M-20/12/Q 10] -- [3]

Solution: $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=a} = 2(a+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} - a = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4(a+3) = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4a - 12 = 0$$

$$(a-6)(a+2) = 0$$

$$a = 6, a = -2^x \quad (\because a > 0)$$

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

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

$$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=6} = 9^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1 = -\frac{2}{3} < 0$$

\therefore Max.

6.

A curve is such that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{(3x-2)^3}$ and $A(1, -3)$ lies on the curve. A point is moving along the curve and at A , the y -coordinate of the point is increasing at 3 units per second.

Find the rate of increase at A of the x -coordinate of the point. --- [3]

M-21/12/Q6(a)

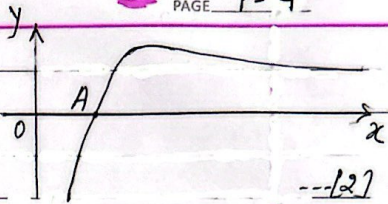
Solution: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{6}{(3x-2)^3} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}$ at $A \rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{(1, -3)} = \frac{6}{(3 \times 1 - 2)^2} = 6$ --- (1)

and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3$ (Given) --- (2), $\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)_{\text{at } A} = ?$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow 3 = 6 \times \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

(from (1) and (2))

7. The diagram shows the curve with equation $y = 9(x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 4x^{-\frac{3}{2}})$. The curve crosses x -axis at the point A.



- (a) Find the x -coordinate of A. ---[2]
 (b) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at A. ---[4]
 (c) Find the x -coordinate of the maximum point of the curve. ---[2]

M-21/12/Q11

Solution(a): $y = 9(x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 4x^{-\frac{3}{2}})$ ---①

Curve intersects x -axis $\Rightarrow y=0$

$$\Rightarrow 9(x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 4x^{-\frac{3}{2}}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^{\frac{1}{2}}[1 - 4x^{-2}] = 0$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}} \neq 0, 1 - \frac{4}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4.$$

\therefore Curve intersects x -axis at A, $x=4$.

(b) diff ① $\frac{dy}{dx} = 9[-\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - 4 \times (-\frac{3}{2})x^{-\frac{5}{2}}]$
 $= 9 \times x^{-\frac{3}{2}}[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{6}{x}]$ ---②

at A, $(\frac{dy}{dx})_{(4,0)} = 9 \times \frac{1}{4^{\frac{3}{2}}}[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{6}{4}] = \frac{9}{8}$

\therefore Eqn of the tangent to the curve at A(4,0)

$$y - 0 = \frac{9}{8}(x - 4) \Rightarrow y = \frac{9}{8}x - \frac{9}{2}$$

(c) For any stationary point (maximum) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

from ②

$$9x^{-\frac{3}{2}}[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{6}{x}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 12.$$

8. It is given that a curve has equation $y = k(3x-k)^{-1} + 3x$, where k is a constant.

(a) Find, in terms of k , the values of x at which there is a stationary point. --- [4]

The function f has a stationary value at $x=a$ and is defined by $f(x) = 4(3x-4)^{-1} + 3x$ for $x \geq \frac{3}{2}$

(b) Find the value of a and determine the nature of the stationary value. --- [3]

(c) The function g is defined by $g(x) = -(3x+1)^{-1} + 3x$ for $x \geq 0$. Determine, making your reasoning clear, whether g is an increasing function, a decreasing function or neither. --- [2]

[M-23/12/Q11]

Solution (a) $y = k(3x-k)^{-1} + 3x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -k(3x-k)^{-2} \times 3 + 3$
 for stationary point $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{-3k}{(3x-k)^2} + 3 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 3(3x-k)^2 = 3k$
 $\Rightarrow 3x-k = \pm \sqrt{k}$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{k \pm \sqrt{k}}{3}$ ✓

(b) $f(x) = 4(3x-4)^{-1} + 3x$ for $x \geq \frac{3}{2}$
 $f'(x) = -4(3x-4)^{-2} \times 3 + 3$ --- (1)
 for stationary point at $x=a$
 $\frac{-4 \times 3}{(3a-4)^2} + 3 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (3a-4)^2 = 4$
 $3a-4 = \pm \sqrt{4}$
 $3a = 6$ or 2
 $a = 2, \frac{2}{3}$ $x \geq \frac{3}{2}$
 $a = 2$ ✓

diff (1) $f''(x) = 24(3x-4)^{-3} \times 3$
 $= \frac{72}{(3x-4)^3}$ ✓

$f''(2) = \frac{72}{2^3} = 9 > 0$

\therefore at $x=2$, Minimum.

(c) $g(x) = -(3x+1)^{-1} + 3x$ for $x \geq 0$

$g'(x) = +(3x+1)^{-2} \times 3 + 3$
 $= \frac{3}{(3x+1)^2} + 3 > 0$

for all values of x . ✓

$\therefore g(x)$ is increasing for $x \geq 0$

9.

A curve has equation $y = \frac{1}{60}(3x+1)^2$ and a point is moving along the curve. Find the x -coordinate of the point on the curve at which the x - and y -coordinates are increasing at the same rate. --- [4]

[M-23/12/Q3]

Solution: $y = \frac{1}{60}(3x+1)^2$ --- (1)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{60} \times 2(3x+1) \times 3 = \frac{1}{10}(3x+1) \text{ --- (2)}$$

Since $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{10}(3x+1) = 1$ from (2)
 $\Rightarrow 3x+1=10 \Rightarrow x=3$ ✓

10. At the point $(4, -1)$ on a curve, the gradient of the curve is $-\frac{3}{2}$. It is given that $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + k$, where k is a constant.

(a) Show that $k = -2$ (b) Find an equation of the curve. [1]+[4]

(c) Find the coordinates of the stationary points. (d) determine the nature of the stationary points. [3]+[2]

[M-23/12/Q10]

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

(a) Gradient at $(4, -1) = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=4} = 4^{-\frac{1}{2}} + k = -\frac{3}{2}$ (given)
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + k = -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow k = -2$ ✓

(b) from (1) $y = \int (x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 2) dx$ [as $k = -2$]
 $= \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} - 2x + C = 2\sqrt{x} - 2x + C$
 $y = 2\sqrt{x} - 2x + C$ --- (2)

Passes through $(4, -1) \Rightarrow -1 = 2\sqrt{4} - 2 \times 4 + C$
 $\Rightarrow C = 3$ ✓

\therefore from (2) Equation of the curve is;
 $y = 2\sqrt{x} - 2x + 3$ ✓ --- (3)

(c) for stationary points $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 from (1) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 2 = 0$ (for $k = -2$)
 $\Rightarrow x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}$
 at: from (3) $y = 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} - 2 \times \frac{1}{4} + 3 = \frac{7}{2}$
 \therefore Stationary point $(\frac{1}{4}, 3\frac{1}{2})$ ✓

(d) suff (1) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$
 $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=\frac{1}{4}} = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} = -4 < 0$

\therefore Maximum at $(\frac{1}{4}, 3\frac{1}{2})$

Example 11. The equation of a curve is $y = (3-2x)^3 + 24x$.

- (a) Find the expressions for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ ---[4]
 (b) Find the coordinates of each of the stationary points on the curve. ---[3]
 (c) Determine the nature of each stationary point. [5-20/11/09] ---[2]

Solution:

(a) Given $y = (3-2x)^3 + 24x$ --- ①
 diff, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(3-2x)^2 \cdot (-2) + 24$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -6(3-2x)^2 + 24$ --- ②
 diff, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -12(3-2x) \cdot (-2)$
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 24(3-2x)$ --- ③

(c) at $(\frac{1}{2}, 20)$ from ③
 $(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2})_{x=\frac{1}{2}} = 24(3-2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}) = 48 > 0$
 \therefore Minimum
 and at $(2\frac{1}{2}, 52)$
 $(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2})_{x=2\frac{1}{2}} = -48 < 0 \therefore$ Maximum ✓

(b) for stationary points $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 from ② $\Rightarrow -6(3-2x)^2 + 24 = 0$
 $(3-2x)^2 = 4 \Rightarrow 3-2x = \pm 2$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$ or $x = \frac{5}{2}$
 \therefore stationary points $(\frac{1}{2}, 20), (2\frac{1}{2}, 52)$.

Example 12. A weather balloon in the shape of a sphere is being inflated by a pump. The volume of the balloon is increasing at a constant rate of 600 cm³ per second. The balloon was empty at the start of pumping.

- (a) Find the radius of the balloon after 30 seconds. ---[2]
 (b) Find the rate of increase of the radius after 30 seconds. ---[3]
 [5-20/12/03]

Solution (a) Volume after 30 seconds = $600 \times 30 = 18000 \text{ cm}^3$
 $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = 18,000$
 $r^3 = \frac{18,000 \times 3}{4\pi} = 4297$
 $r = \sqrt[3]{4297} = 16.257 = 16.3 \text{ cm}$ ✓

(b) $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \times \frac{dr}{dt}$ [$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2$
 $\frac{dV}{dt} = 600$]
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dV/dt}{dV/dr} = \frac{600}{4\pi r^2}$
 $(\frac{dr}{dt})_{r=16.257} = \frac{600}{4\pi \cdot (16.257)^2} = 0.181 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ✓

Example 13: The equation of a curve is $y = 54x - (2x-7)^3$

- (a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ ---[4]
 (b) Find the coordinates of each of the stationary points of the curve. ---[3]
 (c) Determine the nature of each of the stationary points. ---[2]

Solution: $y = 54x - (2x-7)^3$ --- ①

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 54 - 3(2x-7)^2 \times 2$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 54 - 6(2x-7)^2$ --- ②

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -6 \times 2(2x-7) \times 2$
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -24(2x-7)$ --- ③

(b) for stationary points $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 54 - 6(2x-7)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (2x-7)^2 = 9$
 $\Rightarrow 2x-7 = \pm 3 \Rightarrow x = 5, x = 2$

(c) at (5, 243)
 $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=5} = -24(10-7) = -72 < 0$ Max. ✓
 and at (2, 135)
 $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=2} = -24(4-7) = 72 > 0$ Min ✓

from ① (5, 243), (2, 135) are the stationary points.

Example 14. A point P is moving along a curve in such a way that the x-coordinate of P is increasing at a constant rate of 2 units per minute. The equation of the curve is $y = (5x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

- (a) Find the rate at which the y-coordinate is increasing when $x=1$. ---[4]
 (b) Find the value of x when the y-coordinate is increasing at $\frac{5}{8}$ units per minute. ---[3]

Solution: $y = (5x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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

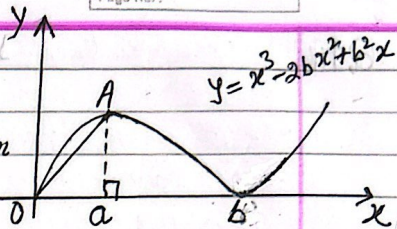
$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=1} = \frac{5}{4}$ --- ②

Now $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt}$
 $= \frac{5}{4} \times 2$
 $= \frac{5}{2} \checkmark$

for ② and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$

(b) Now given $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{5}{8}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt}$
 $\frac{5}{2\sqrt{5x-1}} \times 2 = \frac{5}{8}$ [for ① and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$]
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{5x-1} = 8$
 $\Rightarrow 5x-1 = 64$
 $x = 13 \checkmark$

Example 15 The diagram shows part of the curve with equation $y = x^3 - 2bx^2 + b^2x$ and the line OA, where A is the maximum point on the curve. The x-coordinate of A is a and the curve has a minimum point at (0, b), where a and b are positive constants. Show that $b = 3a$.



[5-20/13/6/11(a)] [4]

Solution: $y = x^3 - 2bx^2 + b^2x$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 4bx + b^2$
 for stationary points $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 4bx + b^2 = 0$
 $(3x - b)(x - b) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{b}{3}$ or b
 $\therefore a = \frac{b}{3} \Rightarrow b = 3a$ ✓

16. The equation of a curve is $y = 2\sqrt{3x+4} - x$

- (a) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point $(4,4)$, giving your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. ---[5]
- (b) Find the coordinates of the stationary point. ---[3]
- (c) Determine the nature of the stationary point. ---[2]

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Solution (a) $y = 2\sqrt{3x+4} - x$ --- (1)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3x+4}} \times 3 - 1$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3x+4}} - 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{(4,4)} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{16}} - 1 = -\frac{1}{4}$$

\therefore Gradient of Normal at $(4,4) = 4$.

\therefore Equation of the normal at $(4,4)$

$$y - 4 = 4(x - 4) \Rightarrow \underline{y = 4x - 12}$$

(b) For stationary point $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\text{from (2) } \frac{3}{\sqrt{3x+4}} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - \sqrt{3x+4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3x+4} = 3 \Rightarrow 3x+4 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{3} \checkmark$$

$$\text{from (1) } y = 2\sqrt{3 \times \frac{5}{3} + 4} - \frac{5}{3} = \frac{13}{3}$$

\therefore Stationary point $(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{13}{3}) \checkmark$

(c) diff (2)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \times 3(3x+4)^{-3/2}$$

$$= -\frac{9}{2(3x+4)^{3/2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=\frac{5}{3}} = -\frac{9}{2} \times \frac{1}{3^{3/2}} < 0, \text{ Max}$$

\therefore Max at $(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{13}{3}) \checkmark$

17 The gradient of the curve is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6(3x-5)^3 - kx^2$, where k is a constant. The curve has a stationary point at $(2, -3.5)$.

(a) Find the value of k . --- [2]

(b) Find the equation of the curve. --- [4]

(c) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$. --- [2]

(d) Determine the nature of the stationary point at $(2, -3.5)$.
[5-21] 12/01/11 --- [2]

Solution: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6(3x-5)^3 - kx^2$ --- (1)

(a) stationary point at $(2, -3.5)$

$$\text{from (1)} \quad \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6(3 \times 2 - 5)^3 - k \times 2^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 4k = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{3}{2} \checkmark$$

(c) diff (1)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3 \times 6(3x-5)^2 \times 3 - 2kx$$

$$= 54(3x-5)^2 - 2 \times \frac{3}{2} \times x \quad [k = \frac{3}{2}]$$

$$= 54(3x-5)^2 - 3x \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

(b) To find the equation of the curve

$$\text{from (1)} \quad y = \int [6(3x-5)^3 - kx^2] dx$$

$$y = \frac{6(3x-5)^4}{3 \times 4} - \frac{kx^3}{3} + C$$

$$\text{for } k = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}(3x-5)^4 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 + C \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

passes through a point $(2, -3.5)$

$$\Rightarrow -3.5 = \frac{1}{2}(3 \times 2 - 5)^4 - \frac{1}{2} \times 2^3 + C \Rightarrow C = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\text{from (2)} \quad y = \frac{1}{2}(3x-5)^4 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

curve is:

(d) from (4) at $(2, -3.5)$

$$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=2} = 54 \times 1^2 - 3 \times 2 = 48 > 0; \text{ Minimum}$$

18. The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}(2x-1)^{3/2} - 2x$ for $\frac{1}{2} < x < a$. It is given that f is a decreasing function.

Find the maximum possible value of the constant a . --- [4]

[S-21/13/Q2]

Solution: $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}(2x-1)^{3/2} - 2x \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} \times 2(2x-1)^{1/2} - 2$

$$= (2x-1)^{1/2} - 2$$

for $f(x)$ to be decreasing $\rightarrow f'(x) \leq 0 \Rightarrow (2x-1)^{1/2} - 2 \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow (2x-1)^{1/2} \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x-1 \leq 4$$

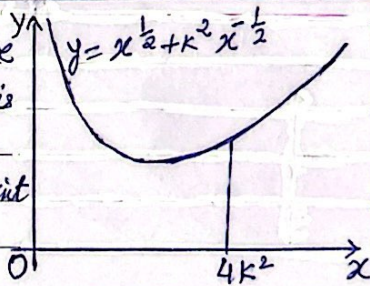
$$\Rightarrow x \leq \frac{5}{2}$$

\therefore Max value of $a = \frac{5}{2}$

$$a = 2\frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

19. The diagram shows part of the curve with equation $y = x^{1/2} + k^2 x^{-1/2}$, where k is a positive constant.

- (a) Find the coordinates of the minimum point of the curve, giving your answer in terms of k . --- [4]



The tangent at the point on the curve whose $x = 4k^2$, intersects the y -axis at P .

- (b) Find the y -coordinate of P in terms of k . --- [4]

- (c) on next page \rightarrow

[S-21/13/Q11]

Solution: $y = x^{1/2} + k^2 x^{-1/2}$ --- (1)

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{2}k^2 x^{-3/2}$ --- (2)

for stationary point $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{2}k^2 x^{-3/2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2}k^2 x^{-3/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} \times k^2 x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 x^{-1} = 1 \Rightarrow x = k^2 \quad (x \neq 0)$$

from (1) at $x = k^2$; $y = (k^2)^{1/2} + k^2 (k^2)^{-1/2}$
 $= 2k$

\therefore Minimum point $(k^2, 2k)$

(c) Part continued on next page

(b) when $x = 4k^2$

$$\text{from (2) } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(4k^2)^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{2}k^2(4k^2)^{-3/2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{4k} - \frac{1}{16k}\right] = \frac{3}{16}k \checkmark$$

Hence the equation of tangent at $(4k^2, \frac{5k}{2})$

$$y - \frac{5k}{2} = \frac{3}{16}k(x - 4k^2)$$

$$y = \frac{5k}{2} + \frac{3}{16}k(x - 4k^2)$$

for intersection with x -axis at P , put $x = 0$

$$y = \frac{5k}{2} + \frac{3}{16}k(-4k^2)$$

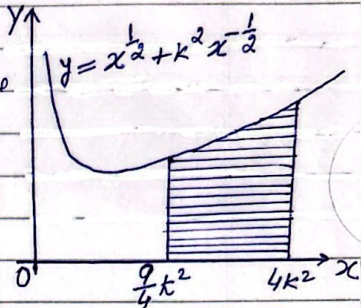
$$y = \frac{5k}{2} - \frac{3}{4}k = \frac{7k}{4} \checkmark$$

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The shaded region is bounded by the curve, the x-axis and the lines $x = \frac{9}{4}k^2$ and $x = 4k^2$.

19(c) The diagram shows part of the curve with equation $y = x^{1/2} + k^2 x^{-1/2}$, where k is a positive constant.

Find the area of the shaded region in terms of k .



[S-21/13/R11(C)]

Solution: Area = $\int y dx$

$$= \int_{\frac{9}{4}k^2}^{4k^2} (x^{1/2} + k^2 x^{-1/2}) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} + 2k^2 x^{1/2} \right]_{\frac{9}{4}k^2}^{4k^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot 8k^3 + 2k^2 \cdot 2k \right) - \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{27}{8} k^3 + 2k^2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} k \right)$$

$$= \frac{49}{12} k^3 \checkmark$$

- 20 The equation of the curve is such that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x^2 - 4/x^3$. The curve has a stationary point at $(-1, 9/2)$.
- (a) Determine the nature of the stationary point at $(-1, 9/2)$. --- [1]
- (b) Find the equation of the curve. --- [5]
- (c) Show the curve has no other stationary points. --- [3]
- (d) A point A is moving along the curve and the y-coordinate of A is increasing at a rate of 5 units per second.
 Find the rate of increase of the x-coordinate of A at the point where $x=1$. [5-22/11] Q10 --- [3]

Solution:

(a) Stationary point at $(-1, 9/2)$

from (1) $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=-1} = 6 \times (-1)^2 - 4/(-1)^3 = 6 + 4 = 10 > 0$

\therefore Minimum at $(-1, 9/2)$

(continued \rightarrow)

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \int (6x^2 - 4x^{-3}) dx = 2x^3 + 2x^{-2} + C$

at $(-1, 9/2) \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -2 + 2 + C = 0$ as stationary point $C=0$

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

Now $y = \int (2x^3 + 2x^{-2}) dx = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - \frac{2}{x} + K$

Point $(-1, 9/2)$ lies on it $\Rightarrow 9/2 = \frac{1}{2} + 2 + K \Rightarrow K=2$

Hence the eqn of curve is $y = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - \frac{2}{x} + 2$ --- (3)

21. The equation of a curve is $y = 3x + 1 - 4(3x+1)^{1/2}$ for $x > -1/3$
- (a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ --- [3]
- (b) Find the coordinates of the stationary point of the curve and determine its nature. --- [4]

[5-22/12/2019]

Solution (a) Curve: $y = 3x + 1 - 4(3x+1)^{1/2}$ --- (1)

diff (1) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - 4 \times \frac{1}{2} (3x+1)^{-1/2} \times 3$ from (2) $3 - \frac{6}{\sqrt{3x+1}} = 0$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - \frac{6}{\sqrt{3x+1}}$ --- (2)

diff (2) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -6 \times \frac{1}{2} (3x+1)^{-3/2} \times 3$ $\Rightarrow 3 = \frac{6}{\sqrt{3x+1}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3x+1} = 2$

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{9}{(3x+1)^{3/2}}$ --- (3) $3x+1 = 4 \Rightarrow x = 1$ ✓

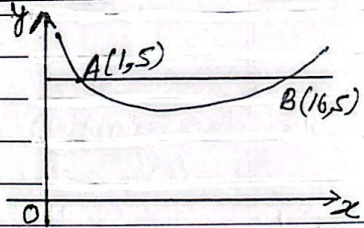
from (1) $y = 4 - 4 \times 2 = -4$

\therefore Stationary point $(1, -4)$

Now to check the nature of stationary point $(1, -4)$ ✓

from (3) $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=1} = \frac{9}{4^{3/2}} > 0$ so minimum ✓

22. The diagram shows the curve with equation $y = x^{1/2} + 4x^{-1/2}$. The line $y = 5$ intersects the curve at the points A(1,5) and B(16,5).



Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point A.

--- [4]

[5-22/13/2018]

Solution: Curve: $y = x^{1/2} + 4x^{-1/2}$ --- (1)

differentiating (1) w.r.t x ; $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} + 4 \times (-\frac{1}{2}) \times x^{-3/2}$

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

$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1}} - \frac{2}{1\sqrt{1}} = \frac{1}{2} - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}$ is the gradient of the tangent at A.

\therefore Equation of the tangent at A(1,5)

$y - 5 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 1)$

$2y - 10 = -3x + 3 \Rightarrow 3x + 2y = 13$ ✓

23. The function f is defined by $f(x) = (4x+2)^{-2}$ for $x > -\frac{1}{2}$

A point is moving along the curve $y = f(x)$ in such a way that, as it passes through a point A, its y -coordinate is decreasing at the rate k units per seconds, and its x -coordinate is increasing at the rate of k units per second. Find the coordinates of A. --- [6?]

[S-22/13/Q10]

Solution:

$$f(x) = y = (4x+2)^{-2} \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2(4x+2)^{-3} \times 4$$

$$= \frac{-8}{(4x+2)^3} \text{ --- (2)}$$

Now at A, y -coord. is decreasing

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = k \text{ --- (3)}$$

and x -coord. is decreasing at A.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -k \text{ --- (4)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{k}{-k} = -1 \text{ --- (5)}$$

from (2) and (5)

$$\frac{-8}{(4x+2)^3} = -1 \Rightarrow (4x+2)^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x+2 = 2 \Rightarrow x = 0 \checkmark$$

\therefore from (1)

$$y = (4 \times 0 + 2)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} \checkmark$$

\therefore Coordinates of A $(0, \frac{1}{4}) \checkmark$

24. Water is poured into a tank at a constant rate of 500 cm^3 per second. The depth of water in the tank, t seconds after filling starts, is h cm. When the depth of water in the tank is h cm, the volume, $V \text{ cm}^3$, of water in the tank is given by the formula $V = \frac{4}{3}(25+h)^3 - 62500$.
- (a) Find the rate at which h is increasing at the instant when $h = 10 \text{ cm}$. [3]
- (b) At another instant, the rate at which h is increasing is 0.075 cm per second. Find the value of V at this instant. [3]

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Solution:

$$V = \frac{4}{3}(25+h)^3 - \frac{62500}{3} \quad \text{--- (1)} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Given } \frac{dV}{dt} = 500 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} \quad \text{--- (2)} \\ \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt} \quad \text{--- (3)} \end{array} \right.$$

(a) $\rightarrow \frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{4}{3} \times 3(25+h)^2 = 4(25+h)^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$$\left(\frac{dV}{dh} \right)_{h=10} = 4(25+10)^2 = 4900 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (2), (3) & (4)

$$500 = 4900 \times \frac{dh}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{500}{4900} = 0.102 \text{ cm/s} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Now given $\frac{dh}{dt} = 0.075 \text{ cm/s} \quad \text{--- (5)}$

Now $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt} \quad \text{--- (6)}$

from (6)

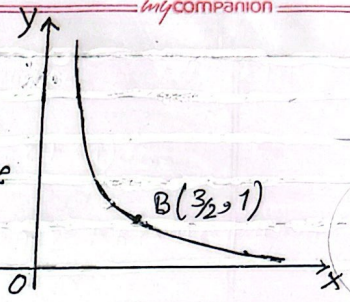
$$\Rightarrow 500 = 4(25+h)^2 \times 0.075 \quad \text{(from (1))}$$

$$\Rightarrow (25+h)^2 = \frac{500}{4 \times 0.075} \Rightarrow (25+h)^2 = \frac{5000}{3} \Rightarrow h = 15.8248$$

\therefore from (1)

$$V = \frac{4}{3}(25+15.8248)^3 - \frac{62500}{3} = 69900 \quad \checkmark$$

25. The diagram shows the curve:
 $y = \frac{4}{(2x-1)^2}$ and a point $B(\frac{3}{2}, 1)$ on it.
 A triangle is formed from the tangent to the curve at B, the normal to the curve at B and the x-axis.
 Find the area of the triangle. --- [6]



Solution: Curve: $y = \frac{4}{(2x-1)^2}$ ---- (1) [S-23/11/Q1006]

diff (1) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4 \times (-2)(2x-1)^{-3} = \frac{-8}{(2x-1)^3}$ ---- (2)

Gradient of the tangent to the curve at $B(\frac{3}{2}, 1) = \frac{-8}{(2 \times \frac{3}{2} - 1)^2} = -2$

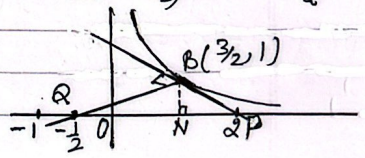
\therefore Equation of tangent to the curve at B: $y - 1 = -2(x - \frac{3}{2})$ ---- (3)

and the equation of Normal at B: $y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{3}{2})$ ---- (4)

Tangent (3) intersects x-axis (at $y = 0$) $0 - 1 = -2(x - \frac{3}{2}) \Rightarrow x = 2$ ✓ at P

Normal (4) " " " " is $-1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{3}{2}) \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$ at Q

Area of $\Delta BPQ = \frac{1}{2} \times PQ \times BN$
 $= \frac{1}{2} (2 - (-\frac{1}{2})) \times 1$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} \times 1 = \frac{5}{4}$ ✓



26. The equation of a curve is such that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - 30x + 6a$, where a is a positive constant. The curve has a stationary point at $(a, -15)$.

- (a) Find the value of a . --- [2]
- (b) Determine the nature of this stationary point. --- [2]
- (c) Find the equation of the curve. --- [3]
- (d) Find the coordinates of any other stationary points on the curve [2]

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Solution (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - 30x + 6a$ --- (1) for (1)
 stationary point at $(a, -15) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{(a,-15)} = 0 \Rightarrow 6a^2 - 30a + 6a = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 6a(a-4) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a = 4$ ($\because a > 0$)

(b) diff (1) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12x - 30 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=4} = 12 \times 4 - 30 = 18 > 0$ ✓

(Since the stationary point is at $(a, -15) \Rightarrow$ at $(4, -15)$ (as $a=4$)
 \therefore The stationary point is a minimum at $(4, -15)$)

(c) Equation of the curve from (1) $y = \int (6x^2 - 30x + 6a) dx$
 $\Rightarrow y = 6 \times \frac{x^3}{3} - 30 \times \frac{x^2}{2} + 6x \times a + C$ [$a=4$]
 $\Rightarrow y = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 24x + C$ --- (2)
 curve passes through $(4, -15)$ [$(a, -15)$]
 $a=4$
 for (2) $\Rightarrow -15 = 2 \times 4^3 - 15 \times 4^2 + 24 \times 4 + C$
 $\Rightarrow C = 1$

Hence for (2) Equation of the curve is: $y = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 24x + 1$ --- (2) ✓

(d) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - 30x + 6 \times 4$ for (1)
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - 30x + 24 = 6(x^2 - 5x + 4) = 6(x-1)(x-4)$
 $\Rightarrow x = 1, x = 4$ (already done)
 \therefore hence another stationary point is at $x = 1$
 \therefore another stationary point is at $(1, 12)$ ✓ for (2)
 $\begin{cases} y = 2 \times 1^3 - 15 \times 1^2 + 24 \times 1 + 1 \\ = 12 \end{cases}$

27. The equation of a curve is $y = k\sqrt{4x+1} - x + 5$, where k is a positive constant.

- (a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ [2]
- (b) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ the x -coordinate of the stationary point in terms of k [2]
- (c) Given $k = 10.5$, find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point where the tangent to curve makes an angle of $\tan^{-1} 2$ with the positive x -axis. ... [4]

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Solution: Curve: $y = k\sqrt{4x+1} - x + 5$... (1)

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = k \cdot \frac{1}{2} (4x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 4 - 1 = \frac{2k(4x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{1}$... (2)

(b) for stationary point $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2k}{\sqrt{4x+1}} - 1 = 0$ from (2)

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{4x+1} = 2k \Rightarrow 4x+1 = 4k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{4k^2 - 1}{4} \checkmark$$

(c) from (2) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2k(4x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{1}$ [for $k = 10.5$]

$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{21}{\sqrt{4x+1}} - 1 = 2$ } \therefore tangent makes an angle $\tan^{-1} 2$ with the positive x -axis. = θ (left)

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{4x+1} = 7 \Rightarrow 4x+1 = 49$ } \therefore gradient of tangent $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta = 2$

$\Rightarrow x = 12$

from (1) $y = 10.5 \cdot \sqrt{4 \cdot 12 + 1} - 12 + 5 = 66.5$

\therefore when grad of tangent = 2

Point (12, 66.5)

\Rightarrow Gradient of Normal = $-\frac{1}{2}$

\therefore Equation the normal,

$$y - 66.5 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 12)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6 + 66.5$$

$$\text{or } y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 72.5 \checkmark$$

28. The equation of a curve is $y = x + (x-1)^{-2} + 2$, the curve passes through a point $(0, 3)$.

(a) The tangent to the curve at $(0, 3)$ intersects the curve again at another point P. Show that the x-coordinate of P, satisfies the equation $(2x+1)(x-1)^2 - 1 = 0$ --- [4]

(b) Verify that $x = \frac{3}{2}$ satisfies this equation and hence find the y-coordinate of P. --- [2]

S-23/13/09(b)(c)

Solution: Curve: $y = x + (x-1)^{-2} + 2$ --- (1)

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

Gradient of the tangent at $(0, 3) \rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=0} = 3$ from (2)
Equation of tangent at $(0, 3)$;

$$y - 3 = 3(x - 0) \Rightarrow y = 3x + 3 \text{ --- (3)}$$

for the intersection of curve (1) and tangent (3)

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

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(2x+1)(x-1)^2 - 1 = 0} \checkmark \text{ --- (4)}$$

(b) Put $x = \frac{3}{2}$ in (4) $\Rightarrow (2 \times \frac{3}{2} + 1) \left(\frac{3}{2} - 1\right)^2 - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \times \frac{1}{4} - 1 = 0 \text{ True } \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \text{ from (1) at } x = \frac{3}{2}, y = \frac{3}{2} + \left(\frac{3}{2} - 1\right)^{-2} + 2$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} + 4 + 2 = 7\frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

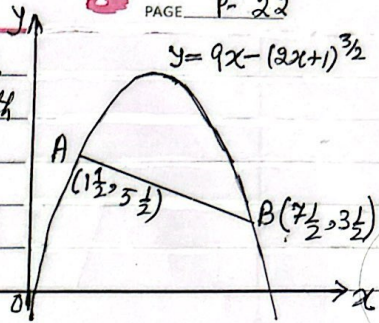
\therefore when $x = \frac{3}{2}$

$$\underline{y = 7\frac{1}{2} \checkmark}$$

29 The diagram shows the points $A(1\frac{1}{2}, 5\frac{1}{2})$, and $B(7\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{2})$ lying on the curve with equation, $y = 9x - (2x+1)^{3/2}$

(a) Find the coordinates of the maximum point on the curve. --- [4]

(b) Verify that the line AB is the normal to the curve at A. --- [3]



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Solution: Curve: $y = 9x - (2x+1)^{3/2}$ --- (1)

(a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 9 - \frac{3}{2}(2x+1)^{1/2} \times 2$ --- (2)

for max. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 9 - 3(2x+1)^{1/2} = 0 \Rightarrow 2x+1=9 \Rightarrow x=4$
from (1) $y = 9 \times 4 - (2 \times 4 + 1)^{3/2} = 9$

\therefore Max. point $(4, 9)$ ✓

(b) when $x = 1\frac{1}{2}$ (at A); $\frac{dy}{dx} = 9 - 3(2 \times \frac{3}{2} + 1)^{1/2}$ from (2)
at A, Gradient of the tangent to curve = 3 --- (3)

Gradient of AB, $\frac{5\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}}{1\frac{1}{2} - 7\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{-6} = -\frac{1}{3}$ --- (4)

from (3) & (4) $3 \times -\frac{1}{3} = -1$ ✓

\therefore AB is normal to the curve at A.

30. Air is being pumped into a balloon in the shape of a sphere so that its volume is increasing at a constant rate of $50 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Find the rate at which the radius of the balloon is increasing when the radius is 10 cm . [W-20/11/Q3] -- [3]

Solution: Given $\frac{dV}{dt} = 50 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ — (1) To find $\left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)_{r=10} = ?$

Sphere, $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \cdot 3r^2 = 4\pi r^2$ — (2)

Now $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \times \frac{dr}{dt}$

From (1) & (2) $\Rightarrow 50 = 4\pi r^2 \times \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{50}{4\pi r^2}$

$\therefore \left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)_{r=10} = \frac{50}{4\pi \times 10^2} = \frac{1}{8\pi} = 0.0398 \checkmark$

31. The equation of the curve is $y = 2 + \sqrt{25 - x^2}$. Find the coordinates of the point on the curve at which the gradient is $\frac{4}{3}$. [W-20/11/Q6] -- [5]

Solution: $y = 2 + \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ — (1) Using Chain Rule
 diff. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{25-x^2}} \times \frac{d(25-x^2)}{dx}$ $\frac{d\sqrt{u}}{du} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} \times \frac{du}{dx}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{25-x^2}}$

\therefore Gradient of curve = $\frac{-x}{\sqrt{25-x^2}} = \frac{4}{3}$ (given) — (2)

$\Rightarrow 4\sqrt{25-x^2} = -3x \Rightarrow 16(25-x^2) = 9x^2$

$\Rightarrow 400 - 16x^2 = 9x^2$

$\Rightarrow 25x^2 = 400$

$\Rightarrow x^2 = 16$

$x = \pm 4$

$x = -4, +4$ from (2) (*)

from (1) $x = -4$
 $\Rightarrow y = 2 + \sqrt{25-16} = 5$

\therefore Required Point $(-4, 5) \checkmark$

32. The point $(4, 7)$ lies on the curve $y = f(x)$ and it is given that $f'(x) = 6x^{-1/2} - 4x^{-3/2}$

A point moves along the curve in such a way that the x -coordinate is increasing at a constant rate of 0.12 units per second.

Find the rate of increase of the y -coordinate when $x=4$.

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Solution: Given $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.12$ — (1)

$$\text{and } f'(x) = 6x^{-1/2} - 4x^{-3/2} \Rightarrow f'(4) = 6 \times 4^{-1/2} - 4 \times 4^{-3/2}$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=4} = \frac{6}{2} - \frac{4}{8} = \frac{5}{2} \text{ — (2)}$$

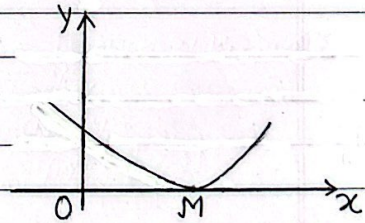
Now rate of increase of y (at $x=4$)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)_{x=4} = \frac{5}{2} \times 0.12 \text{ from (1) \& (2)}$$

$$= \underline{0.3}$$

33. The diagram shows part of the curve, $y = \frac{2}{(3-2x)^2} - x$

and its minimum point M , which lies on the x -axis.



(a) Find the expressions for $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ — (4)

(b) Find the x -coordinate of M . — (2)

W-20/12/Q 10(a)(b)

Solution: $y = 2(3-2x)^{-2} - x$ — (1)

$$\text{diff (1) } \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \times (-2)(3-2x)^{-3} \times (-2) - 1$$

$$= \frac{8}{(3-2x)^3} - 1 \text{ — (2) ✓}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 8 \times (-3)(3-2x)^{-4} \times (-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{48}{(3-2x)^4} \text{ — (3)}$$

(b) for Minimum

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{from (2) } \frac{8}{(3-2x)^3} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-2x)^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 3-2x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore x -coordinate of M

$$= \underline{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ ✓}$$

34. The equation of a curve is $y = 2x + 1 + \frac{1}{2x+1}$ for $x > -\frac{1}{2}$
 (a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$...[3]
 (b) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ the $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ coordinates of the stationary point and the nature of the stationary point. [W-20/13/Q.8] ...[5]

Solution (a) $y = 2x + 1 + \frac{1}{(2x+1)}$ — (1) (or $y = (2x+1) + (2x+1)^{-1}$)
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 + (-1)(2x+1)^{-2} \times 2$
 or $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - 2(2x+1)^{-2}$ — (2) (or $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 - \frac{2}{(2x+1)^2}$)
 $\therefore \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -2(-2)(2x+1)^{-3} \times 2$
 or $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{8}{(2x+1)^3}$ — (3)

(b) for stationary point $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2 - \frac{2}{(2x+1)^2} = 0$ Form (2)
 $\Rightarrow (2x+1)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 2x+1 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow x = 0$
 from (1) $y = 2$

\therefore coordinate of stationary point (0, 2)

Now from (3) $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{(0,2)} = \frac{8}{1} > 0$
 \therefore Minimum at (0, 2) ✓

35 A curve has equation $y = \frac{1}{k} x^{1/2} + x^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{k^2}$ where $k > 0$ and k is a positive constant.

It is given that when $x = \frac{1}{4}$, the gradient of the curve is 3. Find the value of k . --- [4]

W-20/13/Q 10(a)

Solution: $y = \frac{1}{k} x^{1/2} + x^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{k^2}$ --- (1)

diff. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} + (-\frac{1}{2}) x^{-3/2} + 0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2k \cdot x^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{2x^{3/2}}$ [Given gradient of curve = 3 at $x = \frac{1}{4}$]

$(\frac{dy}{dx})_{x=\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2k(\frac{1}{4})^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{2(\frac{1}{4})^{3/2}} = 3$

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

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{k} = 7 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{7}$ (or 0.143) ✓

36. Given a curve with equation: $y = \frac{1}{(3x-2)^{3/2}}$ The normal to the curve at (1,1), crosses the y-axis at the point A. Find the y-coordinate of A. --- [4]

W-27/11/Q 10(c)

Solution: $y = (3x-2)^{-3/2}$ --- (1)

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{2} (3x-2)^{-5/2} \times 3$

$(\frac{dy}{dx})_{(1,1)} = -\frac{9}{2}$

Gradient of normal = $\frac{2}{9}$

Equation of normal at (1,1)

$y-1 = \frac{2}{9}(x-1)$ --- (2)

Normal (2) intersect y-axis at $x=0$

$y-1 = -\frac{2}{9} \Rightarrow y = \frac{7}{9}$

\therefore y coord. of A = $\frac{7}{9}$ ✓



- 37 The volume $V \text{ m}^3$ of a large circular mound of iron ore of radius $r \text{ m}$ is modelled by the equation, $V = \frac{3}{2}(r - \frac{1}{2})^3 - 1$ for $r \geq \frac{1}{2}$. Iron ore is added to the mound at a constant rate of 1.5 m^3 per second.
- (a) Find the rate at which the radius of the mound is increasing at the instant when the radius is 5.5 m . --- [3]
- (b) Find the volume of the mound at the instant when the radius is increasing at 0.1 m/s . [W-21/12/29] -- [3]

Solution: $V = \frac{3}{2}(r - \frac{1}{2})^3 - 1$ --- (1)

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{3}{2} \times 3(r - \frac{1}{2})^2$$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{9}{2}(r - \frac{1}{2})^2$$
 --- (2)
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 1.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$
 --- (3)

Now $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \times \frac{dr}{dt}$

$$1.5 = \frac{9}{2}(r - \frac{1}{2})^2 \times \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1.5}{\frac{9}{2}(r - \frac{1}{2})^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)_{r=5.5} = \frac{1.5}{\frac{9}{2}(5.5 - \frac{1}{2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \times 1.5$$

$$= \frac{15}{9} \times \frac{1.5}{25} = \frac{1}{75}$$

$$\left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)_{r=5.5} = 0.0133 \text{ m/s}$$

(b) Given $\frac{dr}{dt} = 0.1 \text{ m/s}$
To find $V = ?$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{dV}{dt} / \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{1.5}{0.1}$$

$$\frac{9}{2}(r - \frac{1}{2})^2 = 15$$
 from (2)

$$(r - \frac{1}{2})^2 = 15 \times \frac{2}{9} = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$(r - \frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}} \checkmark$$

from (1)

$$V = \frac{3}{2} \left[\sqrt{\frac{10}{3}} \right]^3 - 1$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} [6.0858] - 1 = 8.128$$

$$V = 8.13 \text{ m}^3 \checkmark$$

38. The function f is defined by $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{k}{x} + 2$ for $x > 0$
- (a) Given that the curve with equation $y = f(x)$ has a stationary point when $x = 2$ find k[3]
- (b) Determine the nature of the stationary point. ...[2]
- (c) Given that this is the only stationary point of the curve, find the range of f . W-21/12/Q10 ...[2]

Solution: $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{k}{x} + 2 \quad x > 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$

(a) diff $\textcircled{1}$ $f'(x) = 2x - \frac{k}{x^2} \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$
 given $x = 2$ is a stationary point $\Rightarrow f'(2) = 0$
 from $\textcircled{2}$ $2 \times 2 - \frac{k}{2^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{4} = 4 \Rightarrow \underline{k = 16}$ ✓

(b) diff $\textcircled{2}$ $f''(x) = 2 + \frac{2k}{x^3}$
 for $k = 16$, $f''(2) = 2 + \frac{2 \times 16}{2^3} > 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\text{Minimum at } x = 2}$ ✓

(c) from $\textcircled{1}$ $f(2) = 2^2 + \frac{16}{2} + 2$ [for $k = 16$]
 $= 14$ as $x = 2$ is the only stationary point of $f(x)$.

Range of $f(x)$: $f(x) \geq f(2)$
 $\Rightarrow \underline{f(x) \geq 14}$ ✓

39. (a) Express $5y^2 - 30y + 50$ in the form $5(y+a)^2 + b$, where a and b are constants. ---[2]
- (b) The function f is defined by $f(x) = x^5 - 10x^3 + 50x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Determine whether f is an increasing function, a decreasing function, or neither. ---[3]

[W-21/13/Q3]

Solution (a) $5y^2 - 30y + 50$
 $= 5[y^2 - 6y + 10]$
 $= 5[y^2 - 6y + 3^2 - 9 + 10]$
 $= 5[(y-3)^2 + 1]$
 $= \underline{5(y-3)^2 + 5} \checkmark$

(b) $f(x) = x^5 - 10x^3 + 50x$; $x \in \mathbb{R}$
 $f'(x) = 5x^4 - 30x^2 + 50$
 $= 5(x^2 - 3)^2 + 5$ from part (a)
 $5(x^2 - 3)^2 + 5 > 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\therefore \underline{f(x) \text{ is increasing function.}}$

41. The normal to the curve $y = x^{-1/2}$ at the point $(1, 1)$ intersects the y -axis at the point $(0, p)$. Find the value of p . [W-21/13/Q8(b)]- [4]

Solution: $y = x^{-1/2}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}$
 $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=1} = -\frac{1}{2}$
 $\therefore \text{gradient of Normal} = 2$

Equation of normal at $(1, 1) \rightarrow y - 1 = 2(x - 1)$
intersects y -axis for $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = -1$
at point $(0, -1) \equiv (0, p)$ (given)
 $\Rightarrow \underline{p = -1} \checkmark$

41.

The equation of a curve is such that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 12\left(\frac{1}{2}x - 1\right)^{-4}$. It is given that the curve passes through the point $P(6, 4)$.

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at P . --- [2]

W-22/11/22(a)

Solution: Curve: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 12\left(\frac{1}{2}x - 1\right)^{-4}$ --- (1)

from (1)

Gradient of the tangent to the curve at $P(6, 4)$

$$m = 12\left(\frac{1}{2} \times 6 - 1\right)^{-4} = 12(2)^{-4} = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$$

\therefore Equation of the tangent at $P(6, 4)$

$$y - 4 = \frac{3}{4}(x - 6)$$

$$[y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)]$$

$$\text{or } y = \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{18}{4} + 4$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{2} \checkmark$$

42. A curve has equation $y = ax^{1/2} - 2x$, where $x > 0$ and a is a constant. The curve has a stationary point at the point P, which has x -coordinate 9. Find the y -coordinate of P.

W-22/11/Q3

Solution: Curve: $y = ax^{1/2} - 2x$; $x > 0$ --- (1)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}ax^{-1/2} - 2$$

Given curve \rightarrow Stationary point at $x = 9$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=9} = \frac{1}{2}a9^{-1/2} - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{a}{3} = 2 \Rightarrow a = 12$$

Now $\rightarrow y = 12x^{1/2} - 2x$ from (1) for $a = 12$

$$\text{at } x = 9, y = 12 \times 9^{1/2} - 2 \times 9 = 12 \times 3 - 18 = 36 - 18 = 18 \checkmark$$

43. The function f defined by $f(x) = 2 - \frac{3}{4x-p}$ for $x > p/4$, p is constant. Find $f'(x)$ and hence determine whether f is an increasing function, a decreasing function or neither.

W-22/11/Q8(a)

Solution: $f(x) = 2 - \frac{3}{4x-p}$ --- (1) for $x > p/4$

$$\text{or } f(x) = 2 - 3(4x-p)^{-1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = -3(-1) \times (4x-p)^{-2} \times 4$$

$$= \frac{12}{(4x-p)^2} > 0$$

Hence $f(x)$ is an increasing function.

44. The equation of a curve is such that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^{1/2} - 3x^{-1/2}$. The curve passes through the point (3, 5).

(i) Find the x -coordinate of the stationary point.

-- [2]

(ii) State the set of values of x for which y increases as x increases.

-- [1]

W-22/12/Q8(b)(c)

Solution: For any stationary point $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$(i) \Rightarrow 3x^{1/2} - 3x^{-1/2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^{1/2} - \frac{3}{x^{1/2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x = 1} \checkmark$$

(ii) for increasing function $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^{1/2} - 3x^{-1/2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^{1/2} - \frac{3}{x^{1/2}} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(x-1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x > 1} \checkmark$$

45. A point P is moving along the curve $y = 18 - 3/8 x^{5/2}$ in such a way that the x-coordinate of P is increasing at a constant rate of 2 units per second. Find the rate at which the y-coordinate of P is changing when $x = 4$. [3]

W-22/12/Q 11(C)

Solution: $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt}$ --- (1)

$$y = 18 - 3/8 x^{5/2} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{5}{2} x^{3/2} = -\frac{15}{16} x^{3/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=4} = -\frac{15}{16} \times 4^{3/2} = -\frac{15}{16} \times 8 = -\frac{15\sqrt{2}}{2}$$
 --- (2)

hence from (1) $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{15\sqrt{2}}{2} \times 2 = -15\sqrt{2}$ (Given $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$)

46. A large industrial water tank is such that, when the depth of the water in the tank is x metres, the volume V m³ of water in the tank is given by $V = 243 - \frac{1}{3}(9-x)^3$. Water is being pumped into the tank at a constant rate of 3.6 m³ per hour. Find the rate of increase of the depth of the water when the depth is 4 m. (answer in cm per minute)

W-22/13/Q4 --- [5]

Solution: $V = 243 - \frac{1}{3}(9-x)^3$ --- (1)

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -\frac{1}{3} \times 3(9-x)^2 \times (-1) = (9-x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dV}{dx}\right)_{x=4} = (9-4)^2 = 5^2 = 25 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$$
 --- (2)

Given $\frac{dV}{dt} = 3.6$ --- (3)

Now $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dV} \times \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{\frac{dV}{dx}} \times \frac{dV}{dt}$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)_{x=4} = \frac{1}{25} \times 3.6 \text{ m/h}$$

$$= \frac{3.6}{25} \times \frac{100}{60} \text{ cm/min}$$

$$= 0.24 \text{ cm/min} \checkmark$$

47. The curve $y=f(x)$ is such that $f'(x) = \frac{-3}{(x+2)^4}$.

The tangent at a point on the curve where $x=a$ has gradient $-\frac{16}{27}$.
Find the possible values of a . ---[4]

W-22/13/Q7(a)

Solution: $f'(x) = \frac{-3}{(x+2)^4}$ --- ①

Gradient of the tangent at $x=a$ is

$$f'(a) = \frac{-3}{(a+2)^4} = -\frac{16}{27} \text{ (Given)}$$

$$16(a+2)^4 = 81 \Rightarrow (a+2)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow a+2 = \pm \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -\frac{7}{2} \checkmark$$