

## Purposeful Academic Classes for Excelling Students Program

# Mathematics Methods Units 3 & 4

## Session 1

### Exponential functions

- 3.1.1 estimate the limit of  $\frac{a^h - 1}{h}$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , using technology, for various values of  $a > 0$
- 3.1.2 identify that  $e$  is the unique number  $a$  for which the above limit is 1
- 3.1.3 establish and use the formula  $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$
- 3.1.4 use exponential functions of the form  $Ae^{kx}$  and their derivatives to solve practical problems

### Trigonometric functions

- 3.1.5 establish the formulas  $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$  and  $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$  by graphical treatment, numerical estimations of the limits, and informal proofs based on geometric constructions
- 3.1.6 use trigonometric functions and their derivatives to solve practical problems

### Differentiation rules

- 3.1.7 examine and use the product and quotient rules
- 3.1.8 examine the notion of composition of functions and use the chain rule for determining the derivatives of composite functions
- 3.1.9 apply the product, quotient and chain rule to differentiate functions such as  $xe^x$ ,  $\tan x$ ,  $\frac{1}{x^n}$ ,  $x \sin x$ ,  $e^{-x} \sin x$  and  $f(ax - b)$
- 3.1.10 use the increments formula:  $\delta y \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \times \delta x$  to estimate the change in the dependent variable  $y$  resulting from changes in the independent variable  $x$
- 3.1.11 apply the concept of the second derivative as the rate of change of the first derivative function
- 3.1.13 examine the concepts of concavity and points of inflection and their relationship with the second derivative
- 3.1.14 apply the second derivative test for determining local maxima and minima
- 3.1.15 sketch the graph of a function using first and second derivatives to locate stationary points and points of inflection
- 3.1.16 solve optimisation problems from a wide variety of fields using first and second derivatives

### Logarithmic functions

- 4.1.1 define logarithms as indices:  $a^x = b$  is equivalent to  $x = \log_a b$  i.e.  $a^{\log_a b} = b$
- 4.1.2 establish and use the algebraic properties of logarithms
- 4.1.3 examine the inverse relationship between logarithms and exponentials:  $y = a^x$  is equivalent to  $x = \log_a y$
- 4.1.4 interpret and use logarithmic scales
- 4.1.5 solve equations involving indices using logarithms
- 4.1.6 identify the qualitative features of the graph of  $y = \log_a x$  ( $a > 1$ ), including asymptotes, and of its translations  $y = \log_a x + b$  and  $y = \log_a(x - c)$
- 4.1.7 solve simple equations involving logarithmic functions algebraically and graphically
- 4.1.8 identify contexts suitable for modelling by logarithmic functions and use them to solve practical problems

### Calculus of the natural logarithmic function

- 4.1.9 define the natural logarithm  $\ln x = \log_e x$
- 4.1.10 examine and use the inverse relationship of the functions  $y = e^x$  and  $y = \ln x$
- 4.1.11 establish and use the formula  $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$

## Euler's Number $e$

- Euler's number,  $e$ , is a special type of irrational number and is called a transcendental number and rounded to 30 decimal places is  
 $2.718\ 281\ 828\ 459\ 045\ 235\ 360\ 287\ 471\ 357$

- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right)^t = e \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^x \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right) = e \Leftrightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1+t)^{\frac{1}{t}} = e$
- The expression  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{a^t - 1}{t}\right) = 1$  as  $a \rightarrow e$ .

### Example 1 Calculator Assumed

The number ( $N$ ) of bats in a given region is modelled by  $N = 10\ 000 e^{0.008t}$  where  $t$  is the number of years after January 2015.

- (a) Calculate the continuous percentage rate of increase in the bat population in January 2020.

Continuous % rate of increase = 0.008  
or 0.80 % per year

- (b) Calculate the average percentage rate of increase in the bat population between January 2015 and January 2020.

$$N(5) = 10\ 000 \times e^{0.008(5)} \approx 10\ 408$$

Hence, annual rate of increase

$$\approx \frac{10408 - 10000}{10000} \times \frac{100}{5}$$

$$\approx 0.82\%$$

- (c) Explain the difference in the answers in (a) and (b).

Answer in (a) is an instantaneous rate while answer in (b) is an average rate.

- (d) The time it takes for the population to double is called the doubling time. Calculate the doubling time for the bats in this region.  
Give your answer to the nearest year.

$$\begin{aligned} 20\ 000 &= 10\ 000 \times e^{0.008t} \\ t &= 86.64 \\ &\approx 87 \text{ years} \end{aligned}$$

- (e) When to the nearest year would the number of bats double from the number of bats in January 2020? Justify your answer.

In the year 2107.  
Doubling time is 87 years.  
Hence, 87 years after January 2020.

In January 2020, a wind farm built in the region became operational. The number of bats  $t$  years after January 2020 is now modelled by the equation  $P = P_0 e^{0.001t}$ .

- (f) State the value of  $P_0$  and calculate the expected rate of increase in the number of bats in January 2025.

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= N(5) = 10\ 408 \\ \frac{dP}{dt} &= 0.001 \times 10\ 408 e^{0.001t} \\ \left. \frac{dP}{dt} \right|_{t=5} &\approx 10.46 \approx 10 \text{ bats/year} \end{aligned}$$

- (g) Describe with reasons how the wind farm has affected the number of bats in this region.  
(2 marks)

Annual % rate of increase drops from 0.8% to 0.1%.  
Hence, the windfarm has reduced the growth in the population of bats.

**Example 2 Calculator Assumed**

The mass of chemical A in the blood stream of a patient  $t$  hours after 8 am is given by  $M = 100 e^{-kt}$  mg. Within each 4 hour interval, 40% of the chemical present at the start of the 4 hour interval, is absorbed by the patient's body and disappears from the blood stream.

- (a) Find  $k$  to four significant figures.

$$\begin{aligned} 60 &= 100 e^{-4k} \\ k &= 0.127706 \\ &\approx 0.1277 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) For the chemical to be effective, there must be at least 36 mg of the chemical in the blood stream of the patient at all times. This can be achieved if the patient is given a dose of 100 mg of the chemical every  $h$  hours. Calculate the value of  $h$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M &= 100 e^{-0.1277t} \\ 100 e^{-0.1277h} &\geq 36 \\ h &\leq 8 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Calculate the rate of absorption of the chemical by the patient's body at 12 noon.

$$\begin{aligned} M &= 100 e^{-0.1277t} \\ \frac{dM}{dt} &= -0.1277 \times 100 e^{-0.1277t} \\ \left. \frac{dM}{dt} \right|_{t=4} &= -0.1277 \times 100 e^{-0.1277(4)} \\ &= -7.6622 \\ \text{Hence, rate of absorption by body} &\approx 7.7 \text{ mg/hour} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM}{dt} &= -0.1227M \\ \left. \frac{dM}{dt} \right|_{t=4} &= -0.1227 \times M(4) \\ &= -0.1227 \times 60 = -7.6622 \\ \text{Hence, rate of absorption by body} &\approx 7.7 \text{ mg/hour} \end{aligned}$$

## Logarithms

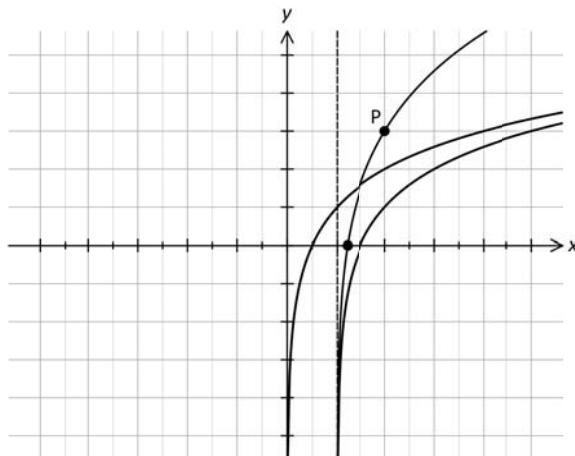
$x = \log_a b \Leftrightarrow a^x = b$	$a^{\log_a b} = b$ and $\log_a(a^b) = b$
$\log_a mn = \log_a m + \log_a n$	$\log_a \frac{m}{n} = \log_a m - \log_a n$
$\log_a(m^k) = k \log_a m$	$\log_e x = \ln x$

- Logarithms of one base are related to logarithms of another base through the following formula:

$$\log_a M = \frac{\log_b M}{\log_b a}$$

### Example 3 Calculator Free

The diagram below shows the graphs of  $y = \log_b x$  and  $y = \log_b(x - c)$  where  $b$  and  $c$  are constants. Sketch on the same axis the graph of  $y = \log_b[x(x - c)]$ . Show clearly the asymptotes, the  $x$ -intercept and one other point.

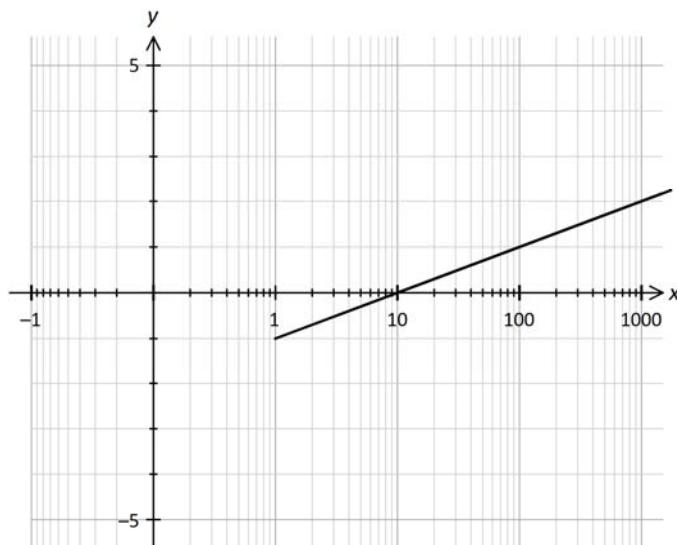


- ✓ Sketch shares the same asymptote as  $y = \log_b(x - c)$ .
- ✓ Sketch has root “between” asymptote and root of  $y = \log_b(x - c)$ .
- ✓ Sketch passes through point P.
- ✓ Sketch indicates semblance of addition of  $\log_b x + \log_b(x - c)$

**Example 4****Calculator Free**

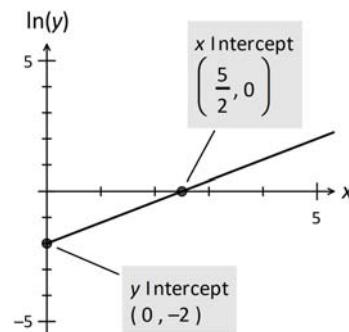
The x-axis in the diagram below is drawn using a logarithmic scale.

On the axes below, plot the curve with equation  $y = \log(0.1x)$  for  $x \geq 1$ .

**Example 5**    **Calculator Free**

The graph of  $\ln y$  against  $x$  is shown in the accompanying diagram. Determine the algebraic relationship between  $y$  and  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{2}{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)} = \frac{4}{5} \\ \ln y &= \frac{4x}{5} - 2 \\ y &= e^{\frac{4x}{5}-2} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6**    **Calculator Free**

Given that  $\ln\left(\frac{y}{10-y}\right) = 2t + 1$ , show that  $y = \frac{a}{Ae^{-kt} + 1}$  where  $A$  is a constant.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y}{10-y} &= e^{2t+1} \Rightarrow \frac{10-y}{y} = e^{-2t-1} \\ y(e^{-2t-1} + 1) &= 10 \\ y &= \frac{10}{e^{-2t-1} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 7 Calculator Free**

- (a) For  $x > 0$ , let  $2^{\ln x} = p$ . Show that  $x^{\ln 2} = p$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{\ln x} &= p \\ \ln(2^{\ln x}) &= \ln(p) \\ \Rightarrow \ln(2) \ln(x) &= \ln(p) \\ \ln(x^{\ln 2}) &= \ln(p) \\ x^{\ln 2} &= p \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Solve for  $x$  in the equation,  $5x^{\ln 2} - 2^{\ln x} = 8$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (a): } x^{\ln 2} &= 2^{\ln x} \\ \text{Hence: } 5(2^{\ln x}) - 2^{\ln x} &= 8 \\ 4(2^{\ln x}) &= 8 \\ 2^{\ln x} &= 2 \\ \ln x &= 1 \\ x &= e \end{aligned}$$

**Example 8 Calculator Free**

- (a) Show that  $\log_8 x = \frac{1}{3} \log_2 x$ .

Let $\log_8 x = y$ $\Rightarrow x = 8^y$ $x = 2^{3y}$ $\Rightarrow 3y = \log_2 x$ $y = \frac{1}{3} \log_2 x$	Change base: $\log_8 x = \frac{\log_2 x}{\log_2 8}$ $= \frac{1}{3} \log_2 x$
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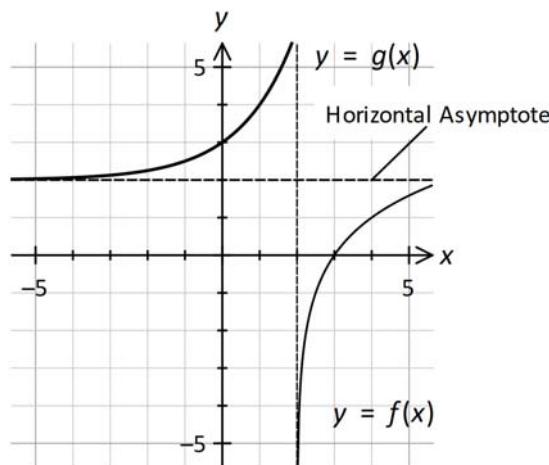
- (b) Hence, or otherwise solve the equation  $\log_2 x + \log_8 x = 8$ .

$\log_2 x + \frac{1}{3} \log_2 x = 8$ $\frac{4}{3} \log_2 x = 8$ $\log_2 x = 6$ $x = 64$	OR $\log_2 x + \frac{1}{3} \log_2 x = 8$ $\log_2 x + \log_2 x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 8$ $\log_2 x^{\frac{4}{3}} = 8$ $x^{\frac{4}{3}} = 2^8$ $x = 64$
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**Example 9 Calculator Free**

The diagram below shows the graph of the logarithmic function  $y = f(x)$ .  
The function  $g(x)$  is the inverse of  $f(x)$ .

- (a) On the same axes, draw the graph of  $y = g(x)$ .  
Identify and label all essential features of the graph of  $y = g(x)$ .



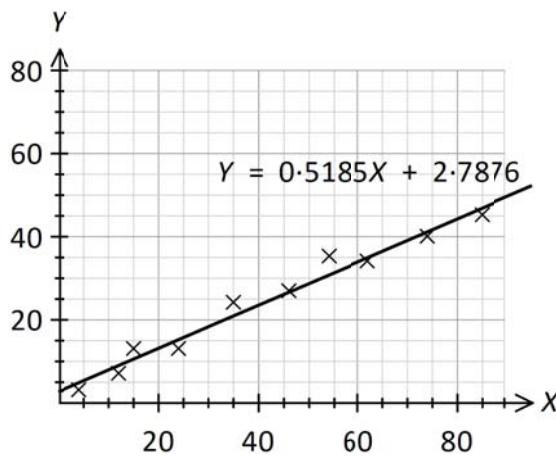
- (b) The logarithmic function  $f(x)$  has the form  $f(x) = \log_b(x - k)$  where  $b$  and  $k$  are real constants. The graph of  $y = f(x)$  intersects the  $x$ -axis at  $(3, 0)$  and passes through the point with coordinates  $(4, 1)$ . Determine with reasons  $g(x)$ .

$\begin{aligned} f(3) = 0 &\Rightarrow \log_b(3 - k) = 0 \\ &\quad k = 2 \\ f(4) = 1 &\Rightarrow \log_b(4 - 2) = 1 \\ &\quad b = 2 \\ \text{Hence: } f(x) &= \log_2(x - 2) \\ \text{Inverse} \quad x &= \log_2(y - 2) \\ &\quad y = 2^x + 2 \\ \Rightarrow \quad g(x) &= 2^x + 2 \end{aligned}$
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$\begin{aligned} \text{From graph: } g(x) &= a^x + c \\ f(x) \text{ has VA} \quad x &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow g(x) \text{ has HA} \quad y &= 2 \\ \text{Hence: } g(x) &= a^x + 2 \\ f(4) = 1 \Rightarrow g(1) &= 4 \\ &\quad a = 2 \\ \Rightarrow g(x) &= 2^x + 2 \end{aligned}$
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**Example 10 Calculator Assumed**

The diagram below shows a scatter graph of some experimental values. The line of best fit through these points has equation  $Y = 0.5185X + 2.7876$ .



- (a) Given that  $Y = \log Q$  and  $X = t$ , use the line of best fit to determine the algebraic relationship between  $Q$  and  $t$  in the form  $Q = A \times 10^{kt}$ . Give  $A$  to the nearest whole number and  $k$  to two decimal places.

$$\begin{aligned}\log Q &= 0.5185t + 2.7876 \\ Q &= 10^{0.5185t+2.7876} \\ &= 10^{2.7876} \times 10^{0.5185t} \\ &= 613 \times 10^{0.52t}\end{aligned}$$

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solve(log(Q)=0.5185t+2.7876,Q)
{Q=10^0.5185*t+2.7876}
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- (b) Given that  $Y = \ln P$  and  $X = \ln t$ , where  $t > 0$ , use the line of best fit and the rules of logarithms to show that  $P = 16.24 \times t^{0.52}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\ln P &= 0.5185 \ln t + 2.7876 \\ \ln P &= \ln t^{0.5185} + 2.7876 \\ &= \ln t^{0.5185} + \ln e^{2.7876} \\ &= \ln(t^{0.5185} \times e^{2.7876}) \\ P &= t^{0.5185} \times e^{2.7876} \\ &= 16.24199 \times t^{0.5185} \\ &= 16.24 \times t^{0.52}\end{aligned}$$

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solve(ln(P)=0.5185ln(t)+2.7876,P)
{P=16.24199221*t^0.5185}
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## Differentiation

- The derivative of  $f(x)$ , denoted  $f'(x)$  or  $\frac{d}{dx} f(x)$ , is defined as:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \right]$$

$\frac{d}{dx} (x^n) = nx^{n-1}$
$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{ax+b}) = ae^{ax+b}$
$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$
$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln f(x)) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$
$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin (ax+b)) = a \cos (ax+b)$
$\frac{d}{dx} (\cos (ax+b)) = -a \sin (ax+b)$

Product rule	If $y = uv$ then $\frac{d}{dx} (uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{du}{dx} v$	If $y = f(x) g(x)$ or $y' = f'(x) g(x) + f(x) g'(x)$
Quotient rule	If $y = \frac{u}{v}$ then $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$	If $y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ or $y' = \frac{f'(x) g(x) - f(x) g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$
Chain rule	If $y = f(u)$ and $u = g(x)$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$	If $y = f(g(x))$ or $y' = f'(g(x)) g'(x)$

## Trigonometry

$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$	$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$
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**Example 11 Calculator Assumed**

A radioactive substance undergoes exponential decay with a half-life of 12 years.  $A_0$  is the initial mass of the radioactive substance and  $A(t)$  is the mass of the substance (g) left after  $t$  hours and.

- (a) What proportion of the initial amount of the radioactive substance is left after 48 years?

$$48 \text{ years is 4 half-lives. } \Rightarrow \text{Proportion left} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{16}$$

- (b) Justify the decay equation  $A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{12}}$  describing this radioactive substance.

$$\text{When } t = 12 \quad A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{12}{12}} = \frac{A}{2}$$

- (c) Show that the decay equation  $A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{12}}$  may be expressed as  $A = A_0 e^{-kt}$ , stating the value of  $k$  to four significant figures.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= A_0 \left(e^{\ln \frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{t}{12}} = A_0 \left(e^{\frac{1}{12} \ln \frac{1}{2}}\right)^t \\ &= A_0 \left(e^{-0.05776}\right)^t \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Use differentiation to determine the initial rate of change of the mass of this radioactive substance in terms of  $A_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= -0.05776 \times A_0 e^{-0.05776t} \\ \left.\frac{dA}{dt}\right|_{t=0} &= -0.05776 A_0. \end{aligned}$$

- (e) Determine the ratio of the rate of change of mass of the radioactive substance after 48 years to the initial rate of change of mass.

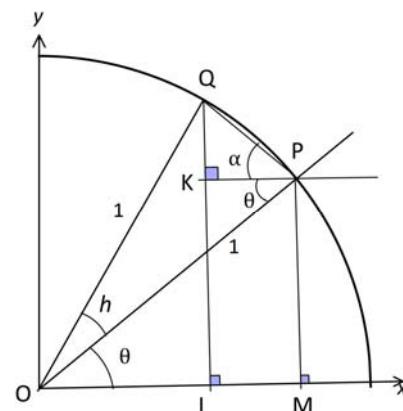
$\frac{dA}{dt} = -0.05776 \times A_0 e^{-0.05776 t}$ $\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right _{t=48} = -0.05776 \times A_0 e^{-0.05776(48)}$ $= -0.05776 A_0 \times 0.0625$ $\text{Ratio} = \frac{-0.05776 A_0 \times 0.0625}{-0.05776 A_0}$ $= \frac{1}{16}$ <p>Hence <math>\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right _{t=48}</math> is one-sixteenth of <math>\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right _{t=0}</math>.</p>	$\frac{dA}{dt} = -0.05776 \times A$ $\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right _{t=0} = -0.05776 A_0$ $\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right _{t=48} = -0.05776 A_{48}$ $= -0.05776 \times \frac{1}{16} A_0$ <p>Hence ratio = <math>\frac{1}{16}</math>.</p>
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**Example 12****Calculator Free**

The points P and Q lie on a unit circle centred at the origin O of the x-y axes. The lines QKL and PM are parallel to the y-axis and the line KP is parallel to the x-axis.  $\angle POM = \theta$  radians,  $\angle POQ = h$  radians and  $\angle QPK = \alpha$  radians. Let the length of the chord QP be  $u$ .

(a) Use triangle POM to find PM in terms of  $\theta$ .

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} PM &= OP \sin \theta \\ \text{Since } OP &= 1, PM = \sin \theta. \end{aligned}}$$



- (b) Use triangle QOL to explain why  $QL = \sin(\theta + h)$ .

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} QL &= OQ \sin (\theta + h) \\ \text{Since } OQ &= 1, QL = \sin (\theta + h). \end{aligned}}$$

- (c) Use your answers in (a) and (b) to determine an expression for QK in terms of  $\theta$ .

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} QK &= QL - PM \\ &= \sin (\theta + h) - \sin (\theta) \end{aligned}}$$

- (d) Use triangle QKP to find an expression for QK in terms of  $\alpha$  and  $u$ .

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} QK &= QP \sin \alpha \\ &= u \sin \alpha \end{aligned}}$$

- (e) Use the definition,  $\frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin(\theta+h) - \sin(\theta)}{h} \right)$ , to show that  $\frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{u}{h} \times \sin(\alpha) \right)$ .

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \sin (\theta + h) - \sin (\theta) &= QK. \\ \text{But } QK &= u \sin \alpha \\ \text{Hence, } \sin (\theta + h) - \sin (\theta) &= u \sin (\alpha) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{u \sin (\alpha)}{h} \right). \end{aligned}}$$

- (f) Explain why the length of the arc QP =  $h$ .

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \text{Length of arc QP} &= OP \times \angle QOP \\ &= 1 \times h = h \end{aligned}}$$

- (g) Explain why as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the ratio  $\frac{u}{h} \rightarrow 1$ .

As  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the length  $h$  of arc QP  $\rightarrow$  length of chord QP,  $u$ .

Hence,  $\frac{u}{h} \rightarrow 1$

- (h) Explain why as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the angle  $\alpha \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$ .

As  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the  $\angle OPQ \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$

Hence,  $\theta + \alpha \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  $\Rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$ .

- (i) Hence, show that  $\frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) = \cos \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{u \sin(\alpha)}{h} \right) \\ &= \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) = \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

### Example 13 Calculator Free

- (a) Use the relationship  $e^{\ln(b)} \equiv b$ , to express  $5^x$  in terms of the Euler number  $e$ .

$5 \equiv e^{\ln(5)}$ $\Rightarrow 5^x \equiv (e^{\ln(5)})^x$ $\equiv e^{x \ln(5)}$	$5^x \equiv e^{\ln(5^x)}$ $\equiv e^{x \ln(5)}$
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- (b) Hence, or otherwise, differentiate  $5^x$  with respect to  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(5^x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x \ln(5)}) \\ &= \ln(5)(e^{x \ln(5)}) \\ &= \ln(5) 5^x\end{aligned}$$

## Stationary Points and Inflection Points

1. Turning points and horizontal inflection points are collectively termed *stationary points*.

2. When  $f'(a) = 0$ , then the curve  $y = f(x)$  has a stationary point at  $x = a$ .

To identify the nature of the stationary point, one of two tests can be used.

- The second derivative test:

- The stationary point is a *maximum turning point* if  $f''(a) < 0$ ,
- The stationary point is a *minimum turning point* if  $f''(a) > 0$ ,
- The stationary point is a *horizontal inflection point* if  $f''(a) = 0$   
and  $f''(a^-)$  and  $f''(a^+)$  have opposite signs.

- The sign test (use this test when  $f'(x)$  is difficult to obtain):

- The stationary point at  $x = a$ , is a maximum turning point if :

$x$	$x = a^-$	$x = a$	$x = a^+$
sign for $dy/dx$ or $f'(x)$	+	0	-

- The stationary point at  $x = a$ , is a minimum turning point if :

$x$	$x = a^-$	$x = a$	$x = a^+$
sign for $dy/dx$ or $f'(x)$	-	0	+

- The stationary point at  $x = a$ , is a *horizontal inflection point* if :

$x$	$x = a^-$	$x = a$	$x = a^+$
sign for $dy/dx$ or $f'(x)$	-	0	-
or +	/	0	/

$a^-$  is a value of  $x$  slightly less than  $a$  and  $a^+$  is a value of  $x$  slightly greater than  $a$ .

3. The curve  $y = f(x)$  has an inflection point at  $x = a$ , when  $f''(a) = 0$  and

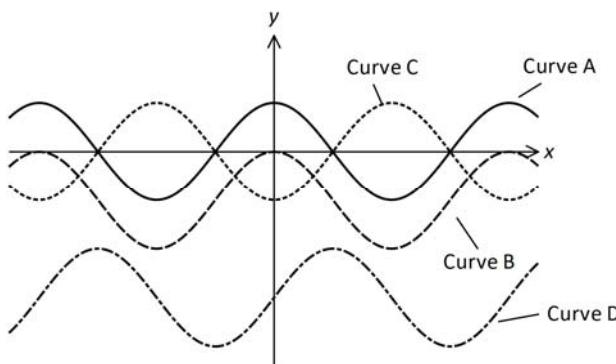
$f''(a^-)$  and  $f''(a^+)$  have opposite signs.

If  $f'(a) = 0$  at the same time, then the inflection point is a horizontal inflection point.

If  $f'(a) \neq 0$  at the same time, then the inflection point is an oblique inflection point.

**Example 14 Calculator Free**

- (a) The diagram below shows the graphs of four functions. Determine with reasons which curve is the graph of  $y = f(x)$  and which curve is the graph of  $y = f'(x)$ .



Curve A:  $y = f'(x)$

Curve D:  $y = f(x)$

Reason:

Stationary points on D coincide with roots for A  
and nature of stationary points in D satisfy the sign test in A.

- (b) Consider the curve with equation  $y = (1 + \sin x)^2$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Determine the coordinates of the two inflection points on this curve.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2\cos x + 2 \sin x \cos x \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= -2\sin x + 2 \cos^2 x - 2\sin^2 x \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 &\Rightarrow -2\sin x + 2(1 - \sin^2 x) - 2\sin^2 x = 0 \\ 2\sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 &= 0 \\ (2\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } 0 \leq x \leq \pi: \quad \sin x &= \frac{1}{2} \\ x &= \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ \sin x &= -1 \text{ (ignored)}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, inflection points are:

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{9}{4}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$$

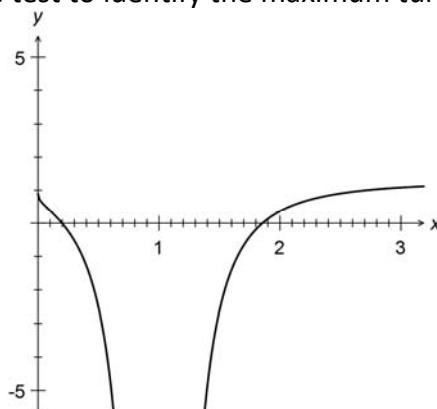
**Example 15 Calculator Free**

Consider the curve with equation  $y = x + \frac{x}{\ln x} - 10$ .

- (a) Use an analytical method to show that this curve has turning points when  $(\ln x)^2 + \ln x - 1 = 0$ .

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

- (b) Use the graph of  $y = 1 + \frac{\ln x - 1}{(\ln x)^2}$  shown below, to determine correct to one decimal place, the x-coordinate of the maximum point of this curve. Use either the sign test or the second derivative test to identify the maximum turning point.



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

From graph of  $y = 1 + \frac{\ln x - 1}{(\ln x)^2}$ , roots are  $x \approx 0.2, 1.9$ .

Hence,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  when  $x \approx 0.2, 1.9$ .

From graph, for  $x < 0.2$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$  and for  $x > 0.2$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$ .

Hence, there is a maximum point at  $x \approx 0.2$ .

**Example 16 Calculator Free**

The accompanying diagram shows the graph of  $y = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$ . The graph has a horizontal asymptote with equation  $y = 0$ .

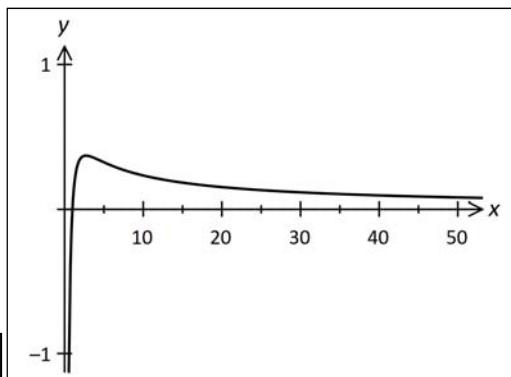
- (a) Determine the coordinates of the maximum point of this function.

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \ln x = 1$$

$$x = e$$

Hence, maximum point at  $(e, \frac{1}{e})$ .



- (b) Consider the function  $y = x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$ , for  $x > 0$ . By rewriting the function as  $y = e^{\ln x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}}$ :

- (i) Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = 1$ .

$$y = x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = e^{\ln x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}} = e^{\left(\frac{\ln x}{x}\right)}$$

Since  $y = 0$  is a horizontal asymptote for  $y = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$ , as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{\ln(x)}{x} \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\left(\frac{\ln x}{x}\right)} = e^0 = 1.$$

- (ii) Determine the coordinates of the maximum point of  $y = x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}$ , for  $x > 0$ .

$$y = x^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = e^{\left(\frac{\ln x}{x}\right)}.$$

From (a), max point for  $y = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$  is  $(e, \frac{1}{e})$ .

Hence, maximum point for  $y = e^{\left(\frac{\ln x}{x}\right)}$  is at  $x = e$ .

Max point is  $(e, e^{\frac{1}{e}})$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left[ \frac{-1}{x^2} \ln x + \frac{1}{x^2} \right] e^{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \ln x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \ln x = 1$$

$$x = e$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=e^-} > 0 \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=e^+} < 0$$

Hence,  $y$  is maximised when  $x = e$ .

**Example 17 Calculator Free**

Consider the curve with equation  $y = e^{-x} \cos x$  for  $\frac{-\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

- (a) Determine the  $x$ -coordinate of the stationary point of this curve.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -e^{-x} \cos x - e^{-x} \sin x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow \sin x = -\cos x \\ x &= \frac{-\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

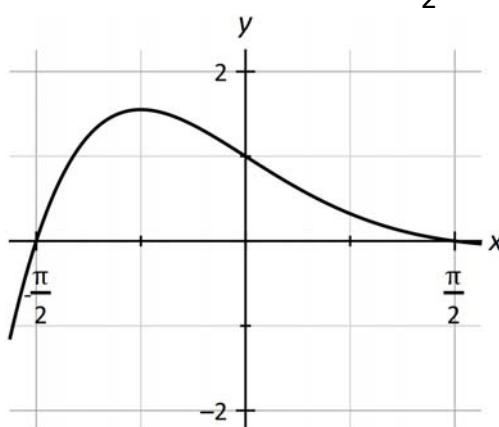
- (b) Use the second derivative test to determine the nature of the stationary point in (a).

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= (e^{-x} \cos x + e^{-x} \sin x) - (-e^{-x} \sin x + e^{-x} \cos x) \\ &= 2e^{-x} \sin x \\ \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=\frac{-\pi}{4}} &< 0. \Rightarrow \text{Local maximum at } x = \frac{-\pi}{4}.\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Determine the coordinates of the inflection point on this curve.

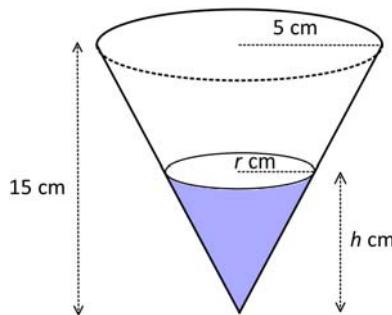
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= 2e^{-x} \sin x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \\ \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=0^-} &< 0 \text{ and } \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=0^+} > 0 \\ \text{Hence, there is an inflection point at } (0, 1).\end{aligned}$$

- (d) On the axes provided below, sketch  $y = e^{-x} \cos x$  for  $\frac{-\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .



**Example 18 Calculator Assumed**

A conical vessel is being filled with water. The open end of the conical vessel is a circle of radius 5 cm. The height of the vessel is 15 cm. The water depth measured from the vertex of the vessel is  $h$  cm and the radius of the water surface is  $r$  cm.



Use the incremental formula to find the percentage change in  $V$ , the volume of water in the vessel corresponding to a 1% increase in the depth of the water level.

$\frac{h}{r} = \frac{15}{5} \Rightarrow h = 3r$ $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{h}{3}\right)^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{27}\pi h^3$ $\frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{1}{9}\pi h^2$ $\delta V \approx \frac{1}{9}\pi h^2 \times \delta h$ $\frac{\delta V}{V} \approx \frac{\frac{1}{9}\pi h^2}{\frac{1}{27}\pi h^3} \times \delta h$ $\frac{\delta V}{V} \approx 3 \left( \frac{\delta h}{h} \right)$ $\approx 3 \times 0.01$ $\approx 0.03$ <p>Hence, <math>V</math> increases by <math>\approx 3\%</math>.</p>	$\frac{h}{r} = \frac{15}{5} \Rightarrow h = 3r$ $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{h}{3}\right)^2 h$ $= \frac{1}{27}\pi h^3$ $\frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{1}{9}\pi h^2$ $\delta V \approx \frac{1}{9}\pi h^2 \times \delta h$ $\delta h = 0.01h$ $\Rightarrow \delta V \approx \frac{1}{9}\pi h^2 \times 0.01h$ $\approx \frac{0.01\pi}{9} \times h^3$ $\approx \frac{0.01\pi}{9} \times \frac{27V}{\pi}$ $\frac{\delta V}{V} \approx 0.03$ <p>Hence, <math>V</math> increases by <math>\approx 3\%</math>.</p>
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**Example 19 Calculator Assumed**

The radius  $R$  (metres) of a circular patch of oil at time  $t$  days is given by  $R = 5 e^{0.05t}$ .

- (a) Use the incremental method to determine the approximate change in the radius of the oil patch at the end of the first hour.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dR}{dt} &= 0.25 e^{0.05t} \\ \delta R &\approx 0.25 e^{0.05t} \times \delta t \\ \delta R|_{t=1/24} &\approx 0.25 e^{0.05 \times \frac{1}{24}} \times \frac{1}{24} \\ &\approx 0.0104 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Use your answer in (a) to estimate the area of the oil patch at the end of the first hour.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{At } t = \frac{1}{24}: \quad R &\approx 5 + 0.0104 \approx 5.0104 \\ \text{Surface area} &= \pi \times 5.0104^2 \\ &\approx 78.87 \text{ m}^2\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Let  $A$  be the area of the circular patch of oil at time  $t$  days.

- (i) Determine an expression for  $A$  in terms of  $R$ .

Hence, use the chain rule to determine an expression for the rate of change of  $A$  with respect to  $t$ . Give your answer in terms of  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \pi R^2 \\ \frac{dA}{dt} &= \frac{dA}{dR} \times \frac{dR}{dt} \\ &= 2\pi R \times 0.25 e^{0.05t} \\ &= 2\pi \times 5 e^{0.05t} \times 0.25 e^{0.05t} \\ &= \frac{5\pi}{2} e^{0.1t} \quad (\approx 7.85398 e^{0.1t})\end{aligned}$$

- (ii) Determine the rate of change of the area of the patch at the end of the first hour.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{At } t = \frac{1}{24}: \quad \frac{dA}{dt} &= \frac{5\pi}{2} e^{0.1 \times \frac{1}{24}} \\ &\approx 7.9 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}\end{aligned}$$