



Differentiation – Implicit & Parametric P3

Q1

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = 2\theta + \sin 2\theta, \quad y = 1 - \cos 2\theta.$$

Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta$. [5]

Q2

The curve with equation $y = 6e^x - e^{3x}$ has one stationary point.

(i) Find the x -coordinate of this point. [4]

(ii) Determine whether this point is a maximum or a minimum point. [2]

Q3

The equation of a curve is $x^3 + 2y^3 = 3xy$.

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y - x^2}{2y^2 - x}$. [4]

(ii) Find the coordinates of the point, other than the origin, where the curve has a tangent which is parallel to the x -axis. [5]

Q4

The equation of a curve is $y = x \sin 2x$, where x is in radians. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $x = \frac{1}{4}\pi$. [4]

Q5

The curve with equation $y = e^{-x} \sin x$ has one stationary point for which $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.

(i) Find the x -coordinate of this point. [4]

(ii) Determine whether this point is a maximum or a minimum point. [2]

Q6

The equation of a curve is $xy(x + y) = 2a^3$, where a is a non-zero constant. Show that there is only one point on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the x -axis, and find the coordinates of this point. [8]



Q7

The curve $y = \frac{e^x}{\cos x}$, for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, has one stationary point. Find the x -coordinate of this point. [5]

Q8

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = a(2\theta - \sin 2\theta), \quad y = a(1 - \cos 2\theta).$$

Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cot \theta$. [5]

Q9

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = a \cos^3 t, \quad y = a \sin^3 t,$$

where a is a positive constant and $0 < t < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t . [3]

(ii) Show that the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point with parameter t is

$$x \sin t + y \cos t = a \sin t \cos t. [3]$$

(iii) Hence show that, if this tangent meets the x -axis at X and the y -axis at Y , then the length of XY is always equal to a . [2]

Q10

A curve has equation $y = e^{-3x} \tan x$. Find the x -coordinates of the stationary points on the curve in the interval $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. Give your answers correct to 3 decimal places. [6]

Q11

The equation of a curve is $x^3 - x^2y - y^3 = 3$.

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y . [4]

(ii) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point $(2, 1)$, giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$. [2]

Q12

The equation of a curve is

$$x \ln y = 2x + 1.$$

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x^2}$. [4]

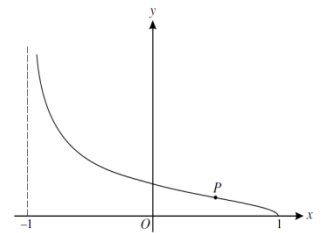
(ii) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $y = 1$, giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$. [4]

Q13

The diagram shows the curve $y = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)}$.

(i) By first differentiating $\frac{1-x}{1+x}$, obtain an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x . Hence show that the gradient of the normal to the curve at the point (x, y) is $(1+x)\sqrt{1-x^2}$. [5]

(ii) The gradient of the normal to the curve has its maximum value at the point P shown in the diagram. Find, by differentiation, the x -coordinate of P . [4]

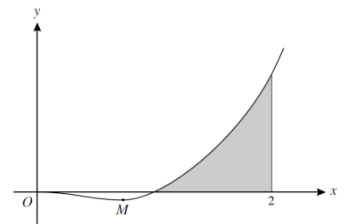


Q14

The diagram shows the curve $y = x^3 \ln x$ and its minimum point M .

Find the exact coordinates of M .

[5]



Q15

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \frac{t}{2t+3}, \quad y = e^{-2t}.$$

Find the gradient of the curve at the point for which $t = 0$.

[5]

Q16

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in each of the following cases:

(i) $y = \ln(1 + \sin 2x)$, [2]

(ii) $y = \frac{\tan x}{x}$. [2]

Q17

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \ln(\tan t), \quad y = \sin^2 t,$$

where $0 < t < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t . [4]

(ii) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $x = 0$. [3]

Q18

The curve $y = \frac{\ln x}{x^3}$ has one stationary point. Find the x -coordinate of this point. [4]

Q19

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = 3(1 + \sin^2 t), \quad y = 2 \cos^3 t.$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t , simplifying your answer as far as possible. [5]

Q20

The equation of a curve is $y = \frac{e^{2x}}{1 + e^{2x}}$. Show that the gradient of the curve at the point for which $x = \ln 3$ is $\frac{9}{50}$. [4]

Q21

The diagram shows the curve with parametric equations

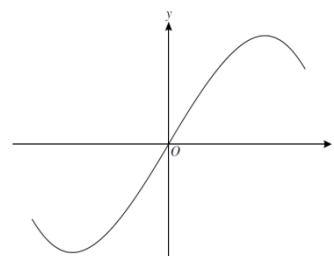
$$x = \sin t + \cos t, \quad y = \sin^3 t + \cos^3 t,$$

for $\frac{1}{4}\pi < t < \frac{5}{4}\pi$.

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3 \sin t \cos t$. [3]

(ii) Find the gradient of the curve at the origin. [2]

(iii) Find the values of t for which the gradient of the curve is 1, giving your answers correct to 2 significant figures. [4]





Q22

The equation of a curve is $3x^2 - 4xy + y^2 = 45$.

- (i) Find the gradient of the curve at the point $(2, -3)$. [4]
- (ii) Show that there are no points on the curve at which the gradient is 1. [3]

Q23

The equation of a curve is $y = 3 \sin x + 4 \cos^3 x$.

- (i) Find the x -coordinates of the stationary points of the curve in the interval $0 < x < \pi$. [6]
- (ii) Determine the nature of the stationary point in this interval for which x is least. [2]

Q24

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \sin 2\theta - \theta, \quad y = \cos 2\theta + 2 \sin \theta.$$

Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{1 + 2 \sin \theta}$. [5]

Q25

The curve with equation $y = \frac{e^{2x}}{x^3}$ has one stationary point.

- (i) Find the x -coordinate of this point. [4]
- (ii) Determine whether this point is a maximum or a minimum point. [2]

Q26

The equation of a curve is $\ln(xy) - y^3 = 1$.

- (i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x(3y^3 - 1)}$. [4]
- (ii) Find the coordinates of the point where the tangent to the curve is parallel to the y -axis, giving each coordinate correct to 3 significant figures. [4]



Q27

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \frac{4t}{2t+3}, \quad y = 2 \ln(2t+3).$$

- (i) Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t , simplifying your answer. [4]
- (ii) Find the gradient of the curve at the point for which $x = 1$. [2]

Answers:

Q1:

State that $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 2 + 2\cos 2\theta$ or $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 2\sin 2\theta$

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \div \frac{dx}{d\theta}$

Obtain answer in any correct form, e.g. $\frac{2\sin 2\theta}{2 + 2\cos 2\theta}$

Make relevant use of sin 2A and cos 2A formulae

Obtain given answer correctly

Q2:

(i) State derivative is $6e^x - 3e^{3x}$

EITHER: Equate derivative to zero and simplify to an equation of the form $e^{2x} = a$

Carry out method for calculating x , where $a > 0$

Obtain answer $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$, or equivalent (0.347, or 0.346, or 0.35)

(ii) Carry out a method for determining the nature of a stationary point

Show that the point is a maximum with no errors seen

Q3:

(i) State $2(3y^2) \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of $2y^3$, or equivalent

State $3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y$ as derivative of $3xy$, or equivalent

Solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Obtain given answer correctly

[The M1 is dependent on at least one of the B marks being obtained.]

(ii) State or imply that the coordinates satisfy $y - x^2 = 0$

Obtain an equation in x (or in y)

Solve and obtain $x = 1$ only (or $y = 1$ only)

Substitute x - (or y)-value in $y - x^2 = 0$ or in the equation of the curve

Obtain $y = 1$ only (or $x = 1$ only)

Q4:

Use product rule

Obtain derivative in any correct form

Form equation of tangent at $x = \frac{1}{4}\pi$ correctly

Simplify answer to $y = x$, or $y - x = 0$

[SR: The misread $y = x \sin x$ can only earn M1M1.]

Q5:

(i) Use correct product or quotient rule

Obtain derivative in any correct form

Equate derivative to zero and solve for x

Obtain answer $x = \frac{1}{4}\pi$ or 0.785 with no errors seen

(ii) Use an appropriate method for determining the nature of a stationary point

Show the point is a maximum point with no errors seen

[SR: for the answer 45° deduct final A1 in part (i), and deduct A1 in part (ii) if this value in degrees is used in the exponential.]

Q6:

State $x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy$, or equivalent, as derivative of x^2y

State $y^2 + 2xy \frac{dy}{dx}$, or equivalent, as derivative of xy^2

Q7:

Use correct quotient or product rule

Obtain correctly the derivative in any form, e.g. $\frac{e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x}{\cos^2 x}$

Equate derivative to zero and reach $\tan x = k$

Solve for x

Obtain $x = -\frac{1}{4}\pi$ (or -0.785) only (accept x in $[-0.79, -0.78]$ but not in degrees)

[The last three marks are independent. Fallacious log work forfeits the M1*. For the M1(dep*) the solution can lie outside the given range and be in degrees, but the mark is not available if $k = 0$. The final A1 is only given for an entirely correct answer to the whole question.]

Q9:

(i) State $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3a \cos^2 t \sin t$ or $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3a \sin^2 t \cos t$, or equivalent

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \div \frac{dx}{dt}$

(ii) Form the equation of the tangent

Obtain the equation in any correct form

Obtain the given answer

(iii) State the x -coordinate of X or the y -coordinate of Y in any correct form

Obtain the given answer with no errors seen

Q11:

(i) State $2xy + x^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of $x^2 y$

State $3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of y^3

Equate derivative of LHS to zero and solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Obtain answer $\frac{3x^2 - 2xy}{x^2 + 3y^2}$, or equivalent

(ii) Find gradient of tangent at $(2, 1)$ and form equation of tangent

Obtain answer $8x - 7y - 9 = 0$, or equivalent

Q8:

State or imply $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = a(2 - 2\cos 2\theta)$ or $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 2a \sin 2\theta$

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \div \frac{dx}{d\theta}$

Obtain $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{(1 - \cos 2\theta)}$, or equivalent

Make use of correct $\sin 2A$ and $\cos 2A$ formulae

Obtain the given result following sufficient working

[SR: An attempt which assumes a is the parameter and θ a constant can only earn the two M marks. One that assumes θ is the parameter and a is a function of θ can earn B1M1A0M1A0.]

[SR: For an attempt that gives a a value, e.g. 1, or ignores a , give B0 but allow the remaining marks.]

Q10:

Use product or quotient rule

Obtain derivative in any correct form

Equate derivative to zero and obtain an equation of the form $a \sin 2x = b$, or a quadratic in $\tan x$, $\sin^2 x$, or $\cos^2 x$

Carry out correct method for finding one angle

Obtain answer, e.g. 0.365

Obtain second answer 1.206 and no others in the range (allow 1.21)

[Ignore answers outside the given range.]

[Treat answers in degrees, 20.9° and 69.1° , as a misread.]

Q12:

(i) State or imply $\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of $\ln y$

State correct derivative of LHS, e.g. $\ln y + \frac{x}{y} \frac{dy}{dx}$

Differentiate RHS and obtain an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Obtain given answer

(ii) State or imply $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ when $y = 1$

Substitute and obtain gradient of -4

Correctly form equation of tangent

Obtain final answer $y + 4x + 1 = 0$, or equivalent



Q13:

- (i) Use quotient or product rule to differentiate $(1-x)/(1+x)$
Obtain correct derivative in any form
Use chain rule to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$
Obtain a correct expression in any form
Obtain the gradient of the normal in the given form correctly
- (ii) Use product rule
Obtain correct derivative in any form
Equate derivative to zero and solve for x
Obtain $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Q15:

Use of correct quotient or product rule to differentiate x or t
Obtain correct $\frac{3}{(2t+3)^2}$ or unsimplified equivalent
Obtain $-2e^{-2t}$ for derivative of y
Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$ or equivalent
Obtain -6

Alternative:

Eliminate parameter and attempt differentiation $\left(y = e^{\frac{-6x}{1-2x}} \right)$

Use correct quotient or product rule
Use chain rule

Obtain $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6}{(1-2x)^2} e^{\frac{-6x}{1-2x}}$
Obtain -6

Q17:

- (i) EITHER: State $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sec^2 t / \tan t$, or equivalent

State $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2 \sin t \cos t$, or equivalent

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \div \frac{dx}{dt}$

- (ii) State or imply $t = \frac{1}{4}\pi$ when $x=0$

Form the equation of the tangent at $x=0$

Obtain correct answer in any horizontal form, e.g. $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$

[SR: If the OR method is used in part (i), give B1 for stating or implying $y = \frac{1}{2}$ or

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}$ when $x=0$.]

Q14:

Use correct product rule
Obtain correct derivative in any form
Equate derivative to zero and find non-zero x
Obtain $x = \exp(-\frac{1}{3})$, or equivalent
Obtain $y = -1/(3e)$, or any ln-free equivalent

Q16:

- (i) Obtain $\frac{k \cos 2x}{1 + \sin 2x}$ for any non-zero constant k
Obtain $\frac{2 \cos 2x}{1 + \sin 2x}$

- (ii) Use correct quotient or product rule
Obtain $\frac{x \sec^2 x - \tan x}{x^2}$ or equivalent

Q18:

Use correct quotient or product rule

Obtain correct derivative in any form, e.g. $-\frac{3 \ln x}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^4}$

Equate derivative to zero and solve for x an equation of the form $\ln x = a$, where $a > 0$

Obtain answer $\exp(\frac{1}{3})$, or 1.40, from correct work



Q19:

Use chain rule

obtain $\frac{dx}{dt} = 6 \sin t \cos t$, or equivalent

obtain $\frac{dy}{dt} = -6 \cos^2 t \sin t$, or equivalent

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \div \frac{dx}{dt}$

Obtain final answer $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\cos t$

Q20:

Use correct quotient or product rule or equivalent

Obtain $\frac{(1+e^{2t})2e^{2t} - e^{2t} \cdot 2e^{2t}}{(1+e^{2t})^2}$ or equivalent

Substitute $x = \ln 3$ into attempt at first derivative and show use of relevant logarithm property at least once in a correct context

Confirm given answer $\frac{9}{50}$ legitimately

Q21:

(i) Differentiate y to obtain $3\sin^2 t \cos t - 3\cos^2 t \sin t$ o.e.

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \div \frac{dx}{dt}$

Obtain given result $-3\sin t \cos t$

(ii) Identify parameter at origin as $t = \frac{3}{4}\pi$

Use $t = \frac{3}{4}\pi$ to obtain $\frac{3}{2}$

(iii) Rewrite equation as equation in one trig variable
e.g. $\sin 2t = -\frac{2}{3}$, $9 \sin^4 x - 9 \sin^2 x + 1 = 0$, $\tan^2 x + 3 \tan x + 1 = 0$

Find at least one value of t from equation of form $\sin 2t = k$ o.e.

Obtain 1.9

Obtain 2.8 and no others

Q22:

(i) Obtain $2y \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of y^2

Obtain $-4y - 4x \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of $-4xy$

Substitute $x = 2$ and $y = -3$ and find value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$

(dependent on at least one B1 being earned and $\frac{d(45)}{dx} = 0$)

Obtain $\frac{12}{7}$ or equivalent

(ii) Substitute $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ in an expression involving $\frac{dy}{dx}$, x and y and obtain $ay = bx$

Obtain $y = x$ or equivalent

Uses $y = x$ in original equation and demonstrate contradiction

Q23:

(i) State derivative in any correct form, e.g. $3 \cos x - 12 \cos^2 x \sin x$
Equate derivative to zero and solve for $\sin 2x$, or $\sin x$ or $\cos x$

Obtain answer $x = \frac{1}{12}\pi$

Obtain answer $x = \frac{5}{12}\pi$

Obtain answer $x = \frac{1}{2}\pi$ and no others in the given interval

(ii) Carry out a method for determining the nature of the relevant stationary point

Obtain a maximum at $\frac{1}{12}\pi$ correctly

[Treat answers in degrees as a misread and deduct A1 from the marks for the angles.]

Q24:

Obtain $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 2 \cos 2\theta - 1$ or $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -2 \sin 2\theta + 2 \cos \theta$, or equivalent

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \div \frac{dx}{d\theta}$

Obtain $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2 \sin 2\theta + 2 \cos \theta}{2 \cos 2\theta - 1}$, or equivalent

At any stage use correct double angle formulae throughout

Obtain the given answer following full and correct working



Q25:

- (i) Use correct quotient or product rule

Obtain correct derivative in any form, e.g. $\frac{2e^{2x}}{x^3} - \frac{3e^{2x}}{x^4}$

Equate derivative to zero and solve a 2-term equation for non-zero x

Obtain $x = \frac{3}{2}$ correctly

- (ii) Carry out a method for determining the nature of a stationary point, e.g. test derivative either side
Show point is a minimum with no errors seen

Q26:

- (i) EITHER: State or imply $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of $\ln xy$, or equivalent

State or imply $3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$ as derivative of y^3 , or equivalent

Equate derivative of LHS to zero and solve for $\frac{dy}{dx}$
Obtain the given answer

- (ii) Equate denominator to zero and solve for y
Obtain $y = 0.693$ only
Substitute found value in the equation and solve for x
Obtain $x = 5.47$ only

Q27:

- (i) Either Use correct quotient rule or equivalent to obtain

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{4(2t+3) - 8t}{(2t+3)^2} \text{ or equivalent}$$

Obtain $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{4}{2t+3}$ or equivalent

Use $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$ or equivalent

Obtain $\frac{1}{3}(2t+3)$ or similarly simplified equivalent

- (ii) Obtain $2t=3$ or $t = \frac{3}{2}$

Substitute in expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and obtain 2