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9 Year 11 Topic 9 — The Derivative Part 4

9.1 The Derivative

9.2 Tangents and Normals

The normal is a line perpendicular to the tangent at the point where tangent touches the curve.

- Find the derivative and its value at the given point.
- Use this to find the gradient of the line.
- Use the point-gradient formula to find the equation.

Example 9.2.1 Find the equation of the tangent to $y = 3x^2 - 9x + 1$ at the point where $x = 2$

Solution: $y = 3x^2 - 9x + 1 \Rightarrow y' = 6x - 9 \Rightarrow$ At $x = 2 \Rightarrow y' = 6 \times (2) - 9 = 3$
 \therefore the gradient of the tangent is 3.
 If $x = 2, \Rightarrow y = 3 \times (2)^2 - 9 \times 2 + 1 = -5 \Rightarrow$ the point is $P(2, -5)$
 So $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $y - (-5) = 3(x - 2)$
 $y + 5 = 3x - 6$
 \therefore the required equation is $3x - y - 11 = 0$

Example 9.2.2 Find the equation of the normal to $y = 2x^2 - 5x + 1$ at $x = 3$

Solution: $y = 2x^2 - 5x + 1 \Rightarrow y' = 4x - 5$ At $x = 3 \Rightarrow y' = 4 \times 3 - 5 = 7$
 The gradient of the tangent is 7, \therefore the gradient of the normal is $-\frac{1}{7}$.
 If $x = 3 \Rightarrow, y = 2x^2 - 5x + 1 \Rightarrow y = 2 \times (3)^2 - 5 \times 3 + 1 = 4$
 $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 $y - 4 = -\frac{1}{7}(x - 3)$
 therefore the equation of normal is $x + 7y - 25 = 0$

Example 9.2.3 Find the point on $y = 3x - x^2$ where the tangent is horizontal.

Solution: $y = 3x - x^2 \Rightarrow y' = 3 - 2x$.
 Put $y' = 0$, then $3 - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}$
 Substituting $y = 3 \times (\frac{3}{2}) - (\frac{3}{2})^2 = \frac{9}{2} - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{9}{4} = 4\frac{1}{2}$
 So the tangent is horizontal at $(\frac{3}{2}, 4\frac{1}{2})$

Exercise 9.2.1 Find the gradient of these lines:

1. The tangent to $y = 2x^3 - 5x + 7$ at $x = 2$.

2. The normal to $y = 3x - 3x^2 + 5$ at $x = -1$.

Exercise 9.2.2

1. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = 3x^2 + x - 2$ at the point where $x = -1$.

2. What is the equation of the normal at the point where $x = 0$?

9.3 Parametric Differentiate

In many cases, a curve will be specified by two equations given x and y in term of some third variable t , called a parameter.

$$\text{Parametric function: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

Example 9.3.1 If $x = 2t$, and $y = t^2$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{2t}{2} = t$$

Exercise 9.3.1 Use the parametric differentiation to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, then evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $t = -1$:

1. $x = 5t$ and $y = 10t^2$

2. $x = ct$ and $y = \frac{c}{t}$

3. $x = at + b$ and $y = bt + a$

4. $x = 3t^2$ and $y = 2t^3$

9.4 Differentiating Inverse Functions

Suppose that y is a function of x , and that the inverse is also a function, so that x is a function of y . Then by **Chain Rule**: $\frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dy} = 1$

Inverse Functions: $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\frac{dy}{dx}}$ (provided neither is zero).

Example 9.4.1 Differentiate $y = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$; (a) directly, (b) by first forming the inverse function and then differentiating.

a. Using the usual rule for differentiating powers of x ,

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

b. Solving for x , $x = y^2$.

Solution: $\frac{dx}{dy} = 2y$, and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2y} = \frac{1}{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Exercise 9.4.1

1. $y = x^{\frac{1}{5}}$

2. $y = \frac{1}{2-x}$

3. $y = \frac{1}{5x+3}$

9.5 Rates of Changes

The fractional notation for derivative as a ratio carries this interpretation of the derivative as a rate:

Rates: Express one quantity as a function of the other quantity, then differentiate with respect to time using the chain rule.

Example 9.5.1 Suppose water is flowing into a large spherical balloon at a constant rate of $50 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$.

Notes that there are two quantities varying with time here, the volume and the radius:

- The volume is increasing at a constant rate.
- the radius is increasing at a rate that decreases as the balloon expands.

The **chain rule** will allow the two rates of change to be related to each other.

1. At what rate is the radius r increasing when the radius is 7 cm?

Solution: The volume of a sphere is given by: $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
 Differentiating with respect to t , $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \times \frac{dr}{dt}$ (chain rule)

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$
 now we substituting the given rate of $\frac{dV}{dt} = 50$ and the radius $r = 7$,
 $50 = 4\pi \times 49 \times \frac{dr}{dt}$
 therefore the rate of increase of the radius: $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{25}{98\pi} \text{ cm/s}$

2. At what rate is the radius increasing when the volume V is $4500\pi \text{ cm}^3$?

Solution: When $V = 4500\pi$, $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = 4500\pi \Rightarrow r^3 = 3375 \therefore r = 15$
 so substituting again, $50 = 4\pi \times 225 \times \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow \therefore \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{18\pi}$

3. What should the flow rate be changed to so that when the radius is 7 cm, it is increasing at 1 cm/s?

Solution: Substituting $r = 7$ and $\frac{dr}{dt} = 1$, given the rate of change of volume:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi \times 49 \times 1$$

$$= 196 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

Exercise 9.5.1 Given that $y = x^3 + x$, differentiate with respect to time, using the chain rule.

1. If $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5$, find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ when $x = 2$.

2. If $\frac{dy}{dt} = -6$, find $\frac{dx}{dt}$ when $x = -3$.

Exercise 9.5.2 A circular oil stain of radius r and area A is spreading on water. Differentiate the area formula with respect to time to show that $\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$. Hence find:

1. the rate of increase of area when $r = 40$ cm if the radius is increasing at 3 cm/s,

2. the rate of increase of the radius when $r = 60$ cm if the area is increasing at 10 cm²/s.

Exercise 9.5.3 A spherical bubble of radius r is shrinking so that its volume V is decreasing at a constant rate of $200 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$. Show that $\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$.

1. At what rate is its radius decreasing when the radius is 5 cm?

2. What is the radius when the radius is decreasing at $2\pi \text{ cm/s}$?

3. At what rate is the radius decreasing when the volume is $36\pi \text{ cm}^3$?

9.6 Miscellaneous Exercises

Exercise 9.6.1 For each curve below: (i) find the equation of the tangent at the point P where $x = a$; (ii) hence find the equations of any tangents passing through the origin.

1. $y = x^2 - 10x + 9$

2. $y = x^2 + 15x + 36$

3. $y = 2x^2 - 7x + 6$

Exercise 9.6.2 By factorising top and bottom and cancelling, find these limits:

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 12x}{x^2 + 6x}$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x^2 - 9}$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{x^2 + 6x + 8}$

Exercise 9.6.3 Find the points on each curve where the tangent has the given angle of inclination:

1. $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 7$, 45° .

2. $y = x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3$, 135°

Exercise 9.6.4 Differentiate using the most appropriate method. Factor each answer completely.

1. $\frac{x^2-x+1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

2. $\frac{2}{3}x^2(x^3 - 1)$

3. $(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}})^2$

4. $\frac{1}{x^3-4}$

5. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3-2x}}$

Exercise 9.6.5

1. Sum the arithmetic series $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots$ to n terms.

2. Sum the arithmetic series $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots$ to n terms.

3. Find the sum of the first 2000 terms of the series $1 - 2 + 3 - 4 + 5 - 6 + (-1)^{n+1}n + \dots$

4. The line $y = mx + b$ is a tangent to the curve $y = x^3 - 3x + 1$ at the point $(-2, -1)$. Find the values of m and b .

9.7 Practical Exam Questions

Exercise 9.7.1

1. A curve has parametric equations $x = \frac{t}{2}$, $y = 3t^2$. Find the Cartesian equation for this curve.

2. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{\sin 2x}$.

3. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\frac{x}{5})}{2x}$.

4. Differentiate $5\sqrt{x} - \frac{10}{x^6} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \pi$.
