

Pearson Edexcel

A Level Mathematics 9MA0

Unit Test

8 Differentiation

Time allowed: 50 minutes

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1. (a) Given that $f(x) = \sin(x)$, show that [4]

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\left(\frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) \sin(x) + \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \cos(x) \right)$$

- (b) Hence prove that $f'(x) = \cos(x)$. [2]

Total: 6

2. A toy soldier is connected to a parachute. The soldier is thrown into the air from ground level. The height, in metres, of the soldier above the ground can be modelled by the equation

$$H = \frac{4t^{\frac{2}{3}}}{t^2 + 1} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 6s$$

where H is height of the soldier above the ground and t is the time since the soldier was thrown.

- (a) Show that [4]

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{8(1 - 2t^2)}{3\sqrt[3]{t}(t^2 + 1)^2}$$

- (b) Using the differentiated function, explain whether the soldier was increasing or decreasing in height after 2 seconds. [2]

- (c) Find the exact time when the soldier reaches a maximum height. [2]

Total: 8

3. A curve has the equation [6]

$$y = \ln(3x) - e^{-2x}$$

Show that the equation of the tangent at the point with an x -coordinate of 1 is

$$y = \left(\frac{e^2 + 2}{e^2} \right) x - \left(\frac{e^2 + 3}{e^2} \right) + \ln(3)$$

4. Given that $x = \sec(4y)$, find

- (a) $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of y . [2]

- (b) Show that [3]

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



where k is a constant which should be found.

Total: 5

5. A curve C has equation $4^x = 2xy$ for $x > 0$. [5]

Find the exact value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point C with coordinates $(2, 4)$.

6. A curve has parametric equations

$$x = \cos(2t), \quad \text{and} \quad y = \sin(t), \quad -\pi \leq t \leq \pi.$$

- (a) Find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t . [3]

Leave your answer as a single trigonometric ratio.

- (b) Find an equation of the normal to the curve at the point A where $t = -\frac{5\pi}{6}$. [5]

Total: 8

7. The curve C has equation $y = x^3 + 6x^2 - 12x + 6$.

- (a) Show that C is concave on the interval $[-5, -3]$. [3]

- (b) Find the coordinates of the point of inflection. [3]

Total: 6

8. In a rainforest, the area covered by trees, F , has been measured every year since 1990. [2]

It was found that the rate of loss of trees is proportional to the remaining area covered by trees.

Write down a differential equation relating F to t , where t is the numbers of years since 1990.

9. The volume of a sphere V cm³ is related to its radius r cm by the formula $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$. [4]

The surface area of the sphere is also related to the radius by the formula $S = 4\pi r^2$.

Given that the rate of decrease in surface area, in cm²s⁻¹, is $\frac{dS}{dt} = -12$, find the rate of decrease of volume $\frac{dV}{dt}$.

