A-level

Topic :Differential Calculus

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Questions

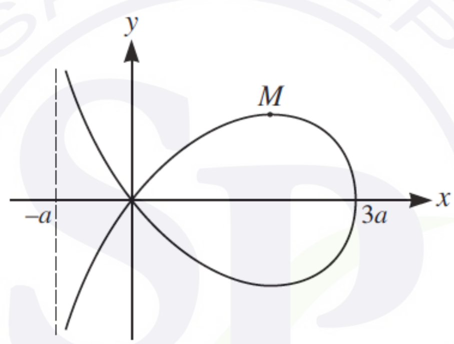
Question 1

For each of the following curves, find the gradient at the point where the curve crosses the y-axis:

(i) $y = \frac{1 + x^2}{1 + e^{2x}}$; [3]

(ii) $2x^3 + 5xy + y^3 = 8$. [4]

Question 2



The diagram shows the curve with equation

$$x^3 + xy^2 + ay^2 - 3ax^2 = 0,$$

where a is a positive constant. The maximum point on the curve is M. Find the x-coordinate of M in terms of a. [6]

Question 3

(i) By differentiating $\frac{1}{\cos x}$, show that the derivative of $\sec x$ is $\sec x \tan x$. Hence show that if $y = \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec x$. [4]

(ii) Using the substitution $x = (\sqrt{3}) \tan \theta$, find the exact value of

$$\int_1^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{(3 + x^2)}}\, dx,$$

expressing your answer as a single logarithm. [4]

Question 4

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = e^{-t} \cos t, \quad y = e^{-t} \sin t.$$

Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \tan\left(t - \frac{1}{4}\pi\right)$. [6]

Question 5

A curve has equation $3e^{2x}y + e^x y^3 = 14$. Find the gradient of the curve at the point $(0, 2)$. [5]

Question 6

The parametric equations of a curve are

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

Find the gradient of the curve at the point where it crosses the y-axis. [6]

Question 7

The parametric equations of a curve are

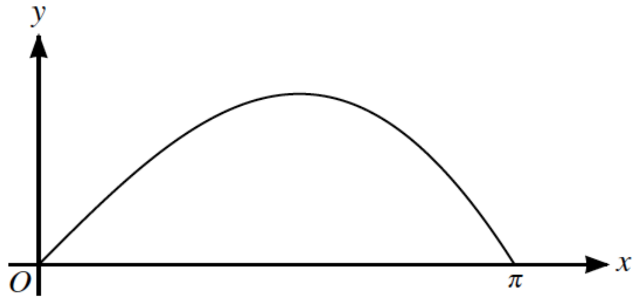
$$x = t - \tan t, \quad y = \ln(\cos t),$$

for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < t < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \cot t$. [5]

(ii) Hence find the x-coordinate of the point on the curve at which the gradient is equal to 2. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

Question 8

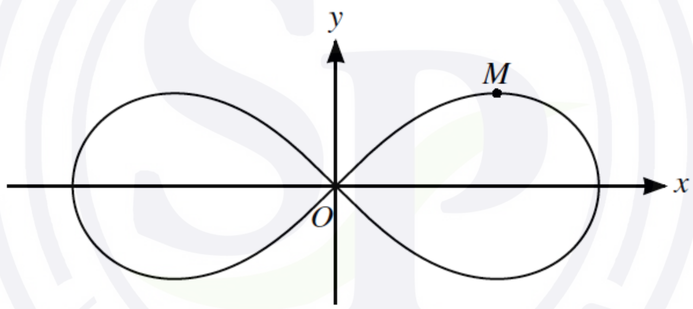


The diagram shows the curve $y = x\cos\frac{1}{2}x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \pi$.

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and show that $4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y + 4\sin\frac{1}{2}x = 0$. [5]

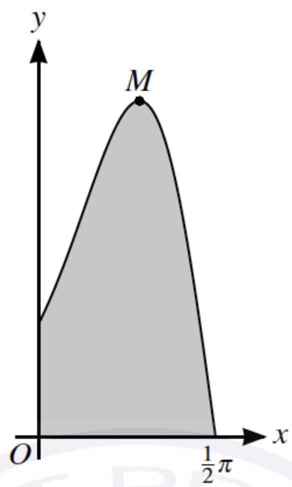
(ii) Find the exact value of the area of the region enclosed by this part of the curve and the x-axis. [5]

Question 9



The diagram shows the curve $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2(x^2 - y^2)$ and one of its maximum points M. Find the coordinates of M. [7]

Question 10



The diagram shows the curve $y = e^{2\sin x}\cos x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$, and its maximum point M.

(i) Using the substitution $u = \sin x$, find the exact value of the area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and the axes. [5]

(ii) Find the x-coordinate of M, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. [6]

Question 11

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \frac{1}{\cos^3 t}, \quad y = \tan^3 t,$$

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

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin t$. [4]

(ii) Hence show that the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point with parameter t is $y = x\sin t - \tan t$. [3]

Question 12

A curve is defined for $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ by the parametric equations

$$x = \tan\theta, \quad y = 2\cos^2\theta\sin\theta.$$

Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6\cos^5\theta - 4\cos^3\theta$. [5]

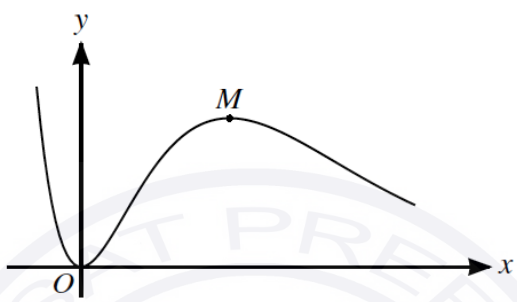
Question 13

The equation of a curve is

$$y = 3\cos 2x + 7\sin x + 2.$$

Find the x-coordinates of the stationary points in the interval $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \pi$. Give each answer correct to 3 significant figures. [7]

Question 14

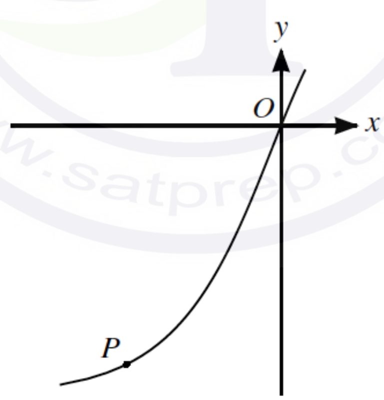


The diagram shows the curve $y = x^2 e^{2-x}$ and its maximum point M.

(i) Show that the x-coordinate of M is 2. [3]

(ii) Find the exact value of $\int_0^2 x^2 e^{2-x}\,dx$. [6]

Question 15



The diagram shows part of the curve with parametric equations

$$x = 2\ln(t+2), \qquad y = t^3 + 2t + 3.$$

Find the gradient of the curve at the origin. [5]

Question 16

A curve has equation $y = \cos x \cos 2x$. Find the x-coordinate of the stationary point on the curve in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

Question 17

The curve with equation $y = \dfrac{e^{2x}}{4 + e^{3x}}$ has one stationary point. Find the exact values of the coordinates of this point. [6]

Question 18

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = a\cos^4 t, \quad y = a\sin^4 t,$$

where a is a positive constant.

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

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

$$x\sin^2 t + y\cos^2 t = a\sin^2 t\cos^2 t. \quad [3]$$

(iii) Hence show that if the tangent meets the x-axis at P and the y-axis at Q, then

$$OP + OQ = a,$$

where O is the origin. [2]

Question 19

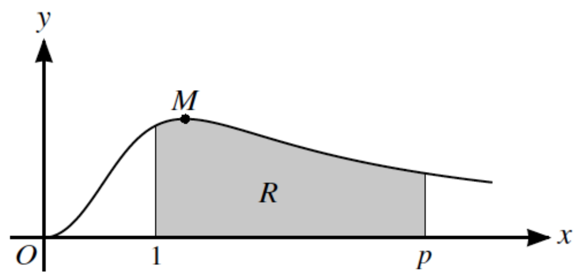
The equation of a curve is $y = e^{-2x}\tan x$, for $0 \leqslant x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Obtain an expression for $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ and show that it can be written in the form $e^{-2x}(a + b\tan x)^2$, where a and b are constants. [5]

(ii) Explain why the gradient of the curve is never negative. [1]

(iii) Find the value of x for which the gradient is least. [1]

Question 20



The diagram shows the curve $y = \frac{x^2}{1 + x^3}$ for $x \geqslant 0$, and its maximum point M. The shaded region R is enclosed by the curve, the x-axis and the lines $x = 1$ and $x = p$.

(i) Find the exact value of the x-coordinate of M. [4]

(ii) Calculate the value of p for which the area of R is equal to 1. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

Question 21

A curve has equation

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

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point for which $x = \frac{1}{4}\pi$, giving the answer in the form $y = mx + c$ where c is correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

Question 22

A curve has equation

$$\sin y \ln x = x - 2\sin y,$$

for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi \leqslant y \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y. [5]

(ii) Hence find the exact x-coordinate of the point on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis. [3]

Question 23

The curve with equation $y = \sin x \cos 2x$ has one stationary point in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. Find the x-coordinate of this point, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

Question 24

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

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

(ii) Find the coordinates of the points on the curve where the tangent is parallel to the x-axis. [5]

Question 25

The curve with equation $y = \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x}$ has two stationary points. Find the exact values of the coordinates of these points. [6]

Question 26

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = t + \cos t, \qquad y = \ln(1 + \sin t),$$

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

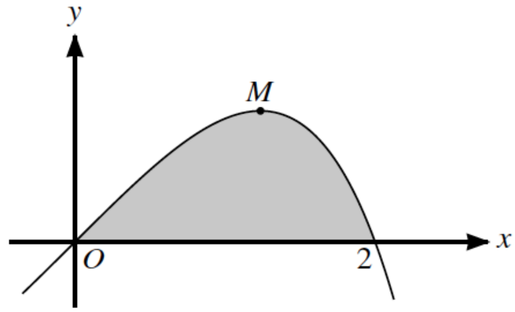
(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec t$. [5]

(ii) Hence find the x-coordinates of the points on the curve at which the gradient is equal to 3. Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

Question 27

The equation of a curve is $xy(x - 6y) = 9a^3$, 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. [7]

Question 28



The diagram shows part of the curve $y = (2x - x^2)e^{\frac{1}{2}x}$ and its maximum point M.

(i) Find the exact x-coordinate of M. [4]

(ii) Find the exact value of the area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and the positive x-axis. [5]

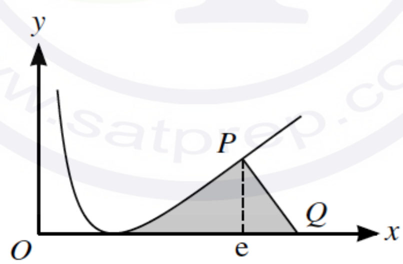
Question 29

The equation of a curve is $y = \dfrac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}$, for $-\pi < x < \pi$. Show that the gradient of the curve is positive for all x in the given interval. [4]

Question 30

The curve with equation $y = e^{-ax} \tan x$, where a is a positive constant, has only one point in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis. Find the value of a and state the exact value of the x-coordinate of this point. [7]

Question 31



The diagram shows the curve $y = (\ln x)^2$. The x-coordinate of the point P is equal to e, and the normal to the curve at P meets the x-axis at Q.

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

(ii) Show that $\int \ln x \, dx = x \ln x - x + c$, where c is a constant. [1]

Question 32

(iii) Using integration by parts, or otherwise, find the exact value of the area of the shaded region between the curve, the x-axis and the normal PQ. [5]

The parametric equations of a curve are

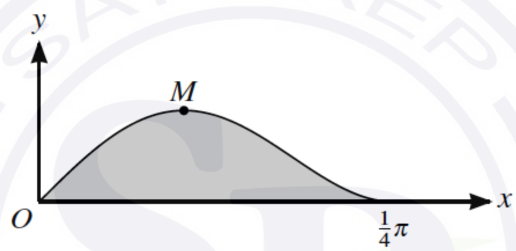
$$x = \ln \cos \theta, \quad y = 3\theta - \tan \theta,$$

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

(i) Express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of $\tan \theta$. [5]

(ii) Find the exact y-coordinate of the point on the curve at which the gradient of the normal is equal to 1. [3]

Question 33



The diagram shows the curve $y = \sin x \cos^2 2x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{4}\pi$ and its maximum point M.

(i) Using the substitution $u = \cos x$, find by integration the exact area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and the x-axis. [6]

(ii) Find the x-coordinate of M. Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [6]

Question 34

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = t^2 + 1, \quad y = 4t + \ln(2t - 1).$$

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

(ii) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point where $t = 1$. Give your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$. [3]

Question 35

(i) Prove that if $y = \frac{1}{\cos\theta}$ then $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \sec\theta\tan\theta$. [2]

(ii) Prove the identity $\frac{1+\sin\theta}{1-\sin\theta} \equiv 2\sec^2\theta + 2\sec\theta\tan\theta - 1$. [3]

(iii) Hence find the exact value of $\int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{1+\sin\theta}{1-\sin\theta}\,d\theta$. [4]

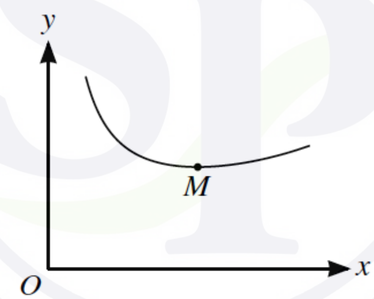
Question 36

A curve has equation $y = \frac{2}{3}\ln(1 + 3\cos^2 x)$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

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

(ii) Hence find the x-coordinate of the point on the curve where the gradient is -1. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

Question 37



The diagram shows a sketch of the curve $y = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}x}}{x}$ for $x > 0$, and its minimum point M.

Find the x-coordinate of M. [4]

Question 38

The equation of a curve is $2x^4 + xy^3 + y^4 = 10$.

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{8x^3 + y^3}{3xy^2 + 4y^3}$. [4]

(ii) Hence show that there are two points on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis and find the coordinates of these points. [4]

Question 39

(ii) Show that the exact value of the area of R is $18 - \dfrac{42}{e}$. [5]

Question 40

The curve with equation $y = \dfrac{2 - \sin x}{\cos x}$ has one stationary point in the interval $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Find the exact coordinates of this point. [5]

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

Question 41

The equation of a curve is $x^3y - 3xy^3 = 2a^4$, where a is a non-zero constant.

(i) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{3x^2y - 3y^3}{9xy^2 - x^3}$. [4]

(ii) Hence show that there are only two points on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis and find the coordinates of these points. [4]

Question 42

The equation of a curve is $2x^4 + xy^3 + y^4 = 10$.

(i) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = -\dfrac{8x^3 + y^3}{3xy^2 + 4y^3}$. [4]

(ii) Hence show that there are two points on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis and find the coordinates of these points. [4]

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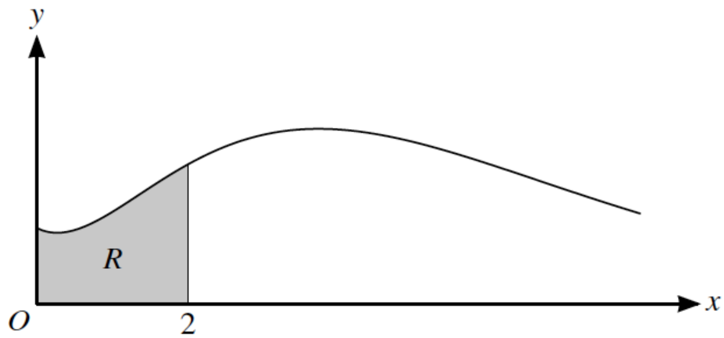

The diagram shows the curve $y = (1 + x^2)e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$ for $x \geqslant 0$. The shaded region R is enclosed by the curve, the x-axis and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 2$.

(i) Find the exact values of the x-coordinates of the stationary points of the curve. [4]

(ii) Show that the exact value of the area of R is $18 - \dfrac{42}{e}$. [5]

Question 44

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = 2t + \sin 2t, \qquad y = 1 - 2\cos 2t,$$

for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < t < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 2\tan t$. [5]

(ii) Hence find the x-coordinate of the point on the curve at which the gradient of the normal is 2. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

Question 45

A curve has equation $y = \dfrac{e^{3x}}{\tan \frac{1}{2}x}$. Find the x-coordinates of the stationary points of the curve in the interval $0 < x < \pi$. Give your answers correct to 3 decimal places. [6]

Question 46

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

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

(ii) Hence find the exact coordinates of the two points on the curve at which the gradient of the normal is 1. [4]

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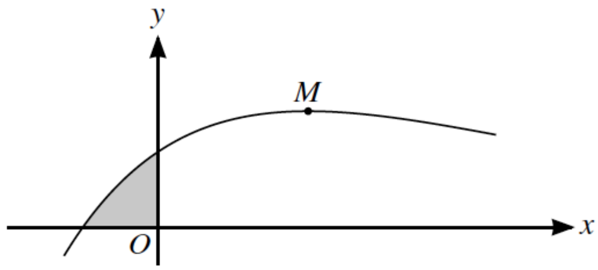

The diagram shows the curve $y = (x + 1)e^{-\frac{1}{3}x}$ and its maximum point M.

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

(ii) Find the area of the shaded region enclosed by the curve and the axes, giving your answer in terms of e. [5]

Question 48

The equation of a curve is $2x^3 - y^3 - 3xy^2 = 2a^3$, where a is a non-zero constant.

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

(ii) Find the coordinates of the two points on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the y-axis. [5]

Question 49

The parametric equations of a curve are

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

where $0 < \theta < \pi$.

(i) Obtain an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of θ. [3]

(ii) Hence find the exact coordinates of the point on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the y-axis. [4]

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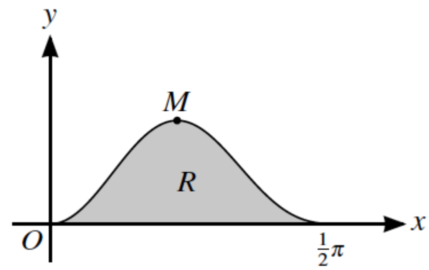

The diagram shows the curve $y = 5\sin^2 x \cos^3 x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$, and its maximum point M. The shaded region R is bounded by the curve and the x-axis.

(i) Find the x-coordinate of M, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. [5]

(ii) Using the substitution $u = \sin x$ and showing all necessary working, find the exact area of R. [4]

Question 51

A curve has equation $y = \dfrac{3\cos x}{2 + \sin x}$, for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point of the curve. [6]

(ii) The constant a is such that $\displaystyle\int_0^a \frac{3\cos x}{2 + \sin x}\,dx = 1$. Find the value of a, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [4]

Question 52

The parametric equations of a curve are

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

where $0 < \theta < \pi$.

(i) Obtain an expression for $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of θ. [3]

(ii) Hence find the exact coordinates of the point on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the y-axis. [4]

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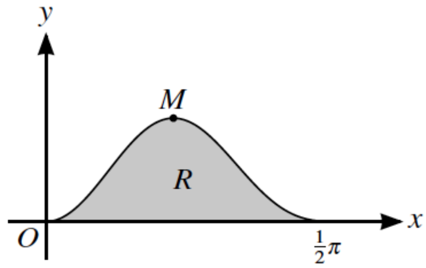


The diagram shows the curve $y = 5\sin^2 x\cos^3 x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$, and its maximum point M. The shaded region R is bounded by the curve and the x-axis.

(i) Find the x-coordinate of M, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. [5]

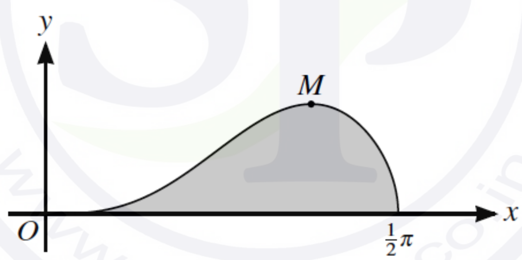
(ii) Using the substitution $u = \sin x$ and showing all necessary working, find the exact area of R. [4]

Question 54

The variables x and y satisfy the relation $\sin y = \tan x$, where $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < y < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. Show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos x\sqrt{(\cos 2x)}}.$$ [5]

Question 55



The diagram shows the curve $y = \sin^3 x\sqrt{(\cos x)}$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$, and its maximum point M.

(i) Using the substitution $u = \cos x$, find by integration the exact area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and the x-axis. [6]

(ii) Showing all your working, find the x-coordinate of M, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. [6]

Question 56

Find the gradient of the curve $x^3 + 3xy^2 - y^3 = 1$ at the point with coordinates $(1, 3)$. [4]

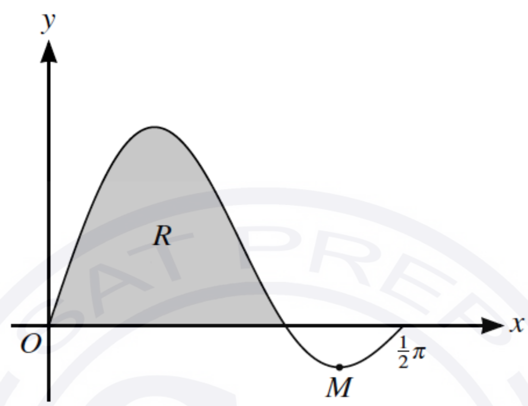
Question 57

Differentiate $\dfrac{1}{\sin^2\theta}$ with respect to θ. [2]

Question 58

Find the exact coordinates of the point on the curve $y = \frac{x}{1 + \ln x}$ at which the gradient of the tangent is equal to $\frac{1}{4}$. [7]

Question 59



The diagram shows the curve $y = \sin 3x \cos x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$ and its minimum point M. The shaded region R is bounded by the curve and the x-axis.

(i) By expanding $\sin(3x + x)$ and $\sin(3x - x)$ show that

$$\sin 3x \cos x = \tfrac{1}{2}(\sin 4x + \sin 2x).$$ [3]

(ii) Using the result of part **(i)** and showing all necessary working, find the exact area of the region R. [4]

(iii) Using the result of part **(i)**, express $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of $\cos 2x$ and hence find the x-coordinate of M, giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [5]

Question 60

The equation of a curve is $y = \frac{1 + e^{-x}}{1 - e^{-x}}$, for $x > 0$.

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is always negative. [3]

(ii) The gradient of the curve is equal to -1 when $x = a$. Show that a satisfies the equation $e^{2a} - 4e^{a} + 1 = 0$. Hence find the exact value of a. [4]

Question 61

The curve $y = \sin\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\pi\right)\cos x$ has two stationary points in the interval $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \pi$.

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. [2]

(ii) By considering the formula for $\cos(A + B)$, show that, at the stationary points on the curve, $\cos\left(2x + \frac{1}{3}\pi\right) = 0$. [2]

(iii) Hence find the exact x-coordinates of the stationary points. [3]

Question 62

(i) By differentiating $\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$, show that if $y = \cot x$ then $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$. [2]

(ii) Show that $\int_{\frac{1}{4}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} x \operatorname{cosec}^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{4}(\pi + \ln 4)$. [6]

Question 63

The curve with equation $y = \frac{e^{-2x}}{1 - x^2}$ has a stationary point in the interval $-1 < x < 1$. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and hence find the x-coordinate of this stationary point, giving the answer correct to 3 decimal places. [5]

Question 64

The equation of a curve is $2x^2y - xy^2 = a^3$, where a is a positive constant. Show that there is only one point on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis and find the y-coordinate of this point. [7]

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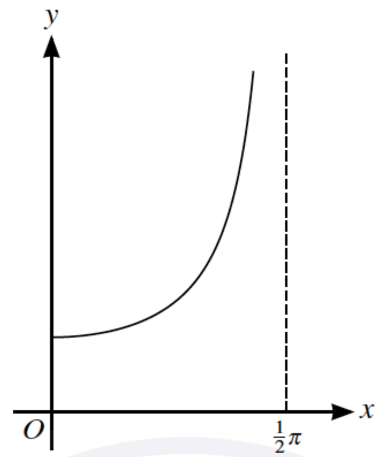


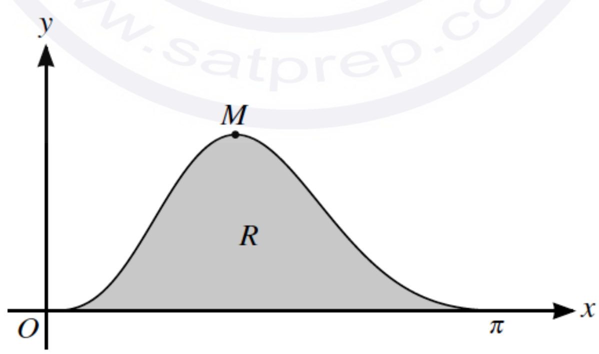
The diagram shows the graph of $y = \sec x$ for $0 \leqslant x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Use the trapezium rule with 2 intervals to estimate the value of $\int_0^{1.2} \sec x \, dx$, giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(ii) Explain, with reference to the diagram, whether the trapezium rule gives an overestimate or an underestimate of the true value of the integral in part **(i)**. [1]

(iii) P is the point on the part of the curve $y = \sec x$ for $0 \leqslant x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ at which the gradient is 2. By first differentiating $\frac{1}{\cos x}$, find the x-coordinate of P, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. [6]

Question 66



The diagram shows the graph of $y = e^{\cos x} \sin^3 x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \pi$, and its maximum point M. The shaded region R is bounded by the curve and the x-axis.

(i) Find the x-coordinate of M. Show all necessary working and give your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [5]

(ii) By first using the substitution $u = \cos x$, find the exact value of the area of R. [7]

Question 67

The equation of a curve is $x^3 + 3xy^2 - y^3 = 5$.

(a) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{x^2 + y^2}{y^2 - 2xy}$. [4]

(b) Find the coordinates of the points on the curve where the tangent is parallel to the y-axis. [5]

Question 68

The curve with equation $y = e^{2x}(\sin x + 3\cos x)$ has a stationary point in the interval $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \pi$.

(a) Find the x-coordinate of this point, giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [4]

(b) Determine whether the stationary point is a maximum or a minimum. [2]

Question 69

Let $f(x) = \dfrac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x}$.

(a) Show that $f'(x) < 0$ for all x in the interval $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{3}{2}\pi$. [4]

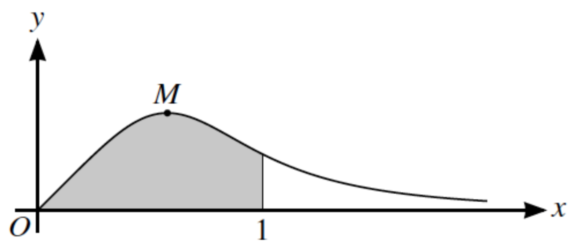
(b) Find $\displaystyle\int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} f(x)\,dx$. Give your answer in a simplified exact form. [4]

Question 70

A curve has equation $y = \cos x \sin 2x$.

Find the x-coordinate of the stationary point in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

Question 71



The diagram shows the curve $y = \frac{x}{1 + 3x^4}$, for $x \geqslant 0$, and its maximum point M.

(a) Find the x-coordinate of M, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. [4]

(b) Using the substitution $u = \sqrt{3}x^2$, find by integration the exact area of the shaded region bounded by the curve, the x-axis and the line $x = 1$. [5]

Question 72

The equation of a curve is $y = x\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$.

(a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. [3]

(b) The tangent to the curve at the point where $x = 2$ meets the y-axis at the point with coordinates $(0, p)$.

Find p. [3]

Question 73

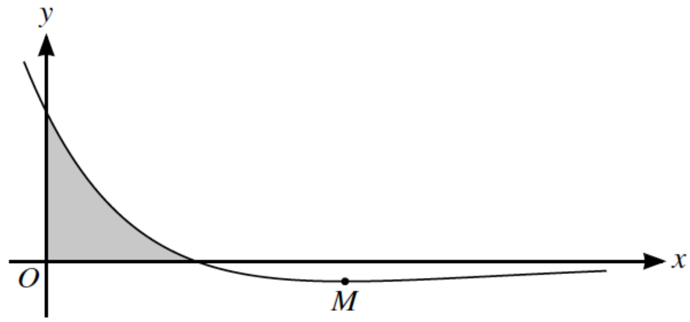
The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = 3 - \cos 2\theta, \quad y = 2\theta + \sin 2\theta,$$

for $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

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

Question 74

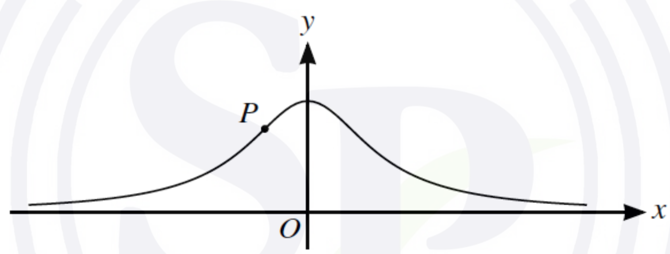


The diagram shows the curve $y = (2 - x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$, and its minimum point M.

(a) Find the exact coordinates of M. [5]

(b) Find the area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and the axes. Give your answer in terms of e. [5]

Question 75



The diagram shows the curve with parametric equations

$$x = \tan\theta, \quad y = \cos^2\theta,$$

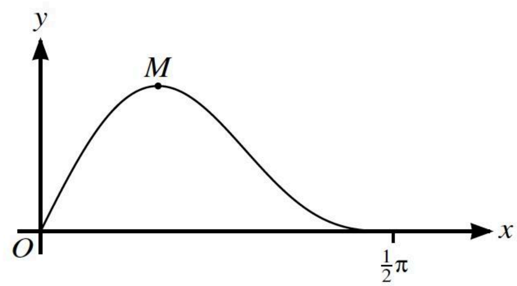
for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(a) Show that the gradient of the curve at the point with parameter θ is $-2\sin\theta\cos^3\theta$. [3]

The gradient of the curve has its maximum value at the point P.

(b) Find the exact value of the x-coordinate of P. [4]

Question 76



The diagram shows the curve $y = \sin 2x \cos^2 x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$, and its maximum point M.

(a) Using the substitution $u = \sin x$, find the exact area of the region bounded by the curve and the x-axis. [5]

(b) Find the exact x-coordinate of M. [6]

Question 77

Let $f(x) = \dfrac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^{2x} - 1}$, for $x > 0$.

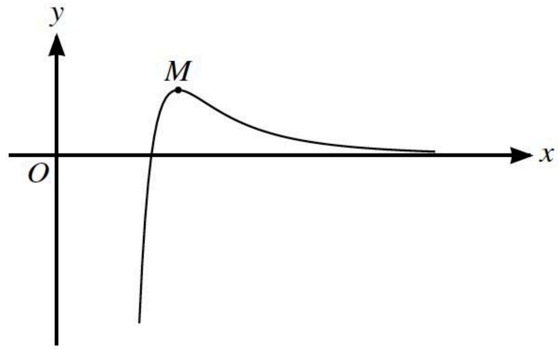
(a) The equation $x = f(x)$ has one root, denoted by a.

Verify by calculation that a lies between 1 and 1.5. [2]

(b) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part **(a)** to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

(c) Find $f'(x)$. Hence find the exact value of x for which $f'(x) = -8$. [6]

Question 78



The diagram shows the curve $y = \dfrac{\ln x}{x^4}$ and its maximum point M.

(a) Find the exact coordinates of M. [4]

(b) By using integration by parts, show that for all $a > 1$, $\displaystyle\int_1^a \frac{\ln x}{x^4}\,dx < \frac{1}{9}$. [6]

Question 79

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = t + \ln(t + 2), \qquad y = (t - 1)e^{-2t},$$

where $t > -2$.

(a) Express $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t, simplifying your answer. [5]

(b) Find the exact y-coordinate of the stationary point of the curve. [2]

Question 80

The equation of a curve is $y = e^{-5x}\tan^2 x$ for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

Find the x-coordinates of the stationary points of the curve. Give your answers correct to 3 decimal places where appropriate. [8]

Question 81

The equation of a curve is $y = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \ln x$ for $x > 0$. The curve has one stationary point.

(a) Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point. [5]

(b) Show that $\int_1^8 y \, dx = 18 \ln 2 - 9$. [5]

Question 82

The parametric equations of a curve are

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

(a) Show that the gradient of the curve is always positive. [5]

(b) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where it intersects the y-axis. [3]

Question 83

Let $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{(9 - x)\sqrt{x}}$.

(a) Find the x-coordinate of the stationary point of the curve with equation $y = f(x)$. [4]

(b) Using the substitution $u = \sqrt{x}$, show that $\int_0^4 f(x) \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \ln 5$. [6]

Question 84

The equation of a curve is $\ln(x + y) = x - 2y$.

(a) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{x + y - 1}{2(x + y) + 1}$. [4]

(b) Find the coordinates of the point on the curve where the tangent is parallel to the x-axis. [3]

Question 85

The equation of a curve is $y = \sqrt{\tan x}$, for $0 \leqslant x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

Express $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of $\tan x$, and verify that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 1$ when $x = \frac{1}{4}\pi$. [4]

Question 86

The equation of a curve is $ye^{2x} - y^2e^x = 2$.

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

(b) Find the exact coordinates of the point on the curve where the tangent is parallel to the y-axis. [4]

Question 87

The curve with equation $y = xe^{1-2x}$ has one stationary point.

(a) Find the coordinates of this point. [4]

(b) Determine whether the stationary point is a maximum or a minimum. [2]

Question 88

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = 1 - \cos\theta, \qquad y = \cos\theta - \tfrac{1}{4}\cos 2\theta.$$

Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)$. [5]

Question 89

The parametric equations of a curve are $x = \frac{1}{\cos t}$, $y = \ln\tan t$, where $0 < t < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos t}{\sin^2 t}$. [5]

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

Question 90

The curve $y = e^{-4x}\tan x$ has two stationary points in the interval $0 \leqslant x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(a) Obtain an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and show it can be written in the form $\sec^2 x(a + b\sin 2x)e^{-4x}$, where a and b are constants. [4]

(b) Hence find the exact x-coordinates of the two stationary points. [3]

Question 91

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

(a) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{x^2 + 2xy}{y^2 - x^2}$. [4]

(b) Find the coordinates of the points on the curve where the tangent is parallel to the x-axis. [5]

Question 92

The equation of a curve is $y = \cos^3 x\sqrt{\sin x}$. It is given that the curve has one stationary point in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

Find the x-coordinate of this stationary point, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

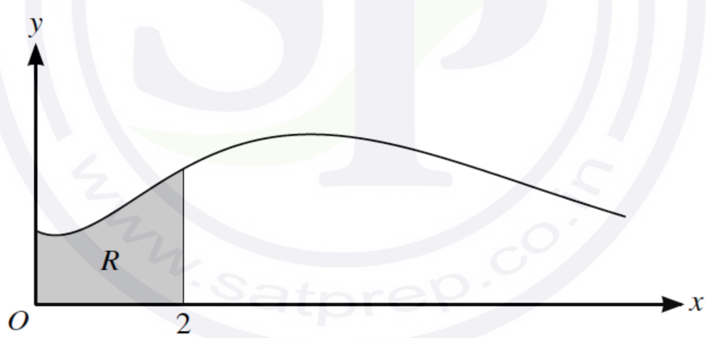
Question 93

The equation of a curve is $x^3 + y^3 + 2xy + 8 = 0$.

(a) Express $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y. [4]

The tangent to the curve at the point where $x = 0$ and the tangent at the point where $y = 0$ intersect at the acute angle α.

(b) Find the exact value of $\tan\alpha$. [5]



The diagram shows the curve $y = (1 + x^2)e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$ for $x \geqslant 0$. The shaded region R is enclosed by the curve, the x-axis and the lines $x = 0$ and $x = 2$.

(i) Find the exact values of the x-coordinates of the stationary points of the curve. [4]

Question 94

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = 2t - \tan t, \qquad y = \ln(\sin 2t),$$

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

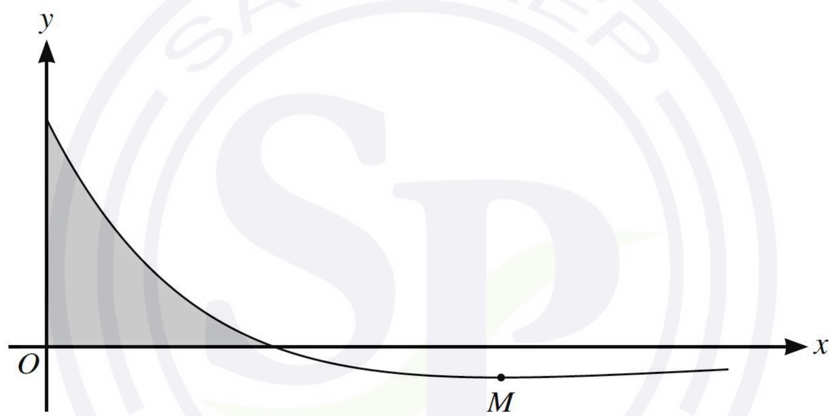
Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cot t$. [5]

Question 95

The equation of a curve is $y = \sin x \sin 2x$. The curve has a stationary point in the interval $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

Find the x-coordinate of this point, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [6]

Question 96



The diagram shows part of the curve $y = (3 - x)e^{-\frac{1}{3}x}$ for $x \geqslant 0$, and its minimum point M.

Find the exact coordinates of M. [5]

Question 97

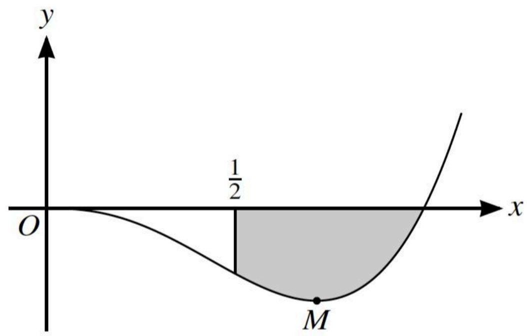
The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = te^{2t}, \qquad y = t^2 + t + 3.$$

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-2t}$. [3]

(b) Hence show that the normal to the curve, where $t = -1$, passes through the point $\left(0,\ 3 - \frac{1}{e^4}\right)$. [3]

Question 98



The diagram shows the curve $y = x^3 \ln x$, for $x > 0$, and its minimum point M.

Find the exact coordinates of M. [4]

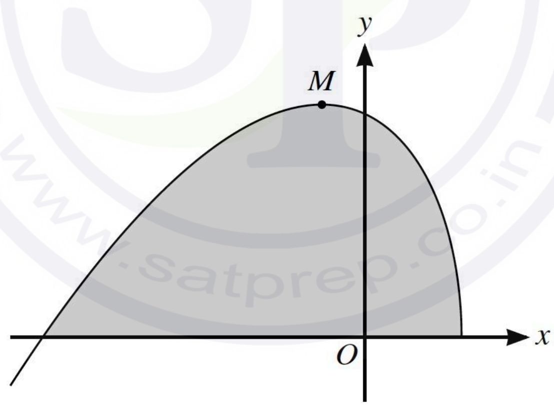
Question 99

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \frac{\cos\theta}{2 - \sin\theta}, \qquad y = \theta + 2\cos\theta.$$

Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = (2 - \sin\theta)^2$. [5]

Question 100



The diagram shows the curve $y = (x + 5)\sqrt{3 - 2x}$ and its maximum point M.

Find the exact coordinates of M. [5]

Question 101

The equation of a curve is $3x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2 = 5$.

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x + 2y}{2x + 3y}$. [4]

(b) Hence find the exact coordinates of the two points on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to $y + 2x = 0$. [5]

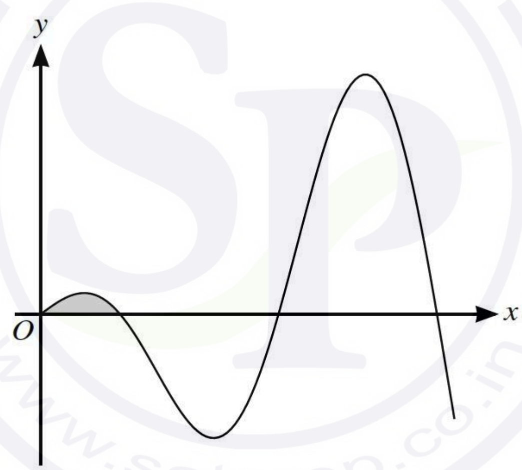
Question 102

The equation of a curve is $x^2y - ay^2 = 4a^3$, where a is a non-zero constant.

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

(b) Hence find the coordinates of the points where the tangent to the curve is parallel to the y-axis. [4]

Question 103



The diagram shows the curve $y = x\cos 2x$, for $x \geqslant 0$.

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $x = \frac{1}{2}\pi$. [4]

Question 104

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

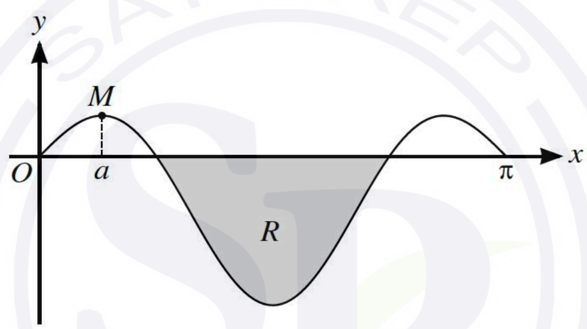
(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3x^2 + 6x}{2y + 3}$. [3]

(b) Hence find the coordinates of the points on the curve at which the tangent is parallel to the x-axis. [5]

Question 105

Find the exact coordinates of the stationary points of the curve $y = \frac{e^{3x^2-1}}{1-x^2}$. [6]

Question 106



The diagram shows the curve $y = \sin x \cos 2x$, for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \pi$, and a maximum point M, where $x = a$. The shaded region between the curve and the x-axis is denoted by R.

Find the value of a correct to 2 decimal places. [5]

Question 107

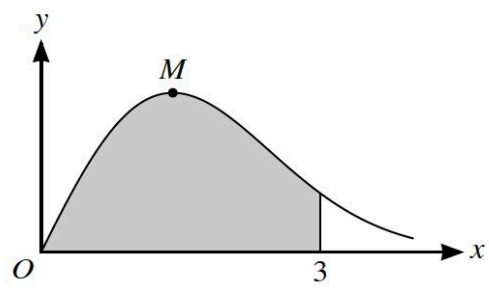
The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = (\ln t)^2, \qquad y = e^{2-t^2},$$

for $t > 0$.

Find the gradient of the curve at the point where $t = e$, simplifying your answer. [4]

Question 108



The diagram shows the curve $y = xe^{-\frac{1}{4}x^2}$, for $x \geqslant 0$, and its maximum point M.

Find the exact coordinates of M. [4]

Question 109

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \sqrt{t} + 3, \qquad y = \ln t,$$

for $t > 0$.

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

(b) Hence find the exact coordinates of the point on the curve at which the gradient of the normal is -2. [3]

Question 110

Find the exact coordinates of the points on the curve $y = \frac{x^2}{1-3x}$ at which the gradient of the tangent is equal to 8. [5]

Question 111

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

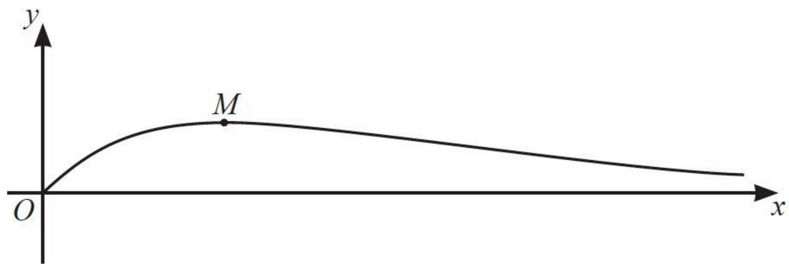
(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x - 3y - 1}{4y + 3x}$. [4]

(b) Hence show that the curve does **not** have a tangent that is parallel to the x-axis. [3]

Question 112

Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point of the curve $y = e^{2x}\sin 2x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$. [5]

Question 113



The diagram shows the curve $y = xe^{-ax}$, where a is a positive constant, and its maximum point M.

Find the exact coordinates of M. [4]

Question 114

The equation of a curve is $ye^{2x} + y^2e^x = 6$.

Find the gradient of the curve at the point where $y = 1$. [6]

Question 115

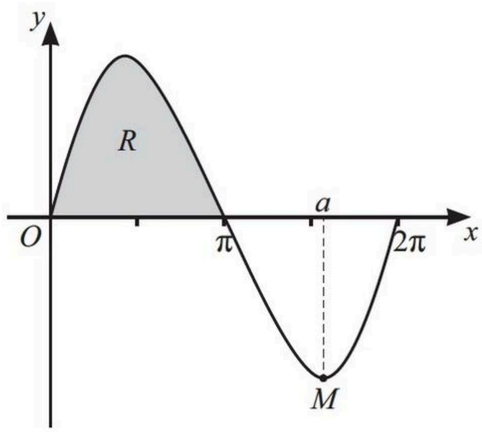
Given that $2x = \tan y$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{1+4x^2}$. [3]

Question 116

The equation of a curve is $y = \frac{e^{\sin x}}{\cos^2 x}$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant 2\pi$.

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and hence find the x-coordinates of the stationary points of the curve. [7]

Question 117



The diagram shows the curve $y = 2\sin x\sqrt{2+\cos x}$, for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant 2\pi$, and its minimum point M, where $x = a$.

Find the value of a correct to 2 decimal places. [5]

Question 118

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = 3\sin 2t, \quad y = \tan t + \cot t,$$

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

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2}{3\sin^2 2t}$. [5]

(b) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point where $t = \frac{1}{4}\pi$. Give your answer in the form $py + qx + r = 0$, where p, q and r are integers. [3]

Question 119

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \tan^2 2t, \quad y = \cos 2t,$$

for $0 < t < \frac{1}{4}\pi$.

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}\cos^3 2t$. [4]

(b) Hence find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point where $t = \frac{1}{8}\pi$. Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. [4]

Question 120

The equation of a curve is $\ln(x+y) = 3x^2y$.

Find the gradient of the curve at the point $(1, 0)$. [4]

Question 121

The equation of a curve is $xy^2 + \ln(x+2y) = 1$.

Find the gradient of the curve at the point where $x = 0$. [5]

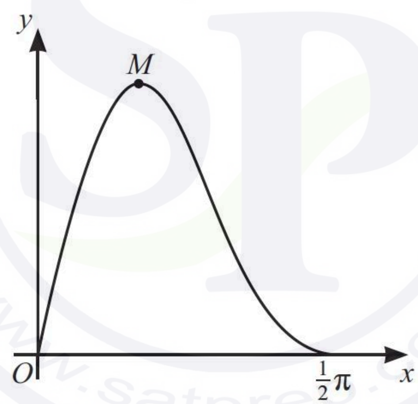
Question 122

The equation of a curve is $xy + y^2e^{-x} = 4$.

(a) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{y^2 - ye^x}{xe^x + 2y}$. [4]

(b) Find the gradients of the tangents to the curve when $x = 0$. [2]

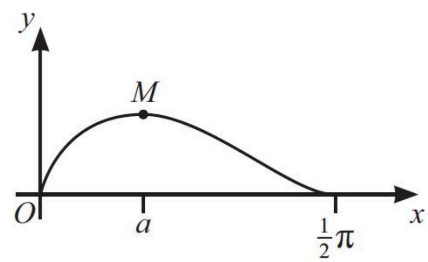
Question 123



The diagram shows the graph of $y = 5\sin 2x \cos^2 x$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$ and its maximum point M.

Find the exact x-coordinate of M. [6]

Question 124



The diagram shows the curve $y = \cos x\sqrt{\sin 2x}$ for $0 \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$. The curve has a maximum point at M, where $x = a$.

Find the exact value of a. [6]

Question 125

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = e^{\tan t}, \quad y = 3\tan^2 t.$$

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point (e, 3). Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$, where m and c are exact. [6]