Lesson 6

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 2 Differentiation IV

6.1 Practice Makes Progression (Homework)

Any solution based entirely on graphical or numerical methods is not acceptable Marks Available : 26

Question 1

A-Level Specimen Exam Question from June 2000, Paper P3, Q4 edited (Edexcel) A curve is given by parametric equations

$$x = 4\sin^3 t, \qquad y = \cos 2t, \qquad 0 \le t \le \frac{\pi}{4}$$

(**a**) Show that
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{3 \sin t}$$

[4 marks]

(**b**) Find an equation of the normal to the curve where
$$t = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

[4 marks]

Question 2

A-Level Examination Question from June 2007, Paper C4, Q6 edited (Edexcel) A curve has parametric equations

$$x = tan^2 t$$
, $y = sin t$, $0 \le t \le \frac{\pi}{2}$

(**a**) Show $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos^k t}{2 \sin t}$ where k is an integer whose value is to be found

[3 marks]

(**b**) Find the exact gradient of the curve at the point where
$$t = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

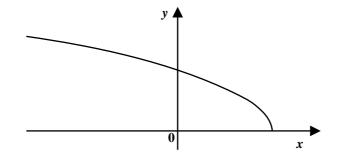
[3 marks]

(c) Find a Cartesian equation of the curve in the form $y^2 = f(x)$

[4 marks]

Question 3

A-Level Examination Question from June 2009, Paper C4, Q5 edited (Edexcel)



The graph is of the curve with parametric equations

 $x = 2\cos 2t$, $y = 6\sin t$, $0 \le t \le \frac{\pi}{2}$ (a) Find the gradient of the curve at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$

[4 marks]

(**b**) Find a Cartesian equation of the curve in the form

 $y = f(x), \qquad -2 \le x \le 2$

[4 marks]

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