

IB Maths: AI HL

Further Differentiation

Topic Questions

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Course	IB Maths
Section	5. Calculus
Topic	5.2 Further Differentiation
Difficulty	Medium

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Question 1

Differentiate $\frac{5x^7}{\sin 2x}$ with respect to x .

[4 marks]

Question 2

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

(a) $y = \cos(x^2 - 3x + 7) + \sin(e^x)$

[4 marks]

(b) $y = \ln(2x^3)$

[3 marks]

(c) $y = \sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

[3 marks]

Question 3

Differentiate with respect to x , simplifying your answers as far as possible:

(a) $(4 \cos x - 3 \sin x)e^{3x-5}$

[3 marks]

(b) $(x^3 - 4x^2 + 7) \ln x$

[3 marks]

(c) $\sin\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} + x^{\frac{4}{5}} + \pi\right)$

[3 marks]

Question 4

A curve has the equation $y = e^{-3x} + \ln x$, $x > 0$.

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

[2 marks]

(b) Hence find the gradient of the normal to the curve at the point $(1, e^{-3})$, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places.

[2 marks]

Question 5

Consider the curve with equation $y = e^{3x^2 + 5x - 2}$.

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

[1 mark]

(b) Hence find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point $(-2, 1)$, giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a, b and c are integers.

[3 marks]

Question 6

Let $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$, where $g(2) = 4$, $h(2) = -1$, $g'(2) = 0$ and $h'(2) = 2$.

Find the equation of the tangent of f at $x = 2$.

[6 marks]

Question 7

A curve has the equation $y = x^3 - 12x + 7$.

(a) Find expressions for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

[3 marks]

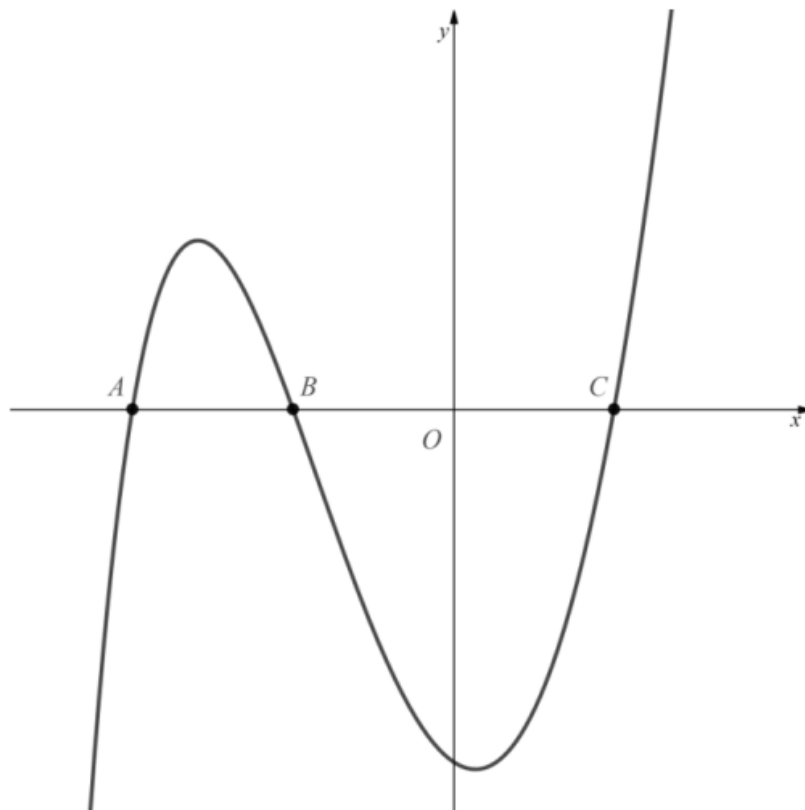
(b) Determine the coordinates of the local minimum of the curve.

[3 marks]

Question 8

The diagram below shows part of the graph of $y = f(x)$, where $f(x)$ is the function defined by

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 1) \ln(x + 3), \quad x > -3$$



Points A , B and C are the three places where the graph intercepts the x -axis.

(a) Find $f'(x)$.

[4 marks]

(b) Show that the coordinates of point A are $(-2, 0)$.

[2 marks]

(c) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at point A .

[3 marks]

Question 9

Let $f(x) = x^2e^x$.

(a) Find $f'(x)$.

[3 marks]

(b) Find $f''(x)$.

[3 marks]

(c) Determine the ranges of x -values for which the graph of f is

(i) concave-up

(ii) concave-down

giving all boundary values for the ranges as exact values.

[4 marks]

(d) Hence find the exact x coordinates of the points of inflection for the graph of f . Be sure to show that any points identified are indeed points of inflection.

[2 marks]

Question 10

Let $f(x) = 2e^{2\cos x}$, where $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$.

(a) Find the number of points containing a horizontal tangent.

[1 mark]

(b) Show algebraically that the gradient of the tangent at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is -4 .

[4 marks]

(c) State the gradient of the tangent at $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

[1 mark]

It can be found that as the function, f , undergoes a transformation $f(kx)$, the number of stationary points found between $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ increases.

(d) Find the number of stationary points on f after a transformation of $f(2x)$ and hence, state the general rule representing the number of stationary points in terms of k where $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

[3 marks]

Question 11

Let $f(x) = \sin x$ and $g(x) = \sin^2 x$, for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

Solve $f'(x) = g'(x)$.

[5 marks]

Question 12

(a) Use the quotient rule to show that the derivative of $\tan x$ is $\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$.

[3 marks]

Consider the function f defined by $f(x) = x \tan x$, $-\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

(b) Find $f'(x)$.

[2 marks]

(c) Show that

$$f''(x) = \frac{2}{\cos^2 x} (1 + x \tan x)$$

[5 marks]

(d) Using your answers to parts (b) and (c), determine the x -coordinates of any

(i) local minima or maxima

(ii) points of inflection

on the curve $y = f(x)$.

[5 marks]

Question 13

An international mission has landed a rover on the planet Mars. After landing, the rover deploys a small drone on the surface of the planet, then rolls away to a distance of 6 metres in order to observe the drone as it lifts off into the air. Once the rover has finished moving away, the drone ascends vertically into the air at a constant speed of 2 metres per second.

Let D be the distance, in metres, between the rover and the drone at time t seconds.

Let h be the height, in metres, of the drone above the ground at time t seconds. The entire area where the rover and drone are situated may be assumed to be perfectly horizontal.

a)

Show that

$$D = \sqrt{h^2 + 36}$$

[2 marks]

b)

(i)

Explain why $\frac{dh}{dt} = 2$.

(ii)

Hence use implicit differentiation to show that

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = \frac{2h}{\sqrt{h^2 + 36}}$$

[5 marks]

c)
Find

(i)
the rate at which the distance between the rover and the drone is increasing at the moment when the drone is 8 metres above the ground.

(ii)
the height of the drone above the ground at the moment when the distance between the rover and the drone is increasing at a rate of 1 ms^{-1} .

[4 marks]