

Topic assessment

1. Differentiate the following functions.

(i) $y = x^3 \ln 2x$ [4]

(ii) $y = \sin^2 x$ [4]

(iii) $y = x^2 \cos x$ [4]

(iv) $y = \frac{x}{\tan 2x}$ [4]

2. Find an expression in terms of x and y for the gradient of the curve

$$x^2 + y^2 - 3x + 4y = 6$$

For what value of y is the tangent to the curve vertical? [5]

3. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = \ln(3x - 5)$ at the point where $x = 3$. [5]

4. Show that the curve $y = x - \ln x$ has one turning point only, and give the coordinates of this point. [5]

5. A curve has $y = e^{2x} \cos x$.

(i) Show that the turning points of the curve occur at the points for which $\tan x = 2$. [5]

(ii) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point for which $x = 0$. [5]

6. For the curve $y = x^2 e^{-x}$,

(i) Write down the coordinates of the point(s) where the curve cuts the axes. [1]

(ii) Find the gradient function for the curve and hence the coordinates of any turning points, distinguishing between them. [8]

Total 50 marks

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Solutions to topic assessment

1. (i) $y = x^3 \ln 2x$

$$\text{Let } u = x^3 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$\text{Let } v = \ln 2x = \ln 2 + \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using the product rule: } \frac{dy}{dx} &= u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= x^3 \times \frac{1}{x} + \ln 2x \times 3x^2 \\ &= x^2 + 3x^2 \ln 2x \end{aligned}$$

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(ii) $y = \sin^2 x = (\sin x)^2$

$$\text{Let } u = \sin x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$y = u^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{du} = 2u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using the chain rule: } \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= 2u \times \cos x \\ &= 2 \sin x \cos x \end{aligned}$$

[4]

(iii) $y = x^2 \cos x$

$$\text{Let } u = x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\text{Let } v = \cos x \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Using the product rule: } \frac{dy}{dx} &= u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= x^2 \times -\sin x + \cos x \times 2x \\ &= 2x \cos x - x^2 \sin x \end{aligned}$$

[4]

(iv) $y = \frac{x}{\tan 2x}$

$$\text{Let } u = x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 1$$

$$\text{Let } v = \tan 2x \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 2 \sec^2 2x$$

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using the quotient rule: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

$$= \frac{\tan 2x \times 1 - x \times 2 \sec^2 2x}{\tan^2 2x}$$

$$= \frac{\tan 2x - 2x \sec^2 2x}{\tan^2 2x}$$

[4]

2. $x^2 + y^2 - 3x + 4y = 6$

Differentiating implicitly: $2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - 3 + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$(2y + 4) \frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3 - 2x}{2y + 4}$$

The tangent will be vertical where $2y + 4 = 0$
 $y = -2$

[5]

3. $y = \ln(3x - 5)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3x - 5} \times 3 = \frac{3}{3x - 5}$$

When $x = 3$, gradient $= \frac{3}{3 \times 3 - 5} = \frac{3}{4}$

When $x = 3$, $y = \ln(3 \times 3 - 5) = \ln 4 = 2 \ln 2$

Equation of tangent is $y - 2 \ln 2 = \frac{3}{4}(x - 3)$

$$4y - 8 \ln 2 = 3x - 9$$

$$4y = 3x + 8 \ln 2 - 9$$

[5]

4. $y = x - \ln x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$$

At turning points, $1 - \frac{1}{x} = 0$

$$\frac{1}{x} = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

The only turning point is at $x = 1$.

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When $x = 1$, $y = 1 - \ln 1 = 1 - 0 = 1$

The turning point is $(1, 1)$.

[5]

5. (i) $y = e^{2x} \cos x$

$$\text{Let } u = e^{2x} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2e^{2x}$$

$$\text{Let } v = \cos x \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = -\sin x$$

$$\text{Using the product rule: } \frac{dy}{dx} = -e^{2x} \sin x + 2e^{2x} \cos x$$

$$\text{At turning points, } -e^{2x} \sin x + 2e^{2x} \cos x = 0$$

$$\sin x = 2 \cos x$$

$$\tan x = 2$$

[5]

(ii) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -e^{2x} \sin x + 2e^{2x} \cos x$

$$\text{When } x = 0, \text{ gradient} = -e^0 \sin 0 + 2e^0 \cos 0 = 2$$

$$\text{Gradient of normal} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, y = e^0 \cos 0 = 1$$

$$\text{Equation of normal is } y - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 0)$$

$$2(y - 1) = -x$$

$$2y + x = 2$$

[5]

6. (i) $y = x^2 e^{-x}$

$$\text{When } x = 0, y = 0.$$

The only point where the curve cuts the axes is $(0, 0)$.

[1]

(ii) Let $u = x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2x$

$$\text{Let } v = e^{-x} \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = -e^{-x}$$

$$\text{Using the product rule, } \frac{dy}{dx} = -x^2 e^{-x} + 2x e^{-x} = x e^{-x} (2 - x)$$

$$\text{At turning points, } x e^{-x} (2 - x) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, y = 0$$

$$\text{When } x = 2, y = \frac{4}{e^2}$$

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	$x < 0$	$0 < x < 2$	$x > 2$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	-ve ↘	+ve ↗	-ve ↘

From table, $(0, 0)$ is a minimum point and $\left(2, \frac{4}{e^2}\right)$ is a maximum point.

[8]