

Higher Mathematics

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Straight Lines

Distance Formula

• Distance = $\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$ between points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2)

Gradients

- $m = \frac{y_2 y_1}{x_2 x_1}$ between the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) where $x_1 \neq x_2$
- Positive gradients, negative gradients, zero gradients, undefined gradients

$$eg \ y = 4 eg \ x = 2$$

- Lines with the same gradient are parallel
 - eg The line parallel to 2y + 3x = 5
 - has gradient $m = -\frac{3}{2}$ since 2y + 3x = 5

$$2y = -3x + 5$$

 $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$ (must be in the form y = mx + c)

- Perpendicular lines have gradients such that $m \times m_{\text{perp.}} = -1$
 - eg if $m = \frac{2}{3}$ then $m_{\text{perp.}} = -\frac{3}{2}$
- $m = \tan \theta$



 $\theta \text{ is the angle that the line makes with} \\ \text{positive direction} \qquad \text{the positive direction of the } x\text{-axis} \\$

Equation of a Straight Line

• The line passing through (a, b) with gradient *m* has equation:

$$y-b=m(x-a)$$

Medians



- M is the midpoint of AC, ie $M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$
- BM is **not** usually perpendicular to AC, so $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$ cannot be used
- To work out the gradient of BM, use the gradient formula

Altitudes



Perpendicular Bisectors



- D is **not** usually the midpoint of AC
- BD is perpendicular to AC, so $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$ can be used to work out the gradient of BD
- CD passes through midpoint of AC
- CD is perpendicular to AB, so $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$ can be used to find the gradient of CD
- Perpendicular bisectors do not necessarily have to appear within a triangle they can occur with straight lines

Functions and Graphs

Composite Functions

Example

If
$$f(x) = x^2 - 2$$
 and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, find a formula for
(a) $h(x) = f(g(x))$
(b) $k(x) = g(f(x))$

and state a suitable domain for each.

(a) h(x) = f(g(x)) $= f(\frac{1}{x})$ $= (\frac{1}{x})^2 - 2$ $= \frac{1}{x^2} - 2$ (b) k(x) = g(f(x)) $= g(x^2 - 2)$ $= \frac{1}{x^2 - 2}$ Domain: $\{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \pm \sqrt{2}\}$

Domain: $\{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0\}$

• You will probably only be asked for a domain if the function involved a fraction or an even root. Remember that in a fraction the denominator cannot be zero and any number being square rooted cannot be negative

eg $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ could have domain: $\{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, x \ge -1\}$

Graphs of Inverses

• To draw the graph of an inverse function, reflect the graph of the function in the line y = x



Exponential and Logarithmic Functions





Graph Transformations

The next page shows the effect of transformations on the two graphs shown below.



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Function	Effect	Effect on $f(x)$	Effect on sinx°
f(x)+a	Shifts the graph <i>a</i> up the <i>y</i> -axis	y = g(x) + 1 (2,3) (3,1) (-1,1) (3,1)	$y = \sin x^{\circ} + 1$ 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
f(x+a)	Shifts the graph $-a$ along the <i>x</i> -axis	y = g(x+1) (1, 2) -2 0 2 x	$y \qquad y = \sin(x - 90)^{\circ}$ 1 0 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1
-f(x)	Reflects the graph in the <i>x</i> -axis	y = -g(x) $y = -g(x)$ $(2, -2)$	$y \qquad y = -\sin x^{\circ}$ $1 \qquad x \qquad $
f(-x)	Reflects the graph in the <i>y</i> -axis	(-2, 2) y $y = g(-x)-3$ 0 1 x	$y = \sin(-x^{\circ}) \qquad y \qquad 1$ $1 \qquad 0 \qquad x$ $-360^{\circ} -180^{\circ}$
<i>kf</i> (<i>x</i>)	Scales the graph vertically Stretches if k > 1 Compresses if k < 1	y (2,4) y = 2g(x) -10 3 x	$y = \frac{1}{2} \sin x^{\circ}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $180^{\circ} 360^{\circ}$
f(kx)	Scales the graph horizontally Compresses if k > 1 Stretches if k < 1	$y = g(2x)$ $-\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} x$	$y = \sin 2x^{\circ}$ $y = \sin 2x^{\circ}$ $y = \sin 2x^{\circ}$ $y = \sin 2x^{\circ}$ x $y = \sin 2x^{\circ}$ x $y = \sin 2x^{\circ}$

Differentiation

Differentiating

- If $f(x) = ax^n$ then $f'(x) = anx^{n-1}$
- Before you differentiate, all brackets should be multiplied out, and there should be no fractions with an *x* term in the denominator (bottom line), for example:

$$\frac{1}{3x^2} = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2} \qquad \qquad \frac{3}{x^2} = 3x^{-2} \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Equations of Tangents

- Tangents are straight lines, therefore to find the equation of a tangent, you need a point on the line and its gradient to substitute into y b = m(x a)
- You will always be given one coordinate of the point which the tangent touches
- Find the other coordinate by solving the equation of the curve
- Find the gradient by differentiating then substituting in the *x*-coordinate of the point

Example

Find the equation of the tangent to the graph of $y = \sqrt{x^3}$ at the point where x = 9.

$$y = \sqrt{x^{3}} \qquad y = \sqrt{x^{3}} \qquad \text{At } x = 9, \ m = \frac{3}{2} \times 9^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad y - b = m(x - a)$$

$$= \sqrt{9^{3}} \qquad = x^{\frac{3}{2}} \qquad = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{9} \qquad y - 27 = \frac{9}{2}(x - 9)$$

$$= 3^{3} \qquad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad = \frac{3}{2} \times 3 \qquad 2y - 54 = 9x - 81$$

$$= 27 \qquad \qquad = \frac{9}{2} \qquad 2y = 9x - 27$$
(9, 27)

• Stationary points occur at points where $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

• You must justify the nature of turning points or points of inflection

Graphs of Derived Functions



Optimisation

- These types of questions are usually practical problems which involve maximum or minimum areas or volumes
- Remember you must show that a maximum or minimum exists

Sequences

Linear Recurrence Relations

- A linear recurrence relation is in the form $u_{n+1} = au_n + b$. Also be aware that this may be written as $u_n = au_{n-1} + b$
- If -1 < a < 1 then a limit $l = \frac{b}{1-a}$ exists. You must state this whenever you use the limit formula

Polynomials and Quadratics

Polynomials

- The degree of a polynomial is the value of the highest power, eg $3x^4 + 3$ has degree 4
- Synthetic division (nested form) can be used to factorise polynomials

Example

- If the divisor is a factor then the remainder is zero
- If the remainder is zero then the divisor is a factor

Completing the Square

- The x^2 term must have a coefficient of one. If it does not, you must take out a common factor from the x^2 and x term, but not the constant
- In the form $y = a(x + p)^2 + q$ the turning point of the graph is (-p, q)

Example

Write
$$3x^2 - 12x + 7$$
 in the form $a(x + p)^2 + q$.
 $3x^2 - 12x + 7$
 $= 3(x^2 - 4x) + 7$
 $= 3(x^2 - 4x + (-2)^2 - (-2)^2) + 7$
 $= 3((x - 2)^2 - 4) + 7$
 $= 3(x - 2)^2 - 12 + 7$
 $= 3(x - 2)^2 - 5$

Note that in this example, the graph is \cup -shaped since the x^2 coefficient is positive; and the turning point is (2, -5).

The Discriminant

• The discriminant is part of the quadratic formula and can be used to indicate how many roots a quadratic has. For the quadratic $ax^2 + bx + c$:



- The discriminant can also be used to calculate the number of intersections between a line and a curve. To use it, you must first equate them and set equal to zero, before using the discriminant
- Remember if $b^2 4ac = 0$, the line is a tangent

Integration

Integrating

•
$$\int ax^n \ dx = \frac{ax^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$$

• As with differentiation, all brackets must be multiplied out, and there must be no fractions with an *x* term in the denominator

Examples

1. Find
$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt[3]{x^5}}$$
.
2. $\int \frac{x^2 + 5x^7}{x^2} dx$
 $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt[3]{x^5}} = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^5}} dx$
 $= \int x^{-\frac{5}{8}} dx$
 $= \frac{x^{\frac{3}{8}}}{\frac{3}{8}} + c$
 $= \frac{8}{3} \sqrt[3]{x^3} + c$
2. $\int \frac{x^2 + 5x^7}{x^2} dx$
 $\int \frac{x^2 + 5x^7}{x^2} dx = \int x^{-2} (x^2 + 5x^7) dx$
 $= \int x^{-5} dx$
 $= \int 1 + 5x^5 dx$
 $= x + \frac{5}{6} x^6 + c$

The Area under a Curve

• If F(x) is the integral of f(x), then $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$



• Remember that areas split by the *x*-axis must be calculated separately and any negative signs ignored; these just show that the area is under the axis.

The Area between two Curves

• The area between the graphs of y = f(x) and y = g(x) is defined as $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) - g(x) dx$



If the limits are not given, f(x) and g(x) should be equated to find *a* and *b*

Trigonometry

Background Knowledge

You should know how to use all of the information below:

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$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

- $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$
- The sine rule: $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$
- The cosine rule: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 2bc \cos A$ or $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 a^2}{2bc}$

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- The area of a triangle, $A = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$
- CAST diagrams
- Exact values:



Radians

• You should know how to convert between radians and degrees:

$360^{\circ} = 2\pi$	$90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2}$	$45^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{4}$	Degrees $\xrightarrow{\div 180 \times \pi}$ Radians
$180^{\circ} = \pi$	$60^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{3}$	$30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}$	Radians $\xrightarrow{\times 180} \div \pi \longrightarrow$ Degrees
eg $\frac{5}{6}\pi = \frac{5\times}{6}$	$\frac{180}{6} = 150^{\circ}$		

Trigonometric Equations

- Look at the restrictions on the domain, eg $0 \le x^{\circ} < 360$, or $0 \le x < \pi$
- Be aware of whether the answer is required in degrees or radians
- Remember a CAST diagram whenever you are asked to "solve"

Examples

1. Solve
$$3\sin^2 x^\circ = 1$$
 where $0 \le x^\circ < 360$.
 $3\sin^2 x^\circ = 1$
 $3(\sin x^\circ)^2 = 1$
 $(\sin x^\circ)^2 = \frac{1}{3}$
 $\sin x^\circ = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$
 $x^\circ = \sin^{-1} \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \right)$
 $x^\circ = 35.3^\circ$
 $x^\circ = 180 - 35.3$
 $x^\circ = 180 + 35.3$
 $x^\circ = 360 - 35.3$
 $x^\circ = 324.7^\circ$

Solution set = {35.3°, 144.7°, 215.3°, 324.7°}

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2. Solve $2\sin 2x - 1 = 0$, $0 \le x < 2\pi$. $2\sin 2x - 1 = 0$ $2\sin 2x = 1$ $12x = \frac{1}{2}$ $2x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ S = A T = C $\sin 2x = \frac{1}{2}$ $2x^{\circ} = 180^{\circ} - 30^{\circ}$ $2x^{\circ} = 30^{\circ}$ $x^{\circ} = 15^{\circ}$ $2x^{\circ} = 150^{\circ}$ $x^{\circ} = 75^{\circ}$ $2x^{\circ} = 360^{\circ} + 30^{\circ}$ $2x^{\circ} = 360^{\circ} + 180^{\circ} - 30^{\circ}$ $2x^{\circ} = 390^{\circ}$ $2x^{\circ} = 510^{\circ}$ $x^{\circ} = 195^{\circ}$ $x^{\circ} = 255^{\circ}$ $15^{\circ} = \frac{15}{180}\pi \qquad 75^{\circ} = \frac{75}{180}\pi \qquad 195^{\circ} = \frac{195}{180}\pi \qquad 255^{\circ} = \frac{255}{180}\pi$ $=\frac{3}{36}\pi = \frac{15}{36}\pi = \frac{39}{36}\pi$ $=\frac{51}{36}\pi$ $=\frac{5}{12}\pi$ $=\frac{13}{12}\pi$ $=\frac{17}{12}\pi$ $=\frac{\pi}{12}$

Solutions set = $\left\{\frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5}{12}\pi, \frac{13}{12}\pi, \frac{17}{12}\pi\right\}$

Compound Angle Formulae

- $\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$
- $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$
- These are given on the formula sheet

Double Angle Formulae

- $\sin 2A = 2\sin A\cos A$
- $\cos 2A = \cos^2 A \sin^2 A$ = $1 - 2\sin^2 A$

$$= 2\cos^2 A - 1$$

• These are given on the formula sheet

Circles

Equations of Circles

- A circle with centre (a, b) and radius r has the equation $(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = r^2$
- Note that if a circle has centre (0, 0) then the equation is $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$
- The equation can also be given in the form $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ where the centre is (-g, -f) and the radius $r = \sqrt{g^2 + f^2 c}$
- You do not have to remember any of these equations, since they are all given in the exam
- You will have to remember the distance formula, $d = \sqrt{(x_2 x_1)^2 + (y_2 y_1)^2}$, since this is not given, and is frequently used in circle questions

Intersection of a Line and a Circle







two intersections

one intersection (tangency)

• Remember, a tangent and a line from the centre of a circle will meet at right angles, which means that $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$ can be used

Vectors

Basic Facts

- A vector is a quantity with both magnitude (size) and direction
- A vector is named either by using a directed line segment (eg \overrightarrow{AB}) or a bold letter (eg *u* written \underline{u})
- A vector may also be defined in terms of \underline{i} , \underline{j} and \underline{k} , the unit vectors in three perpendicular directions:

$$\underline{i} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \underline{j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \underline{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• The magnitude of vector $\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ is defined as $\left| \overrightarrow{AB} \right| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

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•
$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \pm \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \pm b_1 \\ a_2 \pm b_2 \\ a_3 \pm b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 • $k \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ka_1 \\ ka_2 \\ ka_3 \end{pmatrix}$ where k is a scalar • Zero vector: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- \overrightarrow{OA} is called the position vector of the point A relative to the origin, written \underline{a}
- $\overrightarrow{AB} = \underline{b} \underline{a}$ where \underline{a} and \underline{b} are the position vectors of A and B
- If $\overrightarrow{AB} = k\overrightarrow{BC}$ where k is a scalar, then \overrightarrow{AB} is parallel to \overrightarrow{BC} . Since B is common to both \overrightarrow{AB} and $k\overrightarrow{BC}$, then A, B and C are collinear

Dividing Vectors in a Ratio

- The point P can also be worked out from first principles, or
- Using the section formula. If P divides \overline{AB} in the ratio m:n, then:

$$\underline{p} = \frac{n}{m+n}\underline{a} + \frac{m}{m+n}\underline{b} \quad \text{where } \underline{p} \text{ is the position vector } \overrightarrow{OP}$$

Example

P is the point (-2, 4, -1) and R is the point (8, -1, 19). Point T divides \overrightarrow{PR} in the ratio 2:3. Work out the coordinates of point T.

$$P \bullet \xrightarrow{2:3} R$$

Using the section formula

The ratio is 2:3, so let m = 2 and n = 3

$$\underline{t} = \frac{n}{m+n} \underline{p} + \frac{m}{m+n} \underline{r}$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \underline{p} + \frac{2}{5} \underline{r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left(3 \underline{p} + 2 \underline{r} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[\begin{pmatrix} -6\\12\\-3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 16\\-2\\38 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 10\\10\\35 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2\\2\\7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore T is the point (2, 2, 7).

From first principles

$$\frac{\overrightarrow{PT}}{\overrightarrow{TR}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3\overrightarrow{PT} = 2\overrightarrow{TR}$$

$$3(\underline{t} - \underline{p}) = 2(\underline{r} - \underline{t})$$

$$3\underline{t} - 3\underline{p} = 2\underline{r} - 2\underline{t}$$

$$3\underline{t} + 2\underline{t} = 2\underline{r} + 3\underline{p}$$

$$5\underline{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 16\\-2\\38 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -6\\12\\-3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$5\underline{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 10\\10\\35 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\\2\\7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore T is the point (2, 2, 7).

The Scalar Product

- The scalar product $\underline{a}.\underline{b} = |\underline{a}||\underline{b}|\cos\theta$, where θ is the smallest angle between \underline{a} and \underline{b}
- Remember that both vectors must point away from the angle, eg



• If
$$\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$ then $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$

- $\cos\theta = \frac{\underline{a}.\underline{b}}{|\underline{a}||\underline{b}|}$ or $\cos\theta = \frac{a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3}{|\underline{a}||\underline{b}|}$
- If \underline{a} and \underline{b} are perpendicular then $\underline{a}.\underline{b} = 0$
- If $\underline{a}.\underline{b} = 0$ then \underline{a} and \underline{b} are perpendicular

Example

If
$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, calculate the angle between the vectors $\underline{u} + \underline{v}$ and $\underline{u} - \underline{v}$.

Let
$$\underline{a} = \underline{u} + \underline{v}$$

 $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 8\\0\\4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 8\\0\\4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 12\\0\\5 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4\\0\\3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\underline{a}.\underline{b}}{|\underline{a}||\underline{b}|}$$

= $\frac{(12 \times 4) + (0 \times 0) + (5 \times 3)}{\sqrt{12^2 + 0^2 + 5^2}\sqrt{4^2 + 0^2 + 3^2}}$
= $\frac{63}{\sqrt{169}\sqrt{25}}$
 $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{63}{\sqrt{169}\sqrt{25}}\right)$
= 14.3°

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Further Calculus

Trigonometry

Differentiation

• This is straightforward, since the formulae are given on the formula sheet:

f(x)	f'(x)
sin ax	a cos ax
cos dx	$-a\sin ax$

Integration

• Again, the formulae are provided in the paper:

f(x)	$\int f(x)dx$
sin ax	$-\frac{1}{a}\cos ax + c$
cos dx	$\frac{1}{a}\sin ax + c$

Examples

1. Differentiate $x^3 + \cos 3x$ with respect to x.

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(x^3 + \cos 3x\right) = 3x^2 - 3\sin 3x$$

2. Find $\int 4x^3 + \sin 3x \, dx$.

$$\int 4x^3 + \sin 3x \, dx = \frac{4x^4}{4} - \frac{1}{3}\cos 3x + c$$
$$= x^4 - \frac{1}{3}\cos 3x + c$$

Chain Rule Differentiation

• If
$$f(x) = (ax+b)^n$$
 then $f'(x) = n(ax+b)^{n-1} \times a = an(ax+b)^{n-1}$
or

- If $f(x) = (p(x))^n$ then $f'(x) = n(p(x))^{n-1} \times p'(x)$
- "The power multiplies to the front, the bracket stays the same, the power lowers by one and everything is multiplied by the differential of the bracket"

Examples

1. Given
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} + \sqrt{x} - \sin 3x$$
, find $f'(x)$.
 $f(x) = x^{-2} + x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \sin 3x$
 $f'(x) = -2x^{-3} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 3\cos 3x$
 $= -\frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} - 3\cos 3x$
2. Given $f(x) = (3x^2 + 2x + 1)^3$, find $f'(x)$.
 $f'(x) = 3(3x^2 + 2x + 1)^2 \times (6x + 2)$
 $= 3(6x + 2)(3x^2 + 2x + 1)^2$

3. Differentiate $y = \cos^2 x = (\cos x)^2$ with respect to x. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(\cos x) \times (-\sin x)$ $= -2\cos x \sin x$

Integration of $(ax + b)^n$

•
$$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{(ax+b)^{n+1}}{(n+1)\times a} + c$$

Example

Find
$$\int (3x+5)^4 dx$$
.
 $\int (3x+5)^4 dx = \frac{(3x+5)^5}{5\times 3} + c = \frac{(3x+5)^5}{15} + c$

• It is possible for any type of 'further calculus' to be examined in the style of a standard calculus question (eg optimisation, area under a curve, etc)

Exponentials and Logarithms

- An exponential is a function in the form $f(x) = a^x$
- Logarithms and exponentials are inverses
- $y = a^x \Leftrightarrow \log_a y = x$
- On a calculator, \log is \log_{10} and \ln is \log_e

Laws of Logarithms

- $\log_a x + \log_a y = \log_a xy$ (Squash)
- $\log_a x \log_a y = \log_a \frac{x}{y}$ (Split)
- $\log_a x^n = n \log_a x$ (Fly)

Examples

1. Evaluate $\log_2 4 + \log_2 6 - \log_2 3$

$$\log_2 4 + \log_2 6 - \log_2$$
$$= \log_2 \left(\frac{4 \times 6}{3}\right)$$
$$= \log_2 8$$
$$= 3 \quad (\text{since } 2^3 = 8)$$

2. Below is a diagram of part of the graph of $y = ke^{0.7x}$

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(a) Find the value of k

(b) The line with equation x = 1 intersects at R. Find the coordinates of R.

(a) At (0,3),
$$y = ke^{0.7x}$$

 $3 = ke^{0.7\times 0}$
 $3 = ke^{0}$
 $k = 3$
(b) $x = 1 \Longrightarrow y = 3e^{0.7\times 1}$
 $= 6.04$

So R is the point (1, 6.04).

The Wave Function

Example

1. Express $\sqrt{6} \sin x^\circ$ –	$-\sqrt{2}\cos x^{\circ}$ in the form $k\cos(x-a)$	° where $0 \le a^\circ < 360$.
$k\cos(x-a)^\circ = k\cos(x-a)$	$\cos x^{\circ} \cos a^{\circ} + k \sin x^{\circ} \sin a^{\circ}$	
= k c c	$\cos a^{\circ} \cos x^{\circ} + k \sin a^{\circ} \sin x^{\circ}$	
$k \cos a^{\circ} = -\sqrt{2}$ $k \sin a^{\circ} = \sqrt{6}$ $\checkmark \checkmark \frac{S A \checkmark}{T C}$	$k = \sqrt{\left(-\sqrt{2}\right)^2 + \sqrt{6}^2}$ $= \sqrt{2+6}$ $= \sqrt{8}$ $= 2\sqrt{2}$	$\tan a^{\circ} = \frac{k \sin a^{\circ}}{k \cos a^{\circ}}$ $= -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{2}}$ $= -\sqrt{3}$
		$a^{\circ} = 180^{\circ} - \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$ = 180^{\circ} - 60^{\circ} = 120^{\circ}

Therefore $\sqrt{6} \sin x^\circ - \sqrt{2} \cos x^\circ = 2\sqrt{2} \cos(x - 120)^\circ$.

2. Express $\cos x - \sin x$ in the form $k \sin(x + \alpha)$ where $0 \le \alpha < 2\pi$.

 $k\sin(x+\alpha) = k\sin x \cos \alpha + k\cos x \sin \alpha$ $= k\cos \alpha \sin x + k\sin \alpha \cos x$

Therefore $\cos x - \sin x = \sqrt{2} \sin \left(x + \frac{3}{4} \pi \right)$.

- The maximum value of an expression in the form $k\cos(x\pm a)$ occurs when $\cos(x\pm a)=1$; and $\sin(x\pm a)=1$ for $k\sin(x\pm a)$
- The minimum value of an expression in the form $k\cos(x \pm a)$ occurs when $\cos(x \pm a) = -1$; and $\sin(x \pm a) = -1$ for $k\sin(x \pm a)$