Edexcel Maths C4

Topic Questions from Papers

Coordinate Geometry

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Parametric Differentiation

6. A curve has parametric equations

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

(a) Find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of the parameter t.

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(b) Find an equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

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(c) Find a cartesian equation of the curve in the form y = f(x). State the domain on which the curve is defined.

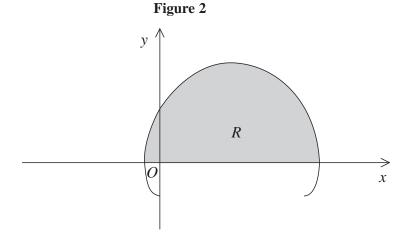
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The curve shown in Figure 2 has parametric equations

$$x = t - 2\sin t$$
, $y = 1 - 2\cos t$, $0 \leqslant t \leqslant 2\pi$.

(a) Show that the curve crosses the x-axis where $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$ and $t = \frac{5\pi}{3}$.

The finite region R is enclosed by the curve and the x-axis, as shown shaded in Figure 2.

(b) Show that the area of R is given by the integral

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{5\pi}{3}} (1 - 2\cos t)^2 \mathrm{d}t.$$

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(c) Use this integral to find the exact value of the shaded area.

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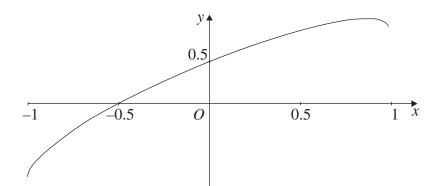
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Figure 2



The curve shown in Figure 2 has parametric equations

$$x = \sin t$$
, $y = \sin (t + \frac{\pi}{6})$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} < t < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

- (a) Find an equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$. **(6)**
- (b) Show that a cartesian equation of the curve is

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(1-x^2)}, \quad -1 < x < 1.$$



A curve has parametric equations

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

(a) Find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t. You need not simplify your answer.

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(b) Find an equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Give your answer in the form y = ax + b, where a and b are constants to be determined.

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

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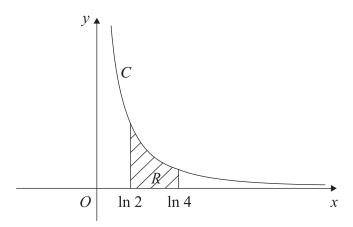


Figure 3

The curve C has parametric equations

$$x = \ln(t+2), \quad y = \frac{1}{(t+1)}, \quad t > -1.$$

The finite region R between the curve C and the x-axis, bounded by the lines with equations $x = \ln 2$ and $x = \ln 4$, is shown shaded in Figure 3.

(a) Show that the area of R is given by the integral

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{(t+1)(t+2)} \, \mathrm{d}t.$$
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(b) Hence find an exact value for this area.

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(c) Find a cartesian equation of the curve C, in the form y = f(x).

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(d) State the domain of values for x for this curve.

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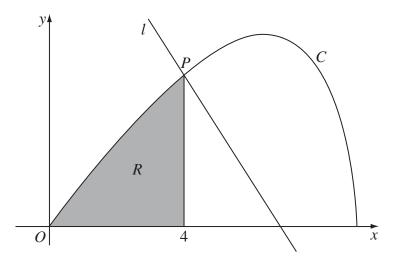


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows the curve C with parametric equations

$$x = 8\cos t$$
, $y = 4\sin 2t$, $0 \le t \le \frac{\pi}{2}$.

The point *P* lies on *C* and has coordinates $(4, 2\sqrt{3})$.

(a) Find the value of t at the point P.

(2)

The line *l* is a normal to *C* at *P*.

(b) Show that an equation for *l* is $y = -x\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3}$.

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The finite region R is enclosed by the curve C, the x-axis and the line x = 4, as shown shaded in Figure 3.

- (c) Show that the area of R is given by the integral $\int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 64 \sin^2 t \cos t \, dt.$ (4)
- (d) Use this integral to find the area of R, giving your answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{3}$, where a and b are constants to be determined.

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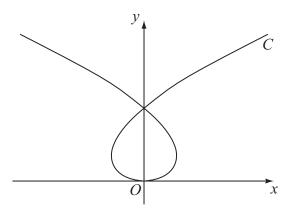


Figure 3

The curve *C* shown in Figure 3 has parametric equations

$$x = t^3 - 8t, \quad y = t^2$$

where t is a parameter. Given that the point A has parameter t = -1,

(a) find the coordinates of A.

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The line l is the tangent to C at A.

(b) Show that an equation for *l* is 2x - 5y - 9 = 0.

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The line l also intersects the curve at the point B.

(c) Find the coordinates of B.

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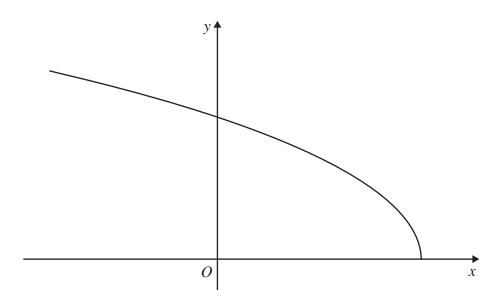


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations

$$x = 2\cos 2t$$
, $y = 6\sin t$, $0 \leqslant t \leqslant \frac{\pi}{2}$

(a) Find the gradient of the curve at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

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(b) Find a cartesian equation of the curve in the form

$$y = f(x), -k \leqslant x \leqslant k,$$

stating the value of the constant k.

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(c) Write down the range of f(x).

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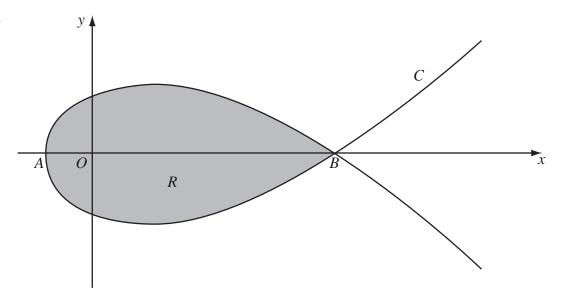


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve C with parametric equations

$$x = 5t^2 - 4$$
, $y = t(9 - t^2)$

The curve C cuts the x-axis at the points A and B.

(a) Find the *x*-coordinate at the point *A* and the *x*-coordinate at the point *B*.

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The region R, as shown shaded in Figure 2, is enclosed by the loop of the curve.

(b) Use integration to find the area of R.

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4. A curve C has parametric equations

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

(a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t.

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The tangent to C at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$ cuts the x-axis at the point P.

(b) Find the x-coordinate of P.

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6. The curve C has parametric equations

$$x = \ln t$$
, $y = t^2 - 2$, $t > 0$

Find

(a) an equation of the normal to C at the point where t = 3,

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(b) a cartesian equation of C.

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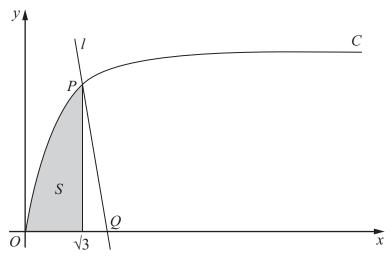


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows part of the curve C with parametric equations

$$x = \tan \theta$$
, $y = \sin \theta$, $0 \le \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

The point *P* lies on *C* and has coordinates $\left(\sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}\right)$.

(a) Find the value of θ at the point P.

(2)

The line l is a normal to C at P. The normal cuts the x-axis at the point Q.

(b) Show that Q has coordinates $(k\sqrt{3}, 0)$, giving the value of the constant k.

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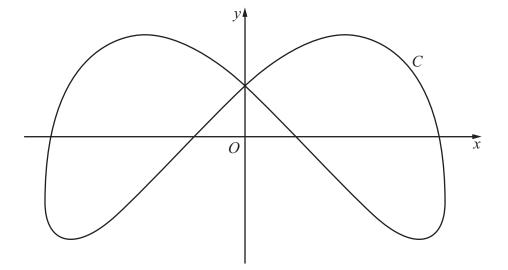


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve C with parametric equations

$$x = 4\sin\left(t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right), \quad y = 3\cos 2t, \quad 0 \leqslant t < 2\pi$$

(a) Find an expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t.

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(b) Find the coordinates of all the points on C where $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

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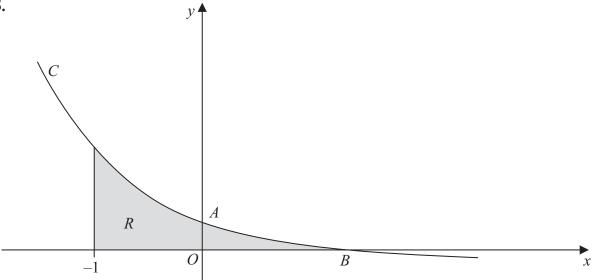


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve C with parametric equations

$$x = 1 - \frac{1}{2}t$$
, $y = 2^t - 1$

The curve crosses the y-axis at the point A and crosses the x-axis at the point B.

(a) Show that A has coordinates (0, 3).

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(b) Find the x coordinate of the point B.

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(c) Find an equation of the normal to C at the point A.

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The region R, as shown shaded in Figure 2, is bounded by the curve C, the line x = -1 and the x-axis.

(d) Use integration to find the exact area of R.

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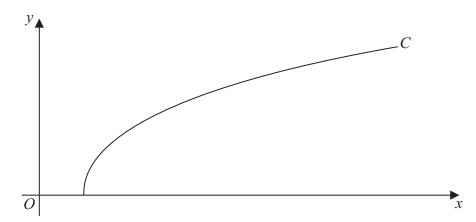


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve C with parametric equations

$$x = 27 \sec^3 t$$
, $y = 3 \tan t$, $0 \le t \le \frac{\pi}{3}$

- (a) Find the gradient of the curve C at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$
- (b) Show that the cartesian equation of C may be written in the form

$$y = (x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 9)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$
 $a \le x \le b$

stating the values of a and b.

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4. A curve C has parametric equations

$$x = 2\sin t$$
, $y = 1 - \cos 2t$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leqslant t \leqslant \frac{\pi}{2}$

(a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{6}$

(4)

(b) Find a cartesian equation for C in the form

$$y = f(x), -k \le x \le k,$$

stating the value of the constant k.

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(c) Write down the range of f(x).

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Candidates sitting C4 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1, C2 and C3.

Integration (+ constant)

$$f(x) \qquad \int f(x) dx$$

$$\sec^2 kx \qquad \frac{1}{k} \tan kx$$

$$\tan x \qquad \ln|\sec x|$$

$$\cot x \qquad \ln|\sin x|$$

$$\csc x \qquad -\ln|\csc x + \cot x|, \quad \ln|\tan(\frac{1}{2}x)|$$

$$\sec x \qquad \ln|\sec x + \tan x|, \quad \ln|\tan(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}\pi)|$$

$$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$$

Candidates sitting C3 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1 and C2.

Logarithms and exponentials

$$e^{x \ln a} = a^x$$

Trigonometric identities

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B} \qquad (A \pm B \neq (k + \frac{1}{2})\pi)$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2}$$

Differentiation

f(x) f'(x)
tan kx
$$k \sec^2 kx$$

sec x $\sec x \tan x$
cot x $-\csc^2 x$
cosec x $-\csc x \cot x$

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$$

Candidates sitting C2 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1.

Cosine rule

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Binomial series

$$(a+b)^{n} = a^{n} + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2}b^{2} + \dots + \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r}b^{r} + \dots + b^{n} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$
where $\binom{n}{r} = {}^{n}C_{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

$$(1+x)^{n} = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \times 2}x^{2} + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{1 \times 2 \times \dots \times r}x^{r} + \dots \quad (|x| < 1, n \in \mathbb{R})$$

Logarithms and exponentials

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

Geometric series

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$
 for $|r| < 1$

Numerical integration

The trapezium rule:
$$\int_{a}^{b} y \, dx \approx \frac{1}{2} h\{(y_0 + y_n) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + ... + y_{n-1})\}$$
, where $h = \frac{b - a}{n}$

Mensuration

Surface area of sphere = $4\pi r^2$

Area of curved surface of cone = $\pi r \times \text{slant height}$

Arithmetic series

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}n(a+l) = \frac{1}{2}n[2a+(n-1)d]$$