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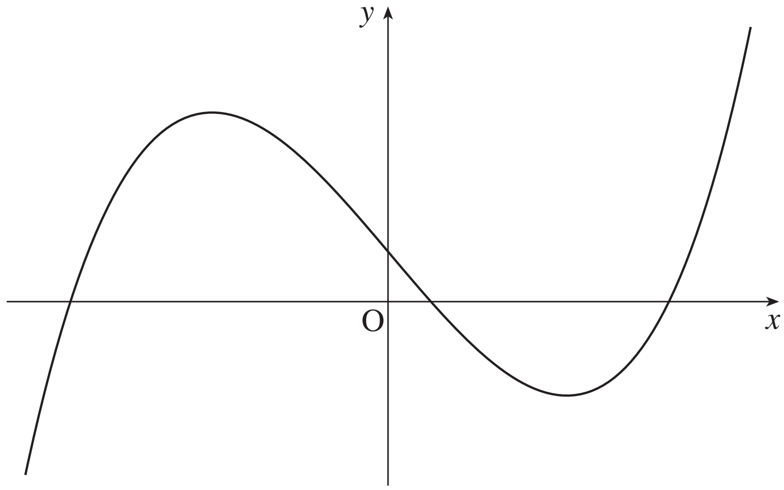

Fig. 11

The equation of the curve shown in Fig. 11 is $y = x^3 - 6x + 2$.

(i) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$. [2]

(ii) Find, in exact form, the range of values of x for which $x^3 - 6x + 2$ is a decreasing function. [3]

(iii) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point $(-1, 7)$.

Find also the coordinates of the point where this tangent crosses the curve again. [6]

2 Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = x^6 + \sqrt{x}$. [3]

3 **(i)** Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = x^4$ at the point where $x = 2$. Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. **[4]**

(ii) Calculate the gradient of the chord joining the points on the curve $y = x^4$ where $x = 2$ and $x = 2.1$. **[2]**

(iii) (A) Expand $(2 + h)^4$. **[3]**

(B) Simplify $\frac{(2+h)^4 - 2^4}{h}$. **[2]**

(C) Show how your result in part **(iii)** (B) can be used to find the gradient of $y = x^4$ at the point where $x = 2$. **[2]**

4 **(i)** Calculate the gradient of the chord joining the points on the curve $y = x^2 - 7$ for which $x = 3$ and $x = 3.1$. **[2]**

(ii) Given that $f(x) = x^2 - 7$, find and simplify $\frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h}$. **[3]**

(iii) Use your result in part **(ii)** to find the gradient of $y = x^2 - 7$ at the point where $x = 3$, showing your reasoning. **[2]**

(iv) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = x^2 - 7$ at the point where $x = 3$. **[2]**

(v) This tangent crosses the x-axis at the point P. The curve crosses the positive x-axis at the point Q. Find the distance PQ, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. **[3]**

5 **(i)**

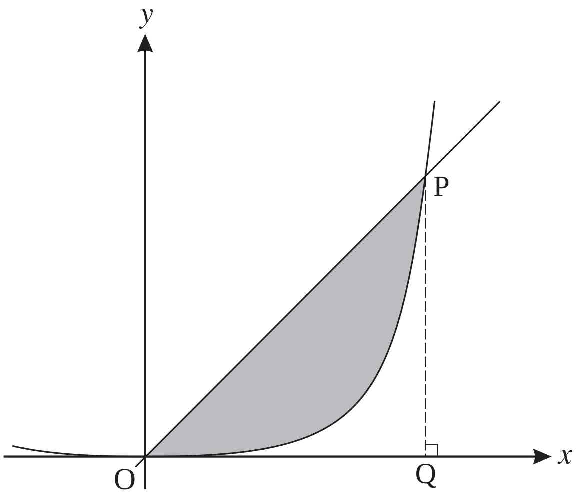

Fig. 12

Fig. 12 shows part of the curve $y = x^4$ and the line $y = 8x$, which intersect at the origin and the point P.

(A) Find the coordinates of P, and show that the area of triangle OPQ is 16 square units. [3]

(B) Find the area of the region bounded by the line and the curve. [3]

(ii) You are given that $\mathrm{f}(x) = x^4$.

(A) Complete this identity for $\mathrm{f}(x+h)$.

$$\mathrm{f}(x+h) = (x+h)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3h + \ldots$$ [2]

(B) Simplify $\dfrac{\mathrm{f}(x+h) - \mathrm{f}(x)}{h}$. [2]

(C) Find $\lim\limits_{h \to 0} \dfrac{\mathrm{f}(x+h) - \mathrm{f}(x)}{h}$. [1]

(D) State what this limit represents. [1]