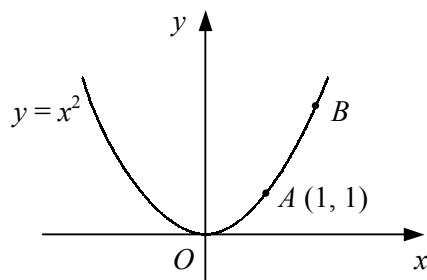


You will need to use a calculator for this worksheet

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The diagram shows the curve  $y = x^2$  which passes through the point  $A(1, 1)$  and the point  $B$ .

- a** Copy and complete the table to find the gradient of the chord  $AB$  when the  $x$ -coordinate of  $B$  takes each of the given values.

$x$ -coordinate of $B$	$y$ -coordinate of $B$	gradient of $AB$
2	4	$\frac{4-1}{2-1} = 3$
1.1	1.21	
1.01		
1.001		

- b** Suggest a value for the gradient of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^2$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .
- c** Repeat part **a** using 0, 0.9, 0.99 and 0.999 as the  $x$ -coordinates of  $B$  and comment on your answer to part **b**.
- 2 Use a similar table of values to that in question 1 to find a value for the gradient of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^2$  at the point  $A$  when  $A$  has the coordinates
- a** (2, 4)      **b** (4, 16)      **c** (1.5, 2.25)      **d** (-3, 9)
- 3 **a** Using your answers to questions 1 and 2, suggest an expression in terms of  $x$  for the gradient of the curve  $y = x^2$  at the point  $(x, y)$ .
- b** Write down the gradient of the curve  $y = x^2$  at the points
- i** (6, 36)      **ii** (2.4, 5.76)      **iii** (-3.2, 10.24)
- 4 By considering the gradient of a suitable sequence of chords, find a value for the gradient of each curve at the given point.
- a**  $y = x^4$  at (1, 1)      **b**  $y = x^2 - 5x + 3$  at (2, -3)
- c**  $y = \sqrt{x}$  at (4, 2)      **d**  $y = \frac{2}{x}$  at (2, 1)
- 5 **a** By considering the gradient of a suitable sequence of chords, find a value for the gradient of the curve  $y = x^3$  at the points
- i** (1, 1)      **ii** (2, 8)      **iii** (3, 27)
- b** Suggest an expression of the form  $kx^n$  for the gradient of the curve  $y = x^3$  at the point  $(x, y)$ .
- c** Find the gradient of the curve  $y = x^3$  at the points
- i** (4, 64)      **ii** (-2, -8)      **iii** (1.5, 3.375)

**1** Differentiate with respect to  $x$ 

**a**  $x^2$

**b**  $x^4$

**c**  $x$

**d**  $x^9$

**e**  $x^{-3}$

**f**  $x^{-1}$

**g**  $4x^2$

**h**  $7x$

**i**  $2x^5$

**j**  $3$

**k**  $8x^{-2}$

**l**  $11x^{-4}$

**2** Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ 

**a**  $y = x^5 + x^2$

**b**  $y = x + x^3$

**c**  $y = x^4 + 2$

**d**  $y = x^6 - 2x$

**e**  $y = 6x^3 + 5x^{-2}$

**f**  $y = x^2 - 4x + 1$

**g**  $y = x^{-1} - x^{-5}$

**h**  $y = 4x^3 + 3x^{-4}$

**3** Differentiate with respect to  $t$ 

**a**  $t^6$

**b**  $5t^{-3}$

**c**  $t^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**d**  $t^{\frac{2}{3}}$

**e**  $\frac{3}{4}t^2$

**f**  $8t^{\frac{1}{4}}$

**g**  $2t^{\frac{7}{2}}$

**h**  $t^{-\frac{1}{5}}$

**i**  $\frac{1}{2}t^{\frac{6}{5}}$

**j**  $t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

**k**  $12t^{-\frac{5}{4}}$

**l**  $\frac{1}{6}t^{\frac{4}{3}}$

**4** Find  $f'(x)$ 

**a**  $f(x) = 2x + \frac{1}{3}x^6$

**b**  $f(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5$

**c**  $f(x) = x + 4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**d**  $f(x) = 6x^{\frac{5}{3}} - x^{-4}$

**e**  $f(x) = 7 + x^{-\frac{4}{5}}$

**f**  $f(x) = 2x^{\frac{1}{6}} + x^{\frac{3}{4}}$

**g**  $f(x) = 3x^{-1} - 5x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

**h**  $f(x) = 2 - 7x^{-1} + x^{-\frac{8}{3}}$

**5** Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ 

**a**  $y = \sqrt{x}$

**b**  $y = 4 - \frac{1}{x}$

**c**  $y = 3x^2 + \sqrt[3]{x}$

**d**  $y = 9x + \frac{3}{x}$

**e**  $y = \frac{1}{4x} - \frac{1}{x^2}$

**f**  $y = \frac{6}{\sqrt[4]{x}}$

**g**  $y = \sqrt{x^5}$

**h**  $y = 8\sqrt{x} + \frac{4}{3x^2}$

**6** Find  $\frac{ds}{dt}$ 

**a**  $s = t(t + 3)$

**b**  $s = (t - 2)^2$

**c**  $s = 5t(t^3 + 4t)$

**d**  $s = t^2(7t - t^{-1})$

**e**  $s = (t + 1)(t + 6)$

**f**  $s = (t - 4)(t + 2)$

**g**  $s = t(t^4 + 3t^2 + 9)$

**h**  $s = t(t - 1)(2t - 3)$

**7** Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ 

**a**  $y = \sqrt{x}(x - 4)$

**b**  $y = \frac{x^3 - 2x}{x}$

**c**  $y = \frac{4x^3 + x}{x^2}$

**d**  $y = \frac{x + 3}{\sqrt{x}}$

**e**  $y = \frac{4 - x^3}{2x}$

**f**  $y = \frac{5 + \sqrt{x}}{x^2}$

**g**  $y = \frac{9x - 2}{3x}$

**h**  $y = \frac{8x + x^3}{4\sqrt{x}}$

**8** In each case, find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ .

**a**  $y = 4x^2 - x + 3$

**b**  $y = x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 6$

**c**  $y = 8 - \frac{2}{x}$

**d**  $y = 2x^4 + 3x^2 - 9$

**e**  $y = \frac{3x^6 - 4}{x^2}$

**f**  $y = 6x^{\frac{1}{2}} - x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

- 1 Find the gradient at the point with  $x$ -coordinate 3 on each of the following curves.
 

a $y = x^3$	b $y = 4x - x^2$	c $y = 2x^2 - 8x + 3$	d $y = \frac{3}{x} + 2$
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- 2 Find the gradient of each curve at the given point.
 

a $y = 3x^2 + x - 5$	(1, -1)	b $y = x^4 + 2x^3$	(-2, 0)
c $y = x(2x - 3)$	(2, 2)	d $y = x^2 - 2x^{-1}$	(2, 3)
e $y = x^2 + 6x + 8$	(-3, -1)	f $y = 4x + x^{-2}$	( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6)
- 3 Evaluate  $f'(4)$  when
 

a $f(x) = (x + 1)^2$	b $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$	c $f(x) = x - 4x^{-2}$	d $f(x) = 5 - 6x^{\frac{3}{2}}$
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- 4 The curve with equation  $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x$  crosses the  $x$ -axis at the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .
  - a Find the coordinates of the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .
  - b Find the gradient of the curve at each of the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .
- 5 For the curve with equation  $y = 2x^2 - 5x + 1$ ,
  - a find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ,
  - b find the value of  $x$  for which  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 7$ .
- 6 Find the coordinates of the points on the curve with the equation  $y = x^3 - 8x$  at which the gradient of the curve is 4.
- 7 A curve has the equation  $y = x^3 + x^2 - 4x + 1$ .
  - a Find the gradient of the curve at the point  $P(-1, 5)$ .

Given that the gradient at the point  $Q$  on the curve is the same as the gradient at the point  $P$ ,

  - b find, as exact fractions, the coordinates of the point  $Q$ .
- 8 Find an equation of the tangent to each curve at the given point.
 

a $y = x^2$	(2, 4)	b $y = x^2 + 3x + 4$	(-1, 2)
c $y = 2x^2 - 6x + 8$	(1, 4)	d $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2$	(3, -7)
- 9 Find an equation of the tangent to each curve at the given point. Give your answers in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers.
 

a $y = 3 - x^2$	(-3, -6)	b $y = \frac{2}{x}$	(2, 1)
c $y = 2x^2 + 5x - 1$	( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2)	d $y = x - 3\sqrt{x}$	(4, -2)
- 10 Find an equation of the normal to each curve at the given point. Give your answers in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers.
 

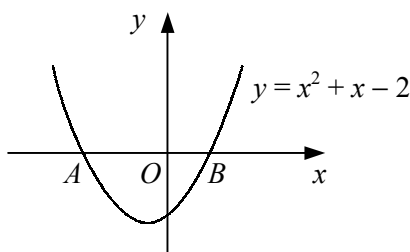
a $y = x^2 - 4$	(1, -3)	b $y = 3x^2 + 7x + 7$	(-2, 5)
c $y = x^3 - 8x + 4$	(2, -4)	d $y = x - \frac{6}{x}$	(3, 1)

- 11 Find, in the form  $y = mx + c$ , an equation of
- a the tangent to the curve  $y = 3x^2 - 5x + 2$  at the point on the curve with  $x$ -coordinate 2,
  - b the normal to the curve  $y = x^3 + 5x^2 - 12$  at the point on the curve with  $x$ -coordinate  $-3$ .
- 12 A curve has the equation  $y = x^3 + 3x^2 - 16x + 2$ .
- a Find an equation of the tangent to the curve at the point  $P(2, -10)$ .  
The tangent to the curve at the point  $Q$  is parallel to the tangent at the point  $P$ .
  - b Find the coordinates of the point  $Q$ .
- 13 A curve has the equation  $y = x^2 - 3x + 4$ .
- a Find an equation of the normal to the curve at the point  $A(2, 2)$ .  
The normal to the curve at  $A$  intersects the curve again at the point  $B$ .
  - b Find the coordinates of the point  $B$ .
- 14  $f(x) \equiv x^3 + 4x^2 - 18$ .
- a Find  $f'(x)$ .
  - b Show that the tangent to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at the point on the curve with  $x$ -coordinate  $-3$  passes through the origin.
- 15 The curve  $C$  has the equation  $y = 6 + x - x^2$ .
- a Find the coordinates of the point  $P$ , where  $C$  crosses the positive  $x$ -axis, and the point  $Q$ , where  $C$  crosses the  $y$ -axis.
  - b Find an equation of the tangent to  $C$  at  $P$ .
  - c Find the coordinates of the point where the tangent to  $C$  at  $P$  meets the tangent to  $C$  at  $Q$ .
- 16 The straight line  $l$  is a tangent to the curve  $y = x^2 - 5x + 3$  at the point  $A$  on the curve.  
Given that  $l$  is parallel to the line  $3x + y = 0$ ,
- a find the coordinates of the point  $A$ ,
  - b find the equation of the line  $l$  in the form  $y = mx + c$ .
- 17 The line with equation  $y = 2x + k$  is a normal to the curve with equation  $y = \frac{16}{x^2}$ .  
Find the value of the constant  $k$ .
- 18 A ball is thrown vertically downwards from the top of a cliff. The distance,  $s$  metres, of the ball from the top of the cliff after  $t$  seconds is given by  $s = 3t + 5t^2$ .  
Find the rate at which the distance the ball has travelled is increasing when
- a  $t = 0.6$ ,
  - b  $s = 54$ .
- 19 Water is poured into a vase such that the depth,  $h$  cm, of the water in the vase after  $t$  seconds is given by  $h = kt^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , where  $k$  is a constant. Given that when  $t = 1$ , the depth of the water in the vase is increasing at the rate of 3 cm per second,
- a find the value of  $k$ ,
  - b find the rate at which  $h$  is increasing when  $t = 8$ .

- 1  $f(x) = (x + 1)(x - 2)^2$ .
- Sketch the curve  $y = f(x)$ , showing the coordinates of any points where the curve meets the coordinate axes. (3)
  - Find  $f'(x)$ . (4)
  - Show that the tangent to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at the point where  $x = 1$  has the equation  $y = 5 - 3x$ . (3)

- 2 The curve  $C$  has the equation  $y = x - 3x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 3$  and passes through the point  $P(4, 1)$ .
- Show that the tangent to  $C$  at  $P$  passes through the origin. (5)  
The normal to  $C$  at  $P$  crosses the  $y$ -axis at the point  $Q$ .
  - Find the area of triangle  $OPQ$ , where  $O$  is the origin. (4)

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The diagram shows the curve  $y = x^2 + x - 2$ . The curve crosses the  $x$ -axis at the points  $A(a, 0)$  and  $B(b, 0)$  where  $a < b$ .

- Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . (3)
  - Show that the normal to the curve at  $A$  has the equation  $x - 3y + 2 = 0$ . (5)  
The tangent to the curve at  $B$  meets the normal to the curve at  $A$  at the point  $C$ .
  - Find the exact coordinates of  $C$ . (4)
- 4 Given that  $y = \frac{x^2 - 6x - 3}{3x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ , show that  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  can be expressed in the form  $\frac{(x+a)^2}{bx^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers to be found. (6)

- 5 The point  $A$  lies on the curve  $y = \frac{12}{x^2}$  and the  $x$ -coordinate of  $A$  is 2.
- Find an equation of the tangent to the curve at  $A$ . Give your answer in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers. (5)
  - Verify that the point where the tangent at  $A$  intersects the curve again has the coordinates  $(-1, 12)$ . (3)
- 6 A curve has the equation  $y = 2 + 3x + kx^2 - x^3$  where  $k$  is a constant.
- Given that the gradient of the curve is  $-6$  at the point  $P$  where  $x = -1$ ,
- find the value of  $k$ . (4)
- Given also that the tangent to the curve at the point  $Q$  is parallel to the tangent at  $P$ ,
- find the length  $PQ$ , giving your answer in the form  $k\sqrt{5}$ . (5)

7 Differentiate  $x^2 + \frac{1}{2x}$  with respect to  $x$ . (3)

8 A curve has the equation  $y = 2x^2 - 7x + 1$  and the point  $A$  on the curve has  $x$ -coordinate 2.

a Find an equation of the tangent to the curve at  $A$ . (4)

The normal to the curve at the point  $B$  is parallel to the tangent at  $A$ .

b Find the coordinates of  $B$ . (3)

9  $y = x^2 + 3x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

a Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . (2)

b Show that  $2x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 6x = 0$ . (4)

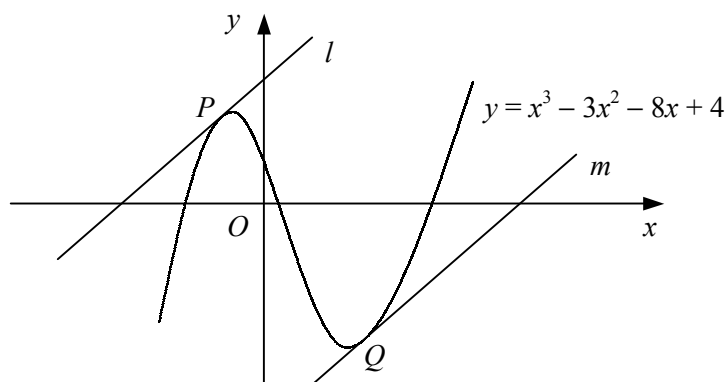
10 A curve has the equation  $y = 2 + \frac{4}{x}$ .

a Find an equation of the normal to the curve at the point  $M(4, 3)$ . (5)

The normal to the curve at  $M$  intersects the curve again at the point  $N$ .

b Find the coordinates of the point  $N$ . (5)

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The diagram shows the curve with equation  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 8x + 4$ .

The straight line  $l$  is the tangent to the curve at the point  $P(-1, 8)$ .

a Find an equation of line  $l$ . (4)

The straight line  $m$  is parallel to  $l$  and is the tangent to the curve at the point  $Q$ .

b Find an equation of line  $m$ . (4)

c Find an equation of the normal to the curve at  $P$ . (2)

d Hence, or otherwise, show that the distance between lines  $l$  and  $m$  is  $16\sqrt{2}$ . (4)

12 A curve has the equation  $y = \sqrt{x}(k - x)$ , where  $k$  is a constant.

Given that the gradient of the curve is  $\sqrt{2}$  at the point  $P$  where  $x = 2$ ,

a find the value of  $k$ , (5)

b show that the normal to the curve at  $P$  has the equation

$$x + \sqrt{2}y = c,$$

where  $c$  is an integer to be found. (5)