

1. Find the derivatives of the following functions from first principles :

(a) $f(x) = 2x^2$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2}$

(c) $f(x) = e^x$

2. Differentiate these functions with respect to x :-

(a) $\frac{1}{(x^2 + 3x + 5)^2}$

(b) $\tan^3 x$

(c) $\sin^2\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

(d) $\sqrt{x} \ln x$

(e) $x^4 e^{3x}$

(f) $\frac{x^2}{2x + 3}$

(g) $\frac{x^2 \ln x}{x + 1}$

(h) $x^2 e^{\cos x}$

(i) $\frac{\sin x}{x^2}$

3. (a) Write down the definitions of $\sec x$, $\operatorname{cosec} x$ and $\cot x$.

(b) Use either the chain or quotient rule to differentiate $\sec x$, $\operatorname{cosec} x$ and $\cot x$.

(c) Hence find the derivatives of :-

(i) $\cot 3x$

(ii) $\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$

(iii) $2x^2 \sec x$

4. If $y = \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$, prove that $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 + 2)y = 0$.

5. Part of a journey an object made was observed.

The displacement, s metres, of the object travelling in a straight line at time t seconds is given by :-

$$s = \frac{t^3}{3} + t^2 - 8t + 10$$

(a) How far from its origin was the object when the observation was started ?

- (b) At what time was the object stationary ?
- (c) Comment on the motion of the object when $t=5$ secs.
- (d) Does the object ever reach a constant velocity or decelerate during its journey ?
Justify your answer.

6. A farmer ploughed a square field, ABCD, of side 132 metres.

There is a path along the perimeter of the field which the farmer can walk along at a speed of 8km/h. He can walk across the ploughed field at a speed of 5 km/h.

In order to get from A to the opposite corner C, the farmer starts walking along the perimeter path from A to B. When he reaches a point P he leaves the path and heads directly for C, across the ploughed field.

What is the distance, AP, if he takes the least possible time in getting from A to C by the route described ?

7. Determine the stationary points of $y = x^3 e^{-x}$. Use the second derivative to help determine the nature of the stationary points.