

Differential equations [155 marks]

Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), x > 0$$

- 1a. Use the substitution $y = vx$ to show that $\int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v} = \ln x + C$ where C [3 marks] is an arbitrary constant.

Markscheme

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$$y = vx \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \text{ M1}$$

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = f(v) \text{ A1}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v} = \int \frac{dx}{x} \text{ A1}$$

$$\text{integrating the RHS, } \int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v} = \ln x + C \text{ AG}$$

[3 marks]

The curve $y = f(x)$ for $x > 0$ has a gradient function given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 + 3xy + 2x^2}{x^2}.$$

The curve passes through the point $(1, -1)$.

- 1b. By using the result from part (a) or otherwise, solve the differential equation and hence show that the curve has equation $y = x(\tan(\ln x) - 1)$. [9 marks]

Markscheme

EITHER

attempts to find $f(v)$ **M1**

$$f(v) = v^2 + 3v + 2 \text{ (A1)}$$

substitutes their $f(v)$ into $\int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v}$ **M1**

$$\int \frac{dv}{f(v)-v} = \int \frac{dv}{v^2+2v+2}$$

attempts to complete the square **(M1)**

$$\int \frac{dv}{(v+1)^2+1} \text{ A1}$$

$$\arctan(v+1) (= \ln x + C) \text{ A1}$$

OR

attempts to find $f(v)$ **M1**

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = v^2 + 3v + 2 \text{ A1}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{v^2+2v+2} = \frac{dx}{x} \text{ M1}$$

attempts to complete the square **(M1)**

$$\int \frac{dv}{(v+1)^2+1} (= \int \frac{dx}{x}) \text{ A1}$$

$$\arctan(v+1) (= \ln x + C) \text{ A1}$$

THEN

when $x = 1$, $v = -1$ (or $y = -1$) and so $C = 0$ **M1**

substitutes for v into their expression **M1**

$$\arctan\left(\frac{y}{x} + 1\right) = \ln x$$

$$\frac{y}{x} + 1 = \tan(\ln x) \text{ A1}$$

$$\text{so } y = x(\tan(\ln x) - 1) \text{ AG}$$

[9 marks]

- 1c. The curve has a point of inflexion at (x_1, y_1) where $e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} < x_1 < e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$. **[6 marks]**
Determine the coordinates of this point of inflexion.

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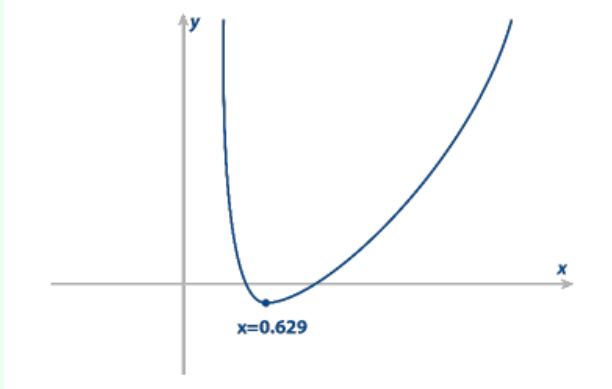
METHOD 1

EITHER

a correct graph of $y = f'(x)$ (for approximately $e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} < x < e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$) with a local minimum point below the x -axis **A2**

Note: Award **M1A1** for $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan(\ln x) + \sec^2(\ln x) - 1$.

attempts to find the x -coordinate of the local minimum point on the graph of $y = f'(x)$ **(M1)**

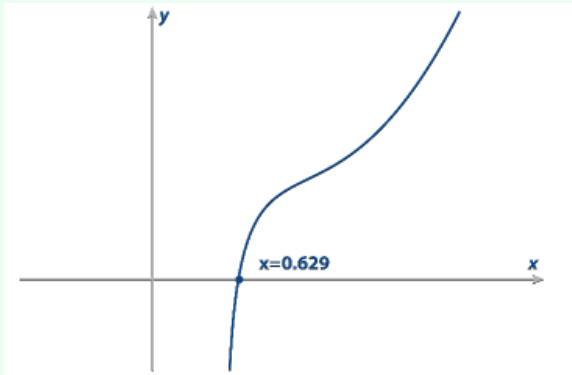


OR

a correct graph of $y = f''(x)$ (for approximately $e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} < x < e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$) showing the location of the x -intercept **A2**

Note: Award **M1A1** for $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\sec^2(\ln x)}{x} + \frac{2\sec^2(\ln x)\tan(\ln x)}{x}$.

attempts to find the x -intercept **(M1)**



THEN

$x = 0.629 \left(= e^{-\arctan \frac{1}{2}} \right)$ **A1**

attempts to find $f(0.629) \left(f \left(e^{-\arctan \frac{1}{2}} \right) \right)$ **(M1)**

the coordinates are $(0.629, -0.943) \left(e^{-\arctan \frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{3}{2} e^{-\arctan \frac{1}{2}} \right)$ **A1**

METHOD 2

attempts implicit differentiation on $\frac{dy}{dx}$ to find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ **M1**

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(2y+3x)\left(x\frac{dy}{dx}-y\right)}{x^3} \text{ (or equivalent)}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{3x}{2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \neq \frac{y}{x}\right) \text{ A1}$$

attempts to solve $-\frac{3x}{2} = x(\tan(\ln x) - 1)$ for x where $e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} < x < e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$ **M1**

$$x = 0.629 \left(= e^{-\arctan\frac{1}{2}}\right) \text{ A1}$$

attempts to find $f(0.629)\left(f\left(= e^{-\arctan\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right)$ **(M1)**

the coordinates are $(0.629, -0.943)\left(e^{-\arctan\frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{3}{2}e^{-\arctan\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ **A1**

[6 marks]

- 1d. Use the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2+3xy+2x^2}{x^2}$ to show that the points of *[4 marks]* zero gradient on the curve lie on two straight lines of the form $y = mx$ where the values of m are to be determined.

Markscheme

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 + 3xy + 2x^2 = 0 \text{ M1}$$

attempts to solve $y^2 + 3xy + 2x^2 = 0$ for y **M1**

$$(y + 2x)(y + x) = 0 \text{ or } y = \frac{-3x \pm \sqrt{(3x)^2 - 4(2x^2)}}{2} \left(= \frac{-3x \pm x}{2}, (x > 0)\right) \text{ A1}$$

$$y = -2x \text{ and } y = -x (m = -2, -1) \text{ A1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for stating $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$, **M1** for substituting $y = mx$ into

$\frac{dy}{dx} (= 0)$, **A1** for $(m + 2)(m + 1) = 0$ and **A1** for $m = -2, -1 \Rightarrow y = -2x$ and $y = -x$.

[4 marks]

Consider the differential equation $x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 2x^2$ for $x > 0$ and $y > 2x$. It is given that $y = 3$ when $x = 1$.

- 2a. Use Euler's method, with a step length of 0.1, to find an approximate *[4 marks]* value of y when $x = 1.5$.

Markscheme

attempt to use Euler's method **(M1)**

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.1; \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.1 \times \frac{dy}{dx}, \text{ where } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - 2x^2}{x^2}$$

correct intermediate y -values **(A1)(A1)**

3.7, 4.63140..., 5.92098, 7.79542...

Note: A1 for any two correct y -values seen

$$y = 10.6958 \dots$$

$$y = 10.7 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: For the final **A1**, the value 10.7 must be the last value in a table or a list, or be given as a final answer, not just embedded in a table which has further lines.

[4 marks]

2b. Use the substitution $y = vx$ to show that $x \frac{dv}{dx} = v^2 - v - 2$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

$$y = vx \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \mathbf{(A1)}$$

replacing y with vx and $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with $v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$ **M1**

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 2x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 \left(v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \right) = v^2 x^2 - 2x^2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = v^2 - 2 \quad (\text{since } x > 0)$$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = v^2 - v - 2 \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[3 marks]

2c. By solving the differential equation, show that $y = \frac{8x+x^4}{4-x^3}$.

[10 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to separate variables v and x **(M1)**

$$\int \frac{dv}{v^2-v-2} = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\int \frac{dv}{(v-2)(v+1)} = \int \frac{dx}{x} \quad \mathbf{(A1)}$$

attempt to express in partial fraction form **M1**

$$\frac{1}{(v-2)(v+1)} \equiv \frac{A}{v-2} + \frac{B}{v+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{(v-2)(v+1)} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{v-2} - \frac{1}{v+1} \right) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \int \left(\frac{1}{v-2} - \frac{1}{v+1} \right) dv = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} (\ln|v-2| - \ln|v+1|) = \ln|x| (+c) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Condone absence of modulus signs throughout.

EITHER

attempt to find c using $x = 1$, $y = 3$, $v = 3$ **M1**

$$c = \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} (\ln|v-2| - \ln|v+1|) = \ln|x| + \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{1}{4}$$

expressing both sides as a single logarithm **(M1)**

$$\ln \left| \frac{v-2}{v+1} \right| = \ln \left(\frac{|x|^3}{4} \right)$$

OR

expressing both sides as a single logarithm **(M1)**

$$\ln \left| \frac{v-2}{v+1} \right| = \ln(A|x|^3)$$

attempt to find A using $x = 1$, $y = 3$, $v = 3$ **M1**

$$A = \frac{1}{4}$$

THEN

$$\left| \frac{v-2}{v+1} \right| = \frac{1}{4} x^3 \quad (\text{since } x > 0)$$

substitute $v = \frac{y}{x}$ (seen anywhere) **M1**

$$\frac{\frac{y}{x}-2}{\frac{y}{x}+1} = \frac{1}{4}x^3 \quad (\text{since } y > 2x)$$

$$\left(\Rightarrow \frac{y-2x}{y+x} = \frac{1}{4}x^3 \right)$$

attempt to make y the subject **M1**

$$y - \frac{x^3y}{4} = 2x + \frac{x^4}{4} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$y = \frac{8x+x^4}{4-x^3} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[10 marks]

2d. Find the actual value of y when $x = 1.5$.

[1 mark]

Markscheme

actual value at $y(1.5) = 27.3$ **A1**

[1 mark]

2e. Using the graph of $y = \frac{8x+x^4}{4-x^3}$, suggest a reason why the approximation **[1 mark]**
given by Euler's method in part (a) is not a good estimate to the actual value of y
at $x = 1.5$.

Markscheme

gradient changes rapidly (during the interval considered) OR

the curve has a vertical asymptote at $x = \sqrt[3]{4}$ ($= 1.5874\dots$) **R1**

[1 mark]

3. Solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\ln 2x}{x^2} - \frac{2y}{x}$, $x > 0$, given that $y = 4$ [7 marks]
at $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

Give your answer in the form $y = f(x)$.

Markscheme

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2y}{x} = \frac{\ln 2x}{x^2} \quad (\mathbf{M1})$$

attempt to find integrating factor (M1)

$$\left(e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = e^{2 \ln x} \right) = x^2 \quad (\mathbf{A1})$$

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \ln 2x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 y) = \ln 2x$$

$$x^2 y = \int \ln 2x \, dx$$

attempt to use integration by parts (M1)

$$x^2 y = x \ln 2x - x(+c) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$y = \frac{\ln 2x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{c}{x^2}$$

substituting $x = \frac{1}{2}$, $y = 4$ into an integrated equation involving c
M1

$$4 = 0 - 2 + 4c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{\ln 2x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{2x^2} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[7 marks]

The function f has a derivative given by $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x(k-x)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq 0$, $x \neq k$
where k is a positive constant.

- 4a. The expression for $f'(x)$ can be written in the form $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{k-x}$, where [3 marks]
 $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Find a and b in terms of k .

Markscheme

$$\frac{1}{x(k-x)} \equiv \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{k-x}$$

$$a(k-x) + bx = 1 \quad \mathbf{(A1)}$$

attempt to compare coefficients OR substitute $x = k$ and $x = 0$ and solve **(M1)**

$$a = \frac{1}{k} \text{ and } b = \frac{1}{k} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{kx} + \frac{1}{k(k-x)}$$

[3 marks]

4b. Hence, find an expression for $f(x)$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to integrate their $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{k-x}$ **(M1)**

$$f(x) \frac{1}{k} \int \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{k-x} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} (\ln|x| - \ln|k-x|) (+c) \left(= \frac{1}{k} \ln \left| \frac{x}{k-x} \right| (+c) \right) \quad \mathbf{A1A1}$$

Note: Award **A1** for each correct term. Award **A1A0** for a correct answer without modulus signs. Condone the absence of $+c$.

[3 marks]

Consider P , the population of a colony of ants, which has an initial value of 1200. The rate of change of the population can be modelled by the differential equation $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{P(k-P)}{5k}$, where t is the time measured in days, $t \geq 0$, and k is the upper bound for the population.

4c. By solving the differential equation, show that $P = \frac{1200k}{(k-1200)e^{-\frac{t}{5}} + 1200}$. **[8 marks]**

Markscheme

attempt to separate variables and integrate both sides **M1**

$$5k \int \frac{1}{P(k-P)} dP = \int 1 dt$$

$$5(\ln P - \ln(k - P)) = t + c \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: There are variations on this which should be accepted, such as $\frac{1}{k}(\ln P - \ln(k - P)) = \frac{1}{5k}t + c$. Subsequent marks for these variations should be awarded as appropriate.

EITHER

attempt to substitute $t = 0, P = 1200$ into an equation involving c **M1**

$$c = 5(\ln 1200 - \ln(k - 1200)) \left(= 5 \ln \left(\frac{1200}{k-1200} \right) \right) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$5(\ln P - \ln(k - P)) = t + 5(\ln 1200 - \ln(k - 1200)) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{P(k-1200)}{1200(k-P)} \right) = \frac{t}{5}$$

$$\frac{P(k-1200)}{1200(k-P)} = e^{\frac{t}{5}} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

OR

$$\ln \left(\frac{P}{k-P} \right) = \frac{t+c}{5}$$

$$\frac{P}{k-P} = Ae^{\frac{t}{5}} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

attempt to substitute $t = 0, P = 1200$ **M1**

$$\frac{1200}{k-1200} = A \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\frac{P}{k-P} = \frac{1200e^{\frac{t}{5}}}{k-1200} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

THEN

attempt to rearrange and isolate P **M1**

$$Pk - 1200P = 1200ke^{\frac{t}{5}} - 1200Pe^{\frac{t}{5}} \quad \text{OR} \quad Pke^{-\frac{t}{5}} - 1200Pe^{-\frac{t}{5}} = 1200k - 1200P$$
$$\text{OR} \quad \frac{k}{P} - 1 = \frac{k-1200}{1200e^{\frac{t}{5}}}$$

$$P \left(k - 1200 + 1200e^{\frac{t}{5}} \right) = 1200ke^{\frac{t}{5}} \quad \text{OR} \quad P \left(ke^{-\frac{t}{5}} - 1200e^{-\frac{t}{5}} + 1200 \right) = 1200k$$

A1

$$P = \frac{1200k}{(k-1200)e^{-\frac{t}{5}} + 1200} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[8 marks]

At $t = 10$ the population of the colony has doubled in size from its initial value.

4d. Find the value of k , giving your answer correct to four significant figures. [3 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to substitute $t = 10, P = 2400$ (M1)

$$2400 = \frac{1200k}{(k-1200)e^{-2}+1200} \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$k = 2845.34\dots$$

$$k = 2845 \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Award (M1)(A1)A0 for any other value of k which rounds to 2850
[3 marks]

4e. Find the value of t when the rate of change of the population is at its maximum. [3 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to find the maximum of the first derivative graph OR zero of the second derivative graph OR that $P = \frac{k}{2}$ ($= 1422.67\dots$) (M1)

$$t = 1.57814\dots$$

$$= 1.58 \text{ (days)} \quad \text{A2}$$

Note: Accept any value which rounds to 1.6.
[3 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-x}{y+x}$, where $x, y > 0$.

It is given that $y = 2$ when $x = 1$.

5a. Solve the differential equation, giving your answer in the form $f(x, y) = 0$. [9 marks]

Markscheme

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puts $y = vx$ so that $\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$ **M1**

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{vx-x}{vx+x} \left(= \frac{v-1}{v+1} \right) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

attempts to express $x \frac{dv}{dx}$ as a single rational fraction in v

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{v^2+1}{v+1} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

attempts to separate variables **M1**

$$\int \frac{v+1}{v^2+1} dv = -\int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(v^2 + 1) + \arctan v = -\ln x (+C) \quad \mathbf{A1A1}$$

substitutes $y = 2$, $x = 1$ and attempts to find the value of C **M1**

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \ln 5 + \arctan 2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

the solution is

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2} + 1 \right) + \arctan \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) + \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \ln 5 - \arctan 2 = 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[9 marks]

- 5b. The graph of y against x has a local maximum between $x = 2$ and $x = 3$ [4 marks]
. Determine the coordinates of this local maximum.

Markscheme

at a maximum, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ **M1**

attempts to substitute $y = x$ into their solution **M1**

$$\frac{1}{2}\ln 2 + \arctan 1 + \ln x = \frac{1}{2}\ln 5 + \arctan 2$$

attempts to solve for x, y **(M1)**

$$(2.18, 2.18) \left(\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}e^{\arctan 2 - \frac{\pi}{4}}, \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}e^{\arctan 2 - \frac{\pi}{4}} \right) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Accept all answers that round to the correct 2 sf answer.
Accept $x = 2.18, y = 2.18$.

[4 marks]

5c. Show that there are no points of inflexion on the graph of y against x . **[4 marks]**

Markscheme

METHOD 1

attempts (quotient rule) implicit differentiation

M1

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}-1\right)(y+x) - (y-x)\left(\frac{dy}{dx}+1\right)}{(y+x)^2}$$

correctly substitutes $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-x}{y+x}$ into $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{y-x}{y+x}-1\right)(y+x) - (y-x)\left(\frac{y-x}{y+x}+1\right)}{(y+x)^2} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$= -\frac{2(x^2+y^2)}{(x+y)^3} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

this expression can never be zero therefore no points of inflexion

R1

METHOD 2

attempts implicit differentiation on $(y+x)\frac{dy}{dx} = y-x$

M1

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} + 1\right)\frac{dy}{dx} + (y+x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$(y+x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dy}{dx} - 1 - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= -1 - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$-1 - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 < 0 \text{ and } x+y > 0, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \neq 0 \text{ therefore no points of inflexion}$$

R1

Note: Accept putting $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ and obtaining contradiction.

[4 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x^2+y^2-xy}{x^2}$, with $y = 2$ when $x = 1$.

6a. Use Euler's method, with step length $h = 0.1$, to find an approximate value of y when $x = 1.4$. **[5 marks]**

Markscheme

x	y	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
1	2	6
1.1	2.6	7.22
1.2	3.32	8.89652
1.3	4.21	11.26
1.4	5.34	

(M1)(A1)(A1)(A1)A1

$$y(1.4) \approx 5.34$$

Note: Award **A1** for each correct y value.

For the intermediate y values, accept answers that are accurate to 2 significant figures.

The final y value must be accurate to 3 significant figures or better.

[5 marks]

6b. Express $m^2 - 2m + 4$ in the form $(m - a)^2 + b$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

[1 mark]

Markscheme

$$m^2 - 2m + 4 = (m - 1)^2 + 3 \quad (a = 1, b = 3) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[1 mark]

6c. Solve the differential equation, for $x > 0$, giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$.

[10 marks]

Markscheme

recognition of homogeneous equation,
let $y = vx$ **M1**

the equation can be written as

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = 4 + v^2 - v \text{ (A1)}$$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = v^2 - 2v + 4$$

$$\int \frac{1}{v^2 - 2v + 4} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx \text{ M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for attempt to separate the variables.

$$\int \frac{1}{(v-1)^2 + 3} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx \text{ from part (c)(i) M1}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left(\frac{v-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \ln x (+c) \text{ A1A1}$$

$$x = 1, y = 2 \Rightarrow v = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \ln 1 + c \text{ M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for using initial conditions to find c .

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}} (= 0.302) \text{ A1}$$

$$\arctan \left(\frac{v-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \sqrt{3} \ln x + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{substituting } v = \frac{y}{x} \text{ M1}$$

Note: This **M1** may be awarded earlier.

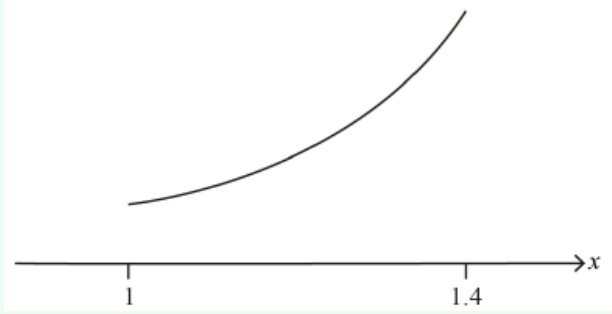
$$y = x \left(\sqrt{3} \tan \left(\sqrt{3} \ln x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + 1 \right) \text{ A1}$$

[10 marks]

6d. Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ for $1 \leq x \leq 1.4$.

[1 mark]

Markscheme



curve drawn over correct domain **A1**

[1 mark]

- 6e. With reference to the curvature of your sketch in part (c)(iii), and without [2 marks] further calculation, explain whether you conjecture $f(1.4)$ will be less than, equal to, or greater than your answer in part (a).

Markscheme

the sketch shows that f is concave up **A1**

Note: Accept f' is increasing.

this means the tangent drawn using Euler's method will give an underestimate of the real value, so $f(1.4) >$ estimate in part (a) **R1**

Note: The **R1** is dependent on the **A1**.

[2 marks]

Consider the differential equation $2xy \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - x^2$, where $x > 0$.

- 7a. Solve the differential equation and show that a general solution is $x^2 + y^2 = cx$ where c is a positive constant. **[11 marks]**

Markscheme

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{2xy}$$

let $y = vx$ **M1**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 x^2 - x^2}{2vx^2} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 - 1}{2v} \quad \left(= \frac{v}{2} - \frac{1}{2v} \right) \quad \text{(A1)}$$

Note: Or equivalent attempt at simplification.

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{-v^2 - 1}{2v} \quad \left(= -\frac{v}{2} - \frac{1}{2v} \right) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{2v}{1+v^2} \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$\int \frac{2v}{1+v^2} dv = \int -\frac{1}{x} dx \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$\ln(1+v^2) = -\ln x + \ln c \quad \text{A1A1}$$

Note: Award **A1** for LHS and **A1** for RHS and a constant.

$$\ln\left(1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2\right) = -\ln x + \ln c \quad \text{M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for substituting $v = \frac{y}{x}$. May be seen at a later stage.

$$1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 = \frac{c}{x} \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Award **A1** for any correct equivalent equation without logarithms.

$$x^2 + y^2 = cx \quad \text{AG}$$

[11 marks]

7b. Prove that there are two horizontal tangents to the general solution curve and state their equations, in terms of c . **[5 marks]**

Markscheme

METHOD 1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{2xy}$$

(for horizontal tangents) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ **M1**

$$(\Rightarrow y^2 = x^2) \Rightarrow y = \pm x$$

EITHER

using $x^2 + y^2 = cx \Rightarrow 2x^2 = cx$ **M1**

$$2x^2 - cx = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{c}{2}$$
 A1

Note: Award **M1A1** for $2y^2 = \pm cy$.

OR

using implicit differentiation of $x^2 + y^2 = cx$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = c$$
 M1

Note: Accept differentiation of $y = \sqrt{cx - x^2}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{c}{2}$$
 A1

THEN

tangents at $y = \frac{c}{2}$, $y = -\frac{c}{2}$ **A1A1**

hence there are two tangents **AG**

METHOD 2

$$x^2 + y^2 = cx$$

$$\left(x - \frac{c}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = \frac{c^2}{4}$$
 M1A1

this is a circle radius $\frac{c}{2}$ centre $\left(\frac{c}{2}, 0\right)$ **A1**

hence there are two tangents **AG**

tangents at $y = \frac{c}{2}$, $y = -\frac{c}{2}$ **A1A1**

[5 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{y}{x}$, where $x \neq 0$.

- 8a. Given that $y(1) = 1$, use Euler's method with step length $h = 0.25$ to [4 marks]
find an approximation for $y(2)$. Give your answer to two significant figures.

Markscheme

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attempt to apply Euler's method **(M1)**

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + 0.25; y_{n+1} = y_n + 0.25 \times \left(1 + \frac{y_n}{x_n}\right)$$

x	y	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
1.00	1.00000	2.00000
1.25	1.50000	2.20000
1.50	2.05000	2.36667
1.75	2.64167	2.50952
2.00	3.26905	

(A1)(A1)

Note: Award **A1** for correct x values, **A1** for first three correct y values.

$$y = 3.3 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[4 marks]

- 8b. Solve the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{y}{x}$ for $y(1) = 1$.

[6 marks]

Markscheme

METHOD 1

$$I(x) = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} \text{ (M1)}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{x} \text{ (A1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x} \text{ (M1)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \ln |x| + C \text{ A1}$$

$$y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow C = 1 \text{ M1}$$

$$y = x \ln |x| + x \text{ A1}$$

METHOD 2

$$v = \frac{y}{x} \text{ M1}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} y \text{ (A1)}$$

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = 1 + v \text{ M1}$$

$$\int 1 dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$v = \ln |x| + C$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \ln |x| + C \text{ A1}$$

$$y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow C = 1 \text{ M1}$$

$$y = x \ln |x| + x \text{ A1}$$

[6 marks]

- 8c. Find the percentage error when $y(2)$ is approximated by the final rounded value found in part (a). Give your answer to two significant figures. *[3 marks]*

Markscheme

$$y(2) = 2 \ln 2 + 2 = 3.38629 \dots$$

$$\text{percentage error} = \frac{3.38629 \dots - 3.3}{3.38629 \dots} \times 100\% \quad \mathbf{(M1)(A1)}$$

$$= 2.5\% \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[3 marks]

Consider the differential equation $x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x^p + 1$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq 0$ and p is a positive integer, $p > 1$.

- 9a. Solve the differential equation given that $y = -1$ when $x = 1$. Give your **[8 marks]** answer in the form $y = f(x)$.

Markscheme

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METHOD 1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} = x^{p-1} + \frac{1}{x} \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\text{integrating factor} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$= e^{-\ln x} \quad \mathbf{(A1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x^2} = x^{p-2} + \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) = x^{p-2} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{p-1} x^{p-1} - \frac{1}{x} + C \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Condone the absence of C .

$$y = \frac{1}{p-1} x^p + Cx - 1$$

$$\text{substituting } x = 1, y = -1 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{p-1} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for attempting to find their value of C .

$$y = \frac{1}{p-1} (x^p - x) - 1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[8 marks]

METHOD 2

put $y = vx$ so that $\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$ **M1(A1)**

substituting, **M1**

$$x \left(v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \right) - vx = x^p + 1 \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = x^{p-1} + \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = x^{p-2} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{p-1} x^{p-1} - \frac{1}{x} + C \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Condone the absence of C .

$$y = \frac{1}{p-1} x^p + Cx - 1$$

substituting $x = 1, y = -1 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{p-1}$ **M1**

Note: Award **M1** for attempting to find their value of C .

$$y = \frac{1}{p-1} (x^p - x) - 1 \quad \text{A1}$$

[8 marks]

9b. Show that the x -coordinate(s) of the points on the curve $y = f(x)$ where [2 marks]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ satisfy the equation } x^{p-1} = \frac{1}{p}.$$

Markscheme

METHOD 1

find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ for x

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{p-1} (px^{p-1} - 1) \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow px^{p-1} - 1 = 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$px^{p-1} = 1$$

Note: Award a maximum of **M1A0** if a candidate's answer to part (a) is incorrect.

$$x^{p-1} = \frac{1}{p} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

METHOD 2

substitute $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ and their y into the differential equation and solve for x

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow -\left(\frac{x^p - x}{p-1}\right) + 1 = x^p + 1 \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$x^p - x = x^p - px^p \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$px^{p-1} = 1$$

Note: Award a maximum of **M1A0** if a candidate's answer to part (a) is incorrect.

$$x^{p-1} = \frac{1}{p} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[2 marks]

- 9c. Deduce the set of values for p such that there are two points on the curve $y = f(x)$ where $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$. Give a reason for your answer. **[2 marks]**

Markscheme

there are two solutions for x when p is odd (and $p > 1$ **A1**)

if $p - 1$ is even there are two solutions (to $x^{p-1} = \frac{1}{p}$)

and if $p - 1$ is odd there is only one solution (to $x^{p-1} = \frac{1}{p}$) **R1**

Note: Only award the **R1** if both cases are considered.

[4 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{x^2+1}y = x$ where $y = 1$ when $x = 0$.

10a. Show that $\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ is an integrating factor for this differential equation. **[4 marks]**

Markscheme

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METHOD 1

$$\text{integrating factor} = e^{\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx} \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

Note: Award **M1** for use of $u = x^2 + 1$ for example or $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln f(x)$.

$$\text{integrating factor} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1)} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$= e^{\ln(\sqrt{x^2+1})} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Award **A1** for $e^{\ln \sqrt{u}}$ where $u = x^2 + 1$.

$$= \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

METHOD 2

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(y \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \right) = \frac{dy}{dx} \sqrt{x^2 + 1} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} y \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{x^2+1} y \right) \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for attempting to express in the form $\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \times$ (LHS of de).

so $\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ is an integrating factor for this differential equation **AG**

[4 marks]

10b. Solve the differential equation giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$. [6 marks]

Markscheme

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} y = x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \text{ (or equivalent) } \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(y\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \right) = x\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

$$y\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = \int x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} dx \left(y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \int x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} dx \right) \mathbf{A1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \mathbf{(M1)A1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for using an appropriate substitution.

Note: Condone the absence of C .

substituting $x = 0, y = 1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{2}{3}$ **M1**

Note: Award **M1** for attempting to find their value of C .

$$y = \frac{1}{3} (x^2 + 1) + \frac{2}{3\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \left(y = \frac{(x^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2}{3\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right) \mathbf{A1}$$

[6 marks]