

Differential Calculus Intro [93

marks]

1. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = e^{2x} - 3x$ at the point where $x = 0$. [5 marks]

Markscheme

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$$(x = 0 \Rightarrow) y = 1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

appreciate the need to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ $\mathbf{(M1)}$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} =\right) 2e^{2x} - 3 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$(x = 0 \Rightarrow) \frac{dy}{dx} = -1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\frac{y-1}{x-0} = -1 \quad (y = 1 - x) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[5 marks]

2. Consider the curve with equation $y = (2x - 1)e^{kx}$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $k \in \mathbb{Q}$. [5 marks]

The tangent to the curve at the point where $x = 1$ is parallel to the line $y = 5e^k x$.

Find the value of k .

Markscheme

evidence of using product rule **(M1)**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (2x - 1) \times (ke^{kx}) + 2 \times e^{kx} \quad (= e^{kx}(2kx - k + 2)) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

correct working for one of (seen anywhere) **A1**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \text{ at } x = 1 \Rightarrow ke^k + 2e^k$$

OR

slope of tangent is $5e^k$

their $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 1$ equals the *slope* of $y = 5e^kx$ ($= 5e^k$) (seen anywhere)
(M1)

$$ke^k + 2e^k = 5e^k$$

$$k = 3 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[5 marks]

The function f is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. The line with equation $y = 6x - 1$ is the tangent to the graph of f at $x = 4$.

3a. Write down the value of $f'(4)$.

[1 mark]

Markscheme

$$f'(4) = 6 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[1 mark]

3b. Find $f(4)$.

[1 mark]

Markscheme

$$f(4) = 6 \times 4 - 1 = 23 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[1 mark]

The function g is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ where $g(x) = x^2 - 3x$ and $h(x) = f(g(x))$.

3c. Find $h(4)$.

[2 marks]

Markscheme

$$h(4) = f(g(4)) \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$h(4) = f(4^2 - 3 \times 4) = f(4)$$

$$h(4) = 23 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[2 marks]

3d. Hence find the equation of the tangent to the graph of h at $x = 4$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to use chain rule to find h' **(M1)**

$$f'(g(x)) \times g'(x) \quad \text{OR} \quad (x^2 - 3x)' \times f'(x^2 - 3x)$$

$$h'(4) = (2 \times 4 - 3)f'(4^2 - 3 \times 4) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$= 30$$

$$y - 23 = 30(x - 4) \quad \text{OR} \quad y = 30x - 97 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

[3 marks]

The curve C has equation $e^{2y} = x^3 + y$.

4a. Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{2e^{2y}-1}$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

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attempts implicit differentiation on both sides of the equation **M1**

$$2e^{2y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ **A1**}$$

$$(2e^{2y} - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \text{ **A1**}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{2e^{2y}-1} \text{ **AG**}$$

[3 marks]

4b. The tangent to C at the point P is parallel to the y -axis.

[4 marks]

Find the x -coordinate of P.

Markscheme

attempts to solve $2e^{2y} - 1 = 0$ for y (**M1**)

$$y = -0.346\dots \left(= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{2} \right) \text{ **A1**}$$

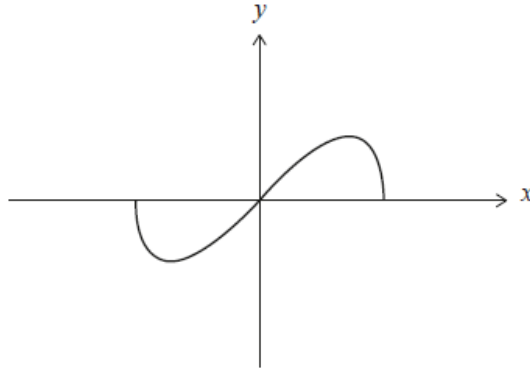
attempts to solve $e^{2y} = x^3 + y$ for x given their value of y (**M1**)

$$x = 0.946 \left(= \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \ln \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) \text{ **A1**}$$

[4 marks]

A function f is defined by $f(x) = x\sqrt{1-x^2}$ where $-1 \leq x \leq 1$.

The graph of $y = f(x)$ is shown below.



5a. Show that f is an odd function.

[2 marks]

Markscheme

attempts to replace x with $-x$ **M1**

$$f(-x) = -x\sqrt{1-(-x)^2}$$

$$= -x\sqrt{1-(-x)^2} (= -f(x)) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Award **M1A1** for an attempt to calculate both $f(-x)$ and $-f(-x)$ independently, showing that they are equal.

Note: Award **M1A0** for a graphical approach including evidence that **either** the graph is invariant after rotation by 180° about the origin **or** the graph is invariant after a reflection in the y -axis and then in the x -axis (or vice versa).

so f is an odd function **AG**

[2 marks]

5b. The range of f is $a \leq y \leq b$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

[6 marks]

Find the value of a and the value of b .

Markscheme

attempts both product rule and chain rule differentiation to find $f'(x)$ **M1**

$$f'(x) = x \times \frac{1}{2} \times (-2x) \times (1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (1-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 1 \left(= \sqrt{1-x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{A1} \\ & = \frac{1-2x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

sets their $f'(x) = 0$ **M1**

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

attempts to find at least one of $f\left(\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ **(M1)**

Note: Award **M1** for an attempt to evaluate $f(x)$ at least at one of their $f'(x) = 0$ roots.

$$a = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } b = \frac{1}{2} \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Award **A1** for $-\frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

[6 marks]

Consider the curve C given by $y = x - xy \ln(xy)$ where $x > 0$, $y > 0$.

6a. Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right)(1 + \ln(xy)) = 1$. **[3 marks]**

Markscheme

METHOD 1

attempts to differentiate implicitly including at least one application of the product rule **(M1)**

$$u = xy, \quad v = \ln(xy), \quad \frac{du}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{dx} + y, \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right) \frac{1}{xy}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \left[\frac{xy}{xy} \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right) + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right) \ln(xy) \right] \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Award **(M1)A1** for implicitly differentiating $y = x(1 - y \ln(xy))$ and obtaining $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \left[\frac{xy}{xy} \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) + x \frac{dy}{dx} \ln(xy) + y \ln(xy) \right]$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \left[\left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) \ln(xy) \right]$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) (1 + \ln(xy)) = 1 \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

METHOD 2

$$y = x - xy \ln x - xy \ln y$$

attempts to differentiate implicitly including at least one application of the product rule **(M1)**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \left(\frac{xy}{x} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) \ln x \right) - \left(\frac{xy}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) \ln y \right)$$

A1

or equivalent to the above, for example

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - x \frac{dy}{dx} (\ln x + \ln y + 1) - y (\ln x + \ln y + 1) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

or equivalent to the above, for example

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - x \frac{dy}{dx} (\ln(xy) + 1) - y (\ln(xy) + 1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) (1 + \ln(xy)) = 1 \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

METHOD 3

attempt to differentiate implicitly including at least one application of the product rule **M1**

$$u = x \ln(xy), \quad v = y, \quad \frac{du}{dx} = \ln(xy) + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) \frac{x}{xy}, \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - x \frac{dy}{dx} (\ln(xy) + 1) - y (\ln(xy) + 1) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) (1 + \ln(xy)) = 1 \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

METHOD 4

lets $w = xy$ and attempts to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ where $y = x - w \ln w$ **M1**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \left(\frac{dw}{dx} + \frac{dw}{dx} \ln w \right) \left(= 1 - \frac{dw}{dx} (1 + \ln w) \right) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\frac{dw}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) \ln(xy) \right) \left(= 1 - \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) (1 + \ln(xy)) \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right) (1 + \ln(xy)) = 1 \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[3 marks]

6b. Hence find the equation of the tangent to C at the point where $x = 1$. **[5 marks]**

Markscheme

METHOD 1

substitutes $x = 1$ into $y = x - xy \ln(xy)$ **(M1)**

$$y = 1 - y \ln y \Rightarrow y = 1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

substitutes $x = 1$ and their non-zero value of y into

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right)(1 + \ln(xy)) = 1 \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \left(\frac{dy}{dx} = 0\right) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

equation of the tangent is $y = 1$ **A1**

METHOD 2

substitutes $x = 1$ into $\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right)(1 + \ln(xy)) = 1$ **(M1)**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + y\right)(1 + \ln(y)) = 1$$

EITHER

correctly substitutes $\ln y = \frac{1-y}{y}$ into $\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + y\right)(1 + \ln(xy)) = 1$

A1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \left(1 + \frac{1}{y}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad (y = 1) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

OR

correctly substitutes $y + y \ln y = 1$ into $\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} + y\right)(1 + \ln(xy)) = 1$

A1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (2 + \ln y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad (y = 1) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

THEN

substitutes $x = 1$ into $y = x - xy \ln(xy)$ **(M1)**

$$y = 1 - y \ln y \Rightarrow y = 1$$

equation of the tangent is $y = 1$ **A1**

[5 marks]

Consider the functions $f(x) = -(x - h)^2 + 2k$ and $g(x) = e^{x-2} + k$ where $h, k \in \mathbb{R}$.

7a. Find $f'(x)$.

[1 mark]

Markscheme

$$f'(x) = -2(x - h) \text{ **A1**}$$

[1 mark]

The graphs of f and g have a common tangent at $x = 3$.

7b. Show that $h = \frac{e+6}{2}$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

$$g'(x) = e^{x-2} \text{ OR } g'(3) = e^{3-2} \text{ (may be seen anywhere) **A1**}$$

Note: The derivative of g must be explicitly seen, either in terms of x or 3.

recognizing $f'(3) = g'(3)$ (**M1**)

$$-2(3 - h) = e^{3-2} (= e)$$

$$-6 + 2h = e \text{ OR } 3 - h = -\frac{e}{2} \text{ **A1**}$$

Note: The final **A1** is dependent on one of the previous marks being awarded.

$$h = \frac{e+6}{2} \text{ **AG**}$$

[3 marks]

7c. Hence, show that $k = e + \frac{e^2}{4}$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

$$f(3) = g(3) \text{ (M1)}$$

$$-(3-h)^2 + 2k = e^{3-2} + k$$

correct equation in k

EITHER

$$-\left(3 - \frac{e+6}{2}\right)^2 + 2k = e^{3-2} + k \text{ A1}$$

$$k = e + \left(\frac{6-e-6}{2}\right)^2 \left(= e + \left(\frac{-e}{2}\right)^2\right) \text{ A1}$$

OR

$$k = e + \left(3 - \frac{e+6}{2}\right)^2 \text{ A1}$$

$$k = e + 9 - 3e - 18 + \frac{e^2+12e+36}{4} \text{ A1}$$

THEN

$$k = e + \frac{e^2}{4} \text{ AG}$$

[3 marks]

Let $y = \frac{\ln x}{x^4}$ for $x > 0$.

8a. Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-4\ln x}{x^5}$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to use quotient or product rule **(M1)**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^4\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - (\ln x)(4x^3)}{(x^4)^2} \text{ OR } (\ln x)(-4x^{-5}) + (x^{-4})\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \text{ A1}$$

correct working **A1**

$$= \frac{x^3(1-4\ln x)}{x^8} \text{ OR cancelling } x^3 \text{ OR } \frac{-4\ln x}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^5}$$

$$= \frac{1-4\ln x}{x^5} \text{ AG}$$

[3 marks]

Consider the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^4}$ for $x > 0$ and its graph $y = f(x)$.

8b. The graph of f has a horizontal tangent at point P. Find the coordinates [5 marks] of P.

Markscheme

$$f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ (M1)}$$

$$\frac{1-4\ln x}{x^5} = 0$$

$$\ln x = \frac{1}{4} \text{ (A1)}$$

$$x = e^{\frac{1}{4}} \text{ A1}$$

substitution of their x to find y (M1)

$$y = \frac{\ln e^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\left(e^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4e} \left(= \frac{1}{4}e^{-1}\right) \text{ A1}$$

$$P\left(e^{\frac{1}{4}}, \frac{1}{4e}\right)$$

[5 marks]

8c. Given that $f''(x) = \frac{20\ln x - 9}{x^6}$, show that P is a local maximum point. [3 marks]

Markscheme

$$f''\left(e^{\frac{1}{4}}\right) = \frac{20\ln e^{\frac{1}{4}} - 9}{\left(e^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^6} \quad (M1)$$

$$= \frac{5-9}{e^{1.5}} \left(= -\frac{4}{e^{1.5}} \right) \quad A1$$

which is negative **R1**

hence P is a local maximum **AG**

Note: The **R1** is dependent on the previous **A1** being awarded.

[3 marks]

8d. Solve $f(x) > 0$ for $x > 0$.

[2 marks]

Markscheme

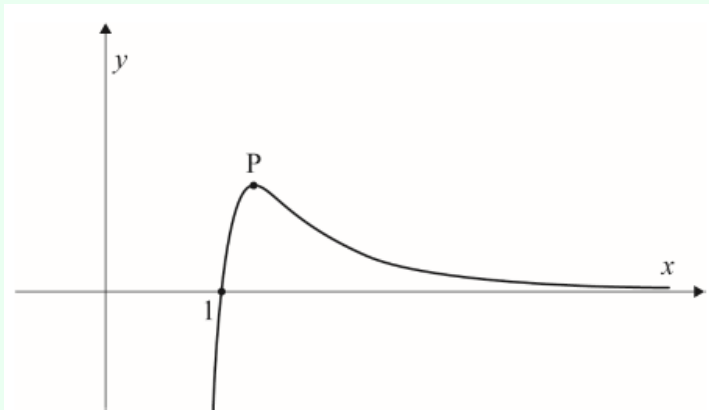
$$\ln x > 0 \quad (A1)$$

$$x > 1 \quad A1$$

[2 marks]

8e. Sketch the graph of f , showing clearly the value of the x -intercept and the approximate position of point P. **[3 marks]**

Markscheme



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Note: Award **A1** for one x -intercept only, located at 1

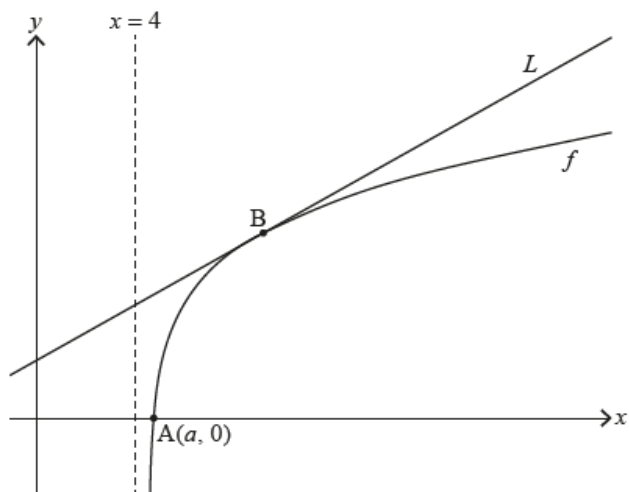
A1 for local maximum, P, in approximately correct position

A1 for curve approaching x -axis as $x \rightarrow \infty$ (including change in concavity).

[3 marks]

Consider the function f defined by $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 16)$ for $x > 4$.

The following diagram shows part of the graph of f which crosses the x -axis at point A, with coordinates $(a, 0)$. The line L is the tangent to the graph of f at the point B.



9a. Find the exact value of a .

[3 marks]

Markscheme

$$\ln(x^2 - 16) = 0 \text{ (M1)}$$

$$e^0 = x^2 - 16 (= 1)$$

$$x^2 = 17 \text{ OR } x = \pm\sqrt{17} \text{ (A1)}$$

$$a = \sqrt{17} \text{ A1}$$

[3 marks]

9b. Given that the gradient of L is $\frac{1}{3}$, find the x -coordinate of B.

[6 marks]

Markscheme

attempt to differentiate (must include $2x$ and/or $\frac{1}{x^2-16}$) **(M1)**

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2-16} \text{ A1}$$

setting their derivative = $\frac{1}{3}$ **M1**

$$\frac{2x}{x^2-16} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x^2 - 16 = 6x \text{ OR } x^2 - 6x - 16 = 0 \text{ (or equivalent) A1}$$

valid attempt to solve their quadratic **(M1)**

$$x = 8 \text{ A1}$$

Note: Award **A0** if the candidate's final answer includes additional solutions (such as $x = -2, 8$).

[6 marks]

Consider the graph of the function $f(x) = x^2 - \frac{k}{x}$.

10a. Write down $f'(x)$.

[3 marks]

Markscheme

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$$2x + \frac{k}{x^2} \quad (\mathbf{A1})(\mathbf{A1})(\mathbf{A1}) \quad (\mathbf{C3})$$

Note: Award **(A1)** for $2x$, **(A1)** for $+k$, and **(A1)** for x^{-2} or $\frac{1}{x^2}$.
Award at most **(A1)(A1)(A0)** if additional terms are seen.

[3 marks]

The equation of the tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = -2$ is $2y = 4 - 5x$.

10b. Write down the gradient of this tangent.

[1 mark]

Markscheme

$$-2.5 \quad \left(\frac{-5}{2}\right) \quad (\mathbf{A1}) \quad (\mathbf{C1})$$

[1 mark]

10c. Find the value of k .

[2 marks]

Markscheme

$$-2.5 = 2 \times (-2) + \frac{k}{(-2)^2} \quad (M1)$$

Note: Award **(M1)** for equating their gradient from part (b) to their substituted derivative from part (a).

$$(k =) 6 \quad (A1)(ft) \quad (C2)$$

Note: Follow through from parts (a) and (b).

[2 marks]

Consider the curve C defined by $y^2 = \sin(xy)$, $y \neq 0$.

11a. Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y \cos(xy)}{2y - x \cos(xy)}$.

[5 marks]

Markscheme

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attempt at implicit differentiation **M1**

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos(xy) \left[x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \right] \quad \mathbf{A1M1A1}$$

Note: Award **A1** for LHS, **M1** for attempt at chain rule, **A1** for RHS.

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{dx} \cos(xy) + y \cos(xy)$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} - x \frac{dy}{dx} \cos(xy) = y \cos(xy)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (2y - x \cos(xy)) = y \cos(xy) \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

Note: Award **M1** for collecting derivatives and factorising.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y \cos(xy)}{2y - x \cos(xy)} \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[5 marks]

11b. Prove that, when $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$, $y = \pm 1$.

[5 marks]

Markscheme

setting $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$y \cos(xy) = 0 \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$(y \neq 0) \Rightarrow \cos(xy) = 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(xy) \left(= \pm \sqrt{1 - \cos^2(xy)} = \pm \sqrt{1 - 0} \right) = \pm 1 \quad \mathbf{OR}$$

$$xy = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2} \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}) \quad \mathbf{OR} \quad xy = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: If they offer values for xy , award **A1** for at least two correct values in two different 'quadrants' and no incorrect values.

$$y^2 (= \sin(xy)) > 0 \quad \mathbf{R1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = 1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm 1 \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

[5 marks]

11c. Hence find the coordinates of all points on C , for $0 < x < 4\pi$, where **[5 marks]**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0.$$

Markscheme

$$y = \pm 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \sin(\pm x) \Rightarrow \sin x = \pm 1 \quad \mathbf{OR}$$

$$y = \pm 1 \Rightarrow 0 = \cos(\pm x) \Rightarrow \cos x = 0 \quad \mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$(\sin x = 1 \Rightarrow) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1 \right), \left(\frac{5\pi}{2}, 1 \right) \quad \mathbf{A1A1}$$

$$(\sin x = -1 \Rightarrow) \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, -1 \right), \left(\frac{7\pi}{2}, -1 \right) \quad \mathbf{A1A1}$$

Note: Allow 'coordinates' expressed as $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $y = 1$ for example.

Note: Each of the **A** marks may be awarded independently and are not dependent on **(M1)** being awarded.

Note: Mark only the candidate's first two attempts for each case of $\sin x$.

[5 marks]

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