

13.2 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics : Year 2 Differentiation III

Answer 1

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \sec x \tan x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \sec x \sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x \tan x \\ &= \sec x (\sec^2 x + \tan^2 x) \\ &= \sec x (\sec^2 x + \sec^2 x - 1) \quad \text{from identity } 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x \\ &= \sec x (2 \sec^2 x - 1) \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

Answer 2

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \csc x \cot x \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \csc x (-\csc^2 x) + (-\csc x \cot x) \cot x \\ &= -\csc x (\csc^2 x + \cot^2 x) \\ &= -\csc x (\csc^2 x + \csc^2 x - 1) \quad \text{from identity } \cot^2 x + 1 = \csc^2 x \\ &= -\csc x (2 \csc^2 x - 1) \\ &= \csc x (1 - 2 \csc^2 x)\end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

Answer 3

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{8}{(1-3x)^3} \\ &= 8(1-3x)^{-3} \\ f'(x) &= -24(1-3x)^{-4} \times (-3) \\ &= \frac{72}{(1-3x)^4} \\ \therefore f'(1) &= \frac{72}{(-2)^4} \\ &= \frac{9}{2}\end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

Answer 4

$$x = \cos(2y + \pi)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = -2 \sin(2y + \pi)$$

$$\text{When } y = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad \frac{dx}{dy} = -2 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = -2 \times -1 = 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ at } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

For the tangent, $y = mx + c$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0 + c \Rightarrow c = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Tangent is } y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\pi}{4}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 5

(i) The curve will cut the x-axis when $y = 0$

$$\ln(x^2 - 3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3 = e^0$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$\therefore$ Crosses the x-axis at $(-2, 0), (2, 0)$

[3 marks]

(ii) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 3}$

When $x = 2, y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$ so this normal has gradient $\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)$

It's equation will be, $y = mx + c$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{4} \times 2 + c \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore y = -\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

When $x = -2, y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = -4$ so this normal has gradient $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$

It's equation will be, $y = mx + c$

$$0 = \frac{1}{4} \times -2 + c \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Point of intersection is thus $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

[5 marks]

Answer 6

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \operatorname{arccot} x \\
 \therefore x &= \cot y \\
 \frac{dx}{dy} &= -\csc^2 y \\
 &= -(\cot^2 y + 1) \\
 &= -(x^2 + 1) \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{1 + x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

[6 marks]**Answer 7**

Cuts x-axis when $y = 0$, which is when $2x + 1 = 0 \quad \therefore A\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$

Cuts y-axis when $x = 0$, which is when $y = -1 \quad \therefore B(0, -1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y = \frac{2x + 1}{2x - 1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{(2x - 1) \cdot 2 - 2(2x + 1)}{(2x - 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{4x - 2 - 4x - 2}{(2x - 1)^2} \\
 &= -\frac{4}{(2x - 1)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

For A, $\frac{dy}{dx} = -1$ giving a tangent, $y = mx + c$

$$0 = -1 \times -\frac{1}{2} + c \Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = -x - \frac{1}{2}$$

For B, $\frac{dy}{dx} = -4$ giving a tangent, $y = mx + c$

$$-1 = -4 \times 0 + c \Rightarrow c = -1$$

$$y = -4x - 1$$

These tangents intersect when, $-4x - 1 = -x - \frac{1}{2}$

$$x = -\frac{1}{6} \text{ with } y = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ i.e. } \left(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

[8 marks]