Parametric Equations

1.
A curve has parametric equations

$$x = 2\sin t, \quad y = \cos 2t + 2\sin t$$

for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi \leqslant t \leqslant \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 2\sin t$ and hence find the coordinates of the stationary point. **[5]**

(ii) Find the cartesian equation of the curve. **[3]**

(iii) State the set of values that x can take and hence sketch the curve. **[3]**

2.
A curve has parametric equations $x = \sec\theta$, $y = 2\tan\theta$.

(i) Given that the derivative of $\sec\theta$ is $\sec\theta\tan\theta$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\operatorname{cosec}\theta$. **[3]**

(ii) Verify that the cartesian equation of the curve is $y^2 = 4x^2 - 4$. **[2]**

3.
A curve has parametric equations $x = \frac{1}{t} - 1$ and $y = 2t + \frac{1}{t^2}$.

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t, simplifying your answer. **[3]**

(ii) Find the coordinates of the stationary point and, by considering the gradient of the curve on either side of this point, determine its nature. **[4]**

(iii) Find a cartesian equation of the curve. **[2]**

4.
A curve has parametric equations $x = e^{3t}, y = te^{2t}$.

(i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t. Hence find the exact gradient of the curve at the point with parameter $t = 1$. **[4]**

(ii) Find the cartesian equation of the curve in the form $y = ax^b \ln x$, where a and b are constants to be determined. **[3]**

5.
(a) Find the gradient of the curve $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 3$ at the point $(-1, -1)$. **[4]**

(b) A curve C has parametric equations

$$x = 2t^2 - 1, \quad y = t^3 + t.$$

(i) Find the coordinates of the point on C at which the tangent is parallel to the y-axis. **[3]**

(ii) Find the values of t for which x and y have the same rate of change with respect to t. **[3]**

6.
A curve has parametric equations

$$x = \frac{1}{t+1}, \qquad y = t - 1.$$

The line $y = 3x$ intersects the curve at two points.

(i) Show that the value of t at one of these points is -2 and find the value of t at the other point. **[2]**

(ii) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point for which $t = -2$. **[6]**

(iii) Find the value of t at the point where this normal meets the curve again. **[2]**

(iv) Find a cartesian equation of the curve, giving your answer in the form $y = \mathrm{f}(x)$. **[3]**

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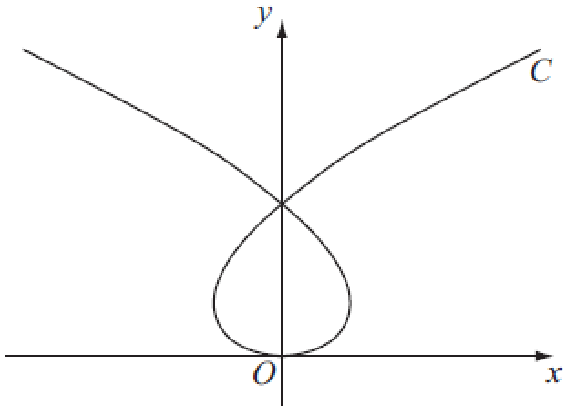

Figure 3

The curve C shown in Figure 3 has parametric equations

$$x = t^3 - 8t, \quad y = t^2$$

where t is a parameter. Given that the point A has parameter $t = -1$,

(a) find the coordinates of A.

(1)

The line l is the tangent to C at A.

(b) Show that an equation for l is $2x - 5y - 9 = 0$.

(5)

The line l also intersects the curve at the point B.

(c) Find the coordinates of B.

(6)

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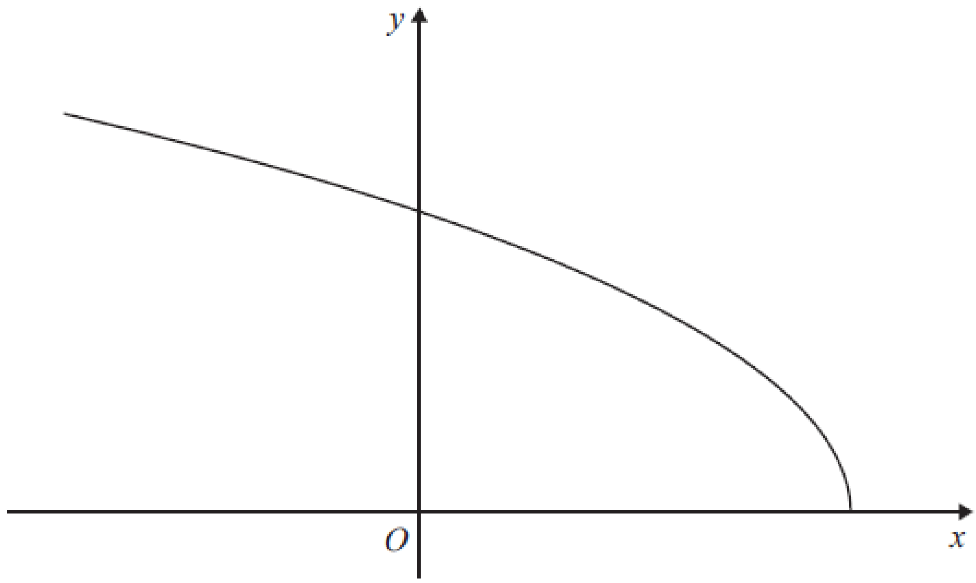

Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations

$$x = 2\cos 2t, \qquad y = 6\sin t, \qquad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant \frac{\pi}{2}$$

(a) Find the gradient of the curve at the point where $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

(4)

(b) Find a cartesian equation of the curve in the form

$$y = \mathrm{f}(x), \quad -k \leqslant x \leqslant k,$$

stating the value of the constant k.

(4)

(c) Write down the range of $\mathrm{f}(x)$.

(2)

(Question 9 is on the next page.)

9.

The curve C has parametric equations

$$x = 3t - 4, \quad y = 5 - \frac{6}{t}, \qquad t > 0$$

(a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t

(2)

The point P lies on C where $t = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) Find the equation of the tangent to C at the point P. Give your answer in the form $y = px + q$, where p and q are integers to be determined.

(3)

(c) Show that the cartesian equation for C can be written in the form

$$y = \frac{ax + b}{x + 4}, \qquad x > -4$$

where a and b are integers to be determined.

(3)

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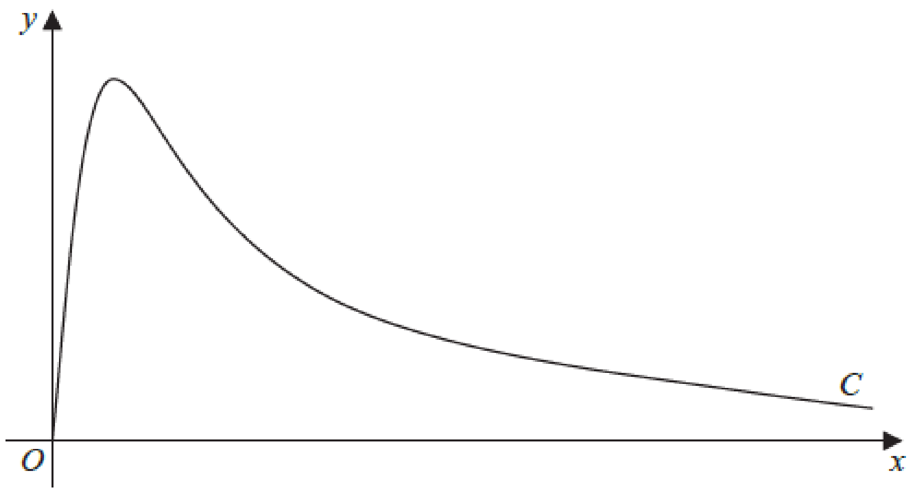

Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve C with parametric equations

$$x = 4\tan t, \qquad y = 5\sqrt{3}\sin 2t, \qquad 0 \leqslant t < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

The point P lies on C and has coordinates $\left(4\sqrt{3}, \frac{15}{2}\right)$.

(a) Find the exact value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point P.

Give your answer as a simplified surd.

(4)

The point Q lies on the curve C, where $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

(b) Find the exact coordinates of the point Q.

(2)