

A2 Maths Revision Notes

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Polynomials

Long Division: $\begin{array}{r} \text{Divisor } x+4 \overline{) x^2+5x+4} \\ \text{Quotient} \end{array}$ ← Dividend

① How many times does x go into x^2 ?

② Multiply through

③ Subtract. Repeat

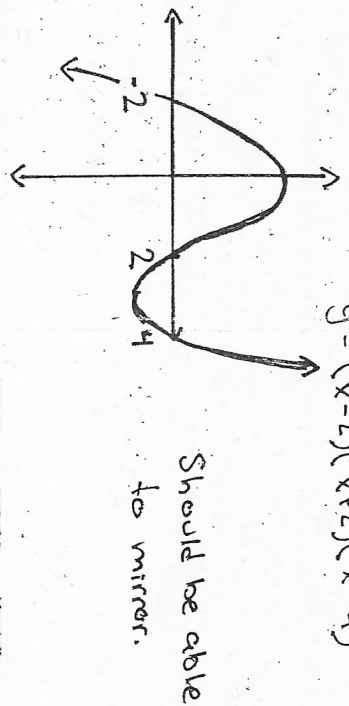
$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x - 3 \\ x-1 \overline{) x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3} \\ \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\ -2x^2 - x \\ \underline{-2x^2 + 2x} \\ -3x + 3 \\ \underline{-3x + 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

⚠ Sometimes there is a remainder!

Factor Theorem: If $(x-p)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ then $f(p) = 0$

Remainder Theorem: The remainder of $\frac{f(x)}{(x-p)}$ is $f(p)$

Sketching: Sketch $x^3 - 4x^2 - 4x + 16 = y$
 $y = (x-2)(x+2)(x-4)$



Differentiation

Refresher $\rightarrow y = ax^n$ so $\frac{dy}{dx} = anx^{n-1}$

$\rightarrow (ax+b)^n$ so $\frac{dy}{dx} = n(a)(ax+b)^{n-1}$

Product Rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

$y = 20x(x-1)^6 \rightarrow u: 20x \quad v: (x-1)^6$

$\frac{du}{dx}: 20 \quad \frac{dv}{dx}: 6(x-1)^5$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 20x(6)(x-1)^5 + (x-1)^6(20)$$

$$120x(x-1)^5 + 20(x-1)^6$$

$$= 20(x-1)^5 [6x + (x+1)]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 20(x-1)^5 [7x+1]$$

Quotient Rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$y = \frac{x+1}{x^2+2x+3} \rightarrow u: x+1 \quad v: x^2+2x+3$

$\frac{du}{dx} = 1 \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 2x+2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2+2x+3 - (2x+2)(x+1)}{(x^2+2x+3)^2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x^2-2x+1}{(x^2+2x+3)^2}$$

Natural Logs

$y = e^x \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{f(x)}$

y	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
e^x	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
Ae^x	Ae^x
e^{bx}	be^{bx}
$\ln(Ax)$	$\frac{1}{x}$

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Differentiation

Differentiating Trigonometry:

$y = \sin x$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x$	$y = \cos x$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin x$
$y = \tan x$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec^2 x$	$y = \cot x$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$
$y = \operatorname{cosec} x$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\cot x \operatorname{cosec} x$	$y = \sec x$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x \sec x$

Proof: $y = \sec x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan x \sec x$

$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x} \rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 0 \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = -\sin x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{0 - \sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{-\sin x}{\cos^2 x} = -\tan x \sec x$$

Implicit Differentiation:

$\rightarrow$ If you differentiate y, you get $\frac{dy}{dx}$

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

$\sin y \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \cos y$

Find gradient of $x^3 - x^2y - y^3 = 3 \quad x=2 \quad y=1$

$3x^2 \quad -x^2y \quad -y^3$

$3x^2 \quad -2x \frac{dy}{dx} \quad -3 \frac{dy}{dx} y^2$

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

$\rightarrow 3x^2 - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} y^2 = 0$

Plug in $x=2 \quad y=1$

$3(4) - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - 4 - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$8 = 7 \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8}{7}$

Answer

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