Q1a

1a

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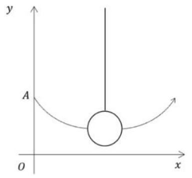

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(ii) Find the shortest distance between the wrecking ball and the ground during its motion.

[4]

(b) The destruction of a building requires the wrecking ball to strike it at a height of 1.4 m whilst on the upward part of its path.
Find the horizontal distance from point A at which the ball hits the building.

[4]

a) (i) When $t = 0$, $y = 4.9(0)^2 - 4.9(0) + 2 = 2$.

$\boxed{\text{At point A, the wrecking ball is at a height of 2 metres.}}$

(ii)
$$\left.\begin{aligned} y &= 4.9t^2 - 4.9t + 2 \\ &= 4.9(t^2 - t) + 2 \\ &= 4.9\left(\left(t - \tfrac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \tfrac{1}{4}\right) + 2 \\ &= 4.9\left(t - \tfrac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 1.225 + 2 \\ y &= 4.9\left(t - \tfrac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 0.775 \end{aligned}\right\} \text{complete the square}$$

y has a minimum of 0.775 when $t = \frac{1}{2}$

$\boxed{\text{The shortest distance between the wrecking ball and the ground during its motion is } 0.775 \text{ m}}$

You could also consider $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ to find the value of t corresponding to the minimum value of y.

Q1b

1b

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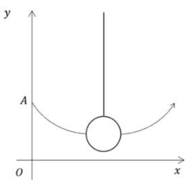

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b) When $y = 1.4$

$$4.9\left(t - \tfrac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 0.775 = 1.4$$
$$4.9\left(t - \tfrac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 0.625$$
$$\left(t - \tfrac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{0.625}{4.9} = \frac{6.25}{49}$$
$$t - \tfrac{1}{2} = \pm\frac{2.5}{7} = \pm\frac{5}{14}$$
$$t = \tfrac{1}{2} \pm \tfrac{5}{14} \Rightarrow t = \tfrac{1}{7}, \tfrac{6}{7}$$

But for the upward part of the path we must choose $t = \frac{6}{7}$

When $t = \frac{6}{7}$, $x = 10\left(\frac{6}{7}\right) = \frac{60}{7}$

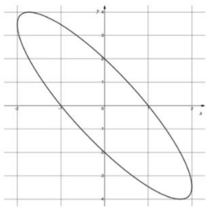
$\boxed{\text{When the ball hits the building, the horizontal distance from point A is } \frac{60}{7} \text{ metres.}}$

Q2a

2a

The graph of the ellipse E shown below is defined by the parametric equations

$x = 2\cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \qquad y = 4\sin\theta \qquad -\pi \le \theta \le \pi$



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[3]

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[4]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta}$$

a) $y = 4\sin\theta \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = 4\cos\theta$

$x = 2\cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = -2\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4\cos\theta}{-2\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2\cos\theta}{\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)}}$$

Q2b

2b

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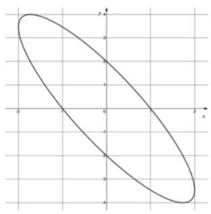

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From part (a), $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2\cos\theta}{\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)}$

b) when $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}$,

$x = 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sqrt{3} \qquad y = 4\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2\cos(-\pi/6)}{\sin(\pi/6)} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1/2} = -2\sqrt{3}$$

The equation of the tangent is

$y - (-2) = -2\sqrt{3}\left(x - \sqrt{3}\right)$

$y + 2 = -2\sqrt{3}x + 6$

$$\boxed{y = 4 - 2\sqrt{3}x}$$

Q3

3

The curve C has parametric equations

$$x = 3t \qquad y = t + \frac{1}{t} \qquad t > 0$$

Find the equation of the normal to C at the point where C intersects the line $y = x$.

[9]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$\text{gradient of normal} = -\frac{1}{dy/dx}$$

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C intersects the line $y = x$ when

$\underbrace{3t = t + \frac{1}{t}}_{x=y} \Rightarrow 3t^2 = t^2 + 1 \Rightarrow 2t^2 = 1 \Rightarrow t = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

But $t > 0$, so $t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

When $t = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$x = 3\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \qquad y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}/2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \sqrt{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{t^2}}{3} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2}/2)^2}}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$

The gradient of the normal is $-\frac{1}{(-1/3)} = 3$

The equation of the normal is

$y - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} = 3\left(x - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

$y - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} = 3x - \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$y = 3x - \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$$\boxed{y = 3x - 3\sqrt{2}}$$

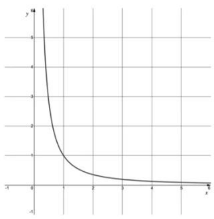
Q4

4

The graph of the curve defined by the parametric equations

$$x = e^{2t} \qquad y = e^{-3t}$$

is shown below.



(i) Verify that the graph passes through the point $(1, 1)$.

(ii) Prove that the line with equation $y = x$ is **not** the normal to the curve at the point $(1, 1)$.

[6]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$\text{gradient of normal} = -\frac{1}{dy/dx}$$

(i) When $t = 0$, $x = e^0 = 1$ and $y = e^0 = 1$

So the curve passes through $(1, 1)$

(ii) $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2e^{2t} \qquad \frac{dy}{dt} = -3e^{-3t}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3e^{-3t}}{2e^{2t}} = -\frac{3}{2}e^{-5t}$

So at $(1, 1)$ where $t = 0$,

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{2}e^0 = -\frac{3}{2}$

So the gradient of the normal at $(1, 1)$ is

$-\frac{1}{dy/dx} = -\frac{1}{(-3/2)} = \frac{2}{3}$

The gradient of $y = x$ is 1.

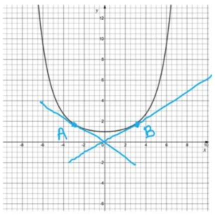
Therefore $y = x$ is not the normal to the curve at the point $(1, 1)$

Q5a

5a

The diagram below shows a sketch of the curve defined by the parametric equations

$x = 4t \qquad y = e^{t^2}$



The tangents to the curve that pass through the origin meet the curve at points A and B

(a) Show that the values of t at points A and B are $t = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ and $t = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$. [5]

(b) Hence, or otherwise, show that the area of the triangle OAB is $2\sqrt{2}\,e^{\frac{1}{2}}$ square units. [3]

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$

All lines through the origin are of the form $y = mx$

a) The gradients of the tangents to the curve are given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{2te^{t^2}}{4} = \frac{1}{2}te^{t^2}$$

Lines through the origin with that gradient are of the form $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}te^{t^2}\right)x$

Where the tangents touch the curve, $x = 4t$ and $y = e^{t^2}$. Therefore:

$$e^{t^2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}te^{t^2}\right)(4t)$$

$$e^{t^2} = 2t^2e^{t^2}$$

$$1 = 2t^2$$

$$t^2 = \frac{1}{2} \implies t = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ or } -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Q5b

5b

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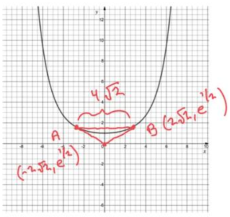

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$y = e^{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2} = e^{1/2}$

when $t = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$: $x = 4\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = 2\sqrt{2}$

$y = e^{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2} = e^{1/2}$

The area of triangle OAB is

$$\frac{1}{2} \times (4\sqrt{2}) \times \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2}\,e^{\frac{1}{2}}$$