

If x and y are connected parametrically by the equations given in questions 1 to 10, without eliminating the parameter, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

1. $x = 2at^2, y = at^4$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = 2at^2$... (i) and $y = at^4$... (ii) Differentiating (i) & (ii) w.r.t. t , we get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2a(2t) = 4at \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = 4at^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{4at^3}{4at} = t^2$$

2. $x = a \cos \theta, y = b \cos \theta$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = a \cos \theta$... (i) and $y = b \cos \theta$... (ii) Differentiating (i) & (ii) w.r.t. θ , we get

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = a(-\sin \theta) = -a \sin \theta \text{ and } \frac{dy}{d\theta} = b(-\sin \theta) = -b \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{-b \sin \theta}{-a \sin \theta} = \frac{b}{a}$$

3. $x = \sin t, y = \cos 2t$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = \sin t$... (i) and $y = \cos 2t$... (ii) Differentiating (i) & (ii) w.r.t. t , we get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \cos t \text{ and }$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\sin 2t \cdot 2 = -2 \sin 2t$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-2 \sin 2t}{\cos t} = \frac{-2 \cdot 2 \sin t \cos t}{\cos t} = -4 \sin t$$

4. $x = 4t, y = \frac{4}{t}$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = 4t$... (i) $y = \frac{4}{t}$ Differentiating (i) & (ii) w.r.t. t , we get

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 4 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{-4}{t^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{-4}{t^2} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{-1}{t^2}$$

5. $x = \cos \theta - \cos 2\theta, y = \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = \cos \theta - \cos 2\theta$.. (i) and $y = \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta$... (ii) Differentiating (i) & (ii) w.r.t. θ , we get

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta - (-\sin 2\theta) \cdot 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \cos \theta - \cos 2\theta \cdot 2 = \cos \theta - 2 \cos 2\theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{\cos \theta - 2 \cos 2\theta}{2 \sin 2\theta - \sin \theta}$$

Continuity & Differentiability

6. $x = a(\theta - \sin \theta), y = a(1 + \cos \theta)$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = a(\theta - \sin \theta)$ and ... (i) $y = a(1 + \cos \theta)$... (ii) Differentiating (i) & (ii) w.r.t. θ , we get

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = a[1 - \cos \theta] \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = a[-\sin \theta] = -a \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{-a \sin \theta}{a(1 - \cos \theta)} = \frac{-\sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \\ &= \frac{-2 \sin \theta / 2 \cos \theta / 2}{2 \sin^2 \theta / 2} = -\cot \frac{\theta}{2}\end{aligned}$$

7. $x = \frac{\sin^3 t}{\sqrt{\cos 2t}}, y = \frac{\cos^3 t}{\sqrt{\cos 2t}}$

SOLUTION

Here $x = \frac{\sin^3 t}{\sqrt{\cos 2t}}$... (i) and $y = \frac{\cos^3 t}{\sqrt{\cos 2t}}$... (ii)

Differentiating (i) & (ii) w.r.t. t , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{\sqrt{\cos 2t} \frac{d}{dt}(\sin^3 t) - \sin^3 t \frac{d}{dt}(\sqrt{\cos 2t})}{\cos 2t} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\cos 2t} 3 \sin^2 t \cos t - \sin^3 t \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\cos 2t}} \cdot (-\sin 2t) \cdot 2}{\cos 2t} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\cos 2t} 3 \sin^2 t \cos t + \frac{\sin^3 t \sin 2t}{\sqrt{\cos 2t}}}{\cos 2t} \\ &= \frac{3 \cos 2t \sin^2 t \cos t + \sin^3 t \sin 2t}{(\cos 2t)^{3/2}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{\sqrt{\cos 2t} \frac{d}{dt}(\cos^3 t) - \cos^3 t \frac{d}{dt}(\sqrt{\cos 2t})}{\cos 2t} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\cos 2t} \cdot 3 \cos^2 t (-\sin t) - \cos^3 t \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\cos 2t}} \cdot (-\sin 2t) \cdot 2}{\cos 2t} \\ &= \frac{-3 \cos^2 t \cdot \sin t \cdot \sqrt{\cos 2t} + \frac{\cos^3 t \sin 2t}{\sqrt{\cos 2t}}}{\cos 2t} \\ &= \frac{\cos^3 t \sin 2t - 3 \cos^2 t \cdot \sin t \cos 2t}{(\cos 2t)^{3/2}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{\cos^3 t \sin 2t - 3 \cos^2 t \cdot \sin t \cos 2t}{3 \cos 2t \sin^2 t \cos t + \sin^3 t \sin 2t} = -\cot 3t$$

8. $x = a \left(\cos t + \log \tan \frac{t}{2} \right), y = a \sin t$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = a \left(\cos t + \log \tan \frac{t}{2} \right)$... (1) and $y = a \sin t$... (2) Differentiating (1) & (2) w.r.t. t , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= a \left[-\sin t + \frac{1}{\tan \frac{t}{2}} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\tan \frac{t}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= a \left[-\sin t + \frac{1}{\tan \frac{t}{2}} \sec^2 \frac{t}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{a \cos^2 t}{\sin t} \frac{dy}{dt} = a \cos t \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{a \cos t \sin t}{a \cos^2 t} = \tan t\end{aligned}$$

9. $x = a \sec \theta, y = b \tan \theta$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = a \sec \theta, \dots (1)$ and $y = b \tan \theta \dots (2)$ Differentiating (1) & (2) w.r.t. θ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{d\theta} &= a \sec \theta \tan \theta \text{ and } \frac{dy}{d\theta} = b \sec^2 \theta \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{b \sec^2 \theta}{a \sec \theta \tan \theta} = \frac{b \sec \theta}{a \tan \theta} = \frac{b}{a} \csc \theta\end{aligned}$$

10. $x = a(\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta), y = a(\sin \theta - \theta \sec \theta)$

SOLUTION

Here, $x = a(\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta) \dots \dots (1)$ and $y = a(\sin \theta - \theta \sec \theta) \dots \dots (2)$ Differentiating (1) & (2) w.r.t. θ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{d\theta} &= a[-\sin \theta + \theta \cdot \cos \theta + \sin \theta] = a\theta \cos \theta \quad \frac{dy}{d\theta} = a[\cos \theta - (\theta(-\sin \theta) + \cos \theta)] \\ &= a[\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta - \cos \theta] = a\theta \sin \theta \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{a\theta \sin \theta}{a\theta \cos \theta} = \tan \theta\end{aligned}$$

11. If $x = \sqrt{a^{\sin^{-1} t}}, y = \sqrt{a^{\cos^{-1} t}}$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$

SOLUTION

Given : $x = \sqrt{a^{\sin^{-1} t}}$ and $y = \sqrt{a^{\cos^{-1} t}}$, Differentiating x and y w.r.t. t, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^{\sin^{-1} t}}} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} a^{\sin^{-1} t} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^{\sin^{-1} t}}} a^{\sin^{-1} t} \cdot \log a \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \sin^{-1} t \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{a^{\sin^{-1} t}}}{2} \cdot \log a \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^{\cos^{-1} t}}} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} a^{\cos^{-1} t} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^{\cos^{-1} t}}} a^{\cos^{-1} t} \cdot \log a \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{a^{\cos^{-1} t}}}{2} \log a \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{a^{\cos^{-1} t}}}{2} \log a \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}}{\frac{\sqrt{a^{\sin^{-1} t}}}{2} \log a \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{a^{\cos^{-1} t}}}{\sqrt{a^{\sin^{-1} t}}} = -\frac{y}{x}\end{aligned}$$

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