

Background knowledge - Differential calculus

A1 Limits:

E.g.1 Determine: (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (2x + 1) = [2(-1) + 1] = -1$ *Substitute x with -1*

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad & \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \right) && \text{Cannot substitute } x \text{ with 3 yet,} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{(x - 3)(x + 3)}{(x - 3)} \right) && \text{because } (3 - 3 = 0) \text{ and denominator } \neq 0. \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left(\frac{\cancel{(x - 3)}(x + 3)}{\cancel{(x - 3)}} \right) && \therefore \text{First factorise and then simplify} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x + 3) = 3 + 3 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

A2 Derivatives from first principles:

Formula for first principles:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

E.g.2 Find $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = 2x^2 - x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x^2 - x \\ \therefore f(x + h) &= 2(x + h)^2 - (x + h) \\ \therefore f(x + h) &= 2(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - (x + h) \\ \therefore f(x + h) &= 2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 - x - h \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} \\ f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 - x - h) - (2x^2 - x)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{2x^2} + 4xh + 2h^2 - \cancel{x} - h - \cancel{2x^2} + \cancel{x}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4xh + 2h^2 - h}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cancel{h}(4x + 2h - 1)}{\cancel{h}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (4x + 2h - 1) \\ &= 4x + 2(0) - 1 = 4x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

A3 Derivative rules:

A3.1 Rules:

* Power rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$

* Derivative of a constant rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(k) = 0$ for k as any constant value

* Derivative of the sum or difference of two functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] \pm \frac{d}{dx}[g(x)]$$

* Derivative of a constant multiplied with a function:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[k \times f(x)] = k \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] \quad \text{for } k \text{ as any constant value}$$

A3.2 Notations:

E.g.3 (a) Find $f'(x)$ if $f(x) = \frac{5}{x} - 3x + 2x^5 - 1$

$$\therefore f(x) = 5x^{-1} - 3x + 2x^5 - 1$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = -5x^{-2} - 3 + 10x^4$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{-5}{x^2} - 3 + 10x^4$$

(b) Find $D_x[(3x + m)^2]$

$$= D_x[3x^2 + 6mx + m^2]$$

$$= 6x + 6m \quad [m \text{ is seen as a constant value}]$$

(c) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \sqrt[3]{8x^2} + \frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x - 4}$

$$\therefore y = \sqrt[3]{8} \times \sqrt[3]{x^2} + \frac{(x-4)(x+2)}{(x-4)}$$

$$\therefore y = 2 \times x^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{(x-4)(x+2)}{(x-4)}$$

$$\therefore y = 2x^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{\cancel{(x-4)}(x+2)}{\cancel{(x-4)}}$$

$$\therefore y = 2x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x + 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \times \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{2}{3}-1} + 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{3} x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + 1$$

A4 Applications:

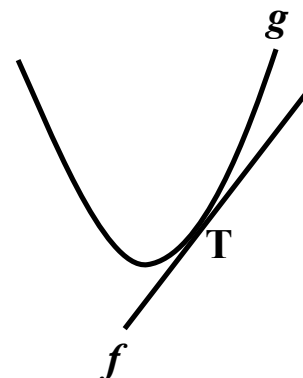
A4.1 Basic application:

- * To find the equation of a tangent to any curve:

$$f(x) = y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

with $T(x_1; y_1)$ the common point

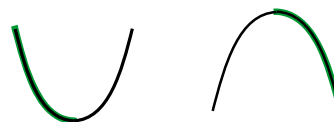
$$m = g'(x_1).$$



- * A function is increasing if gradient is positive.



- * A function is decreasing if gradient is negative.



- * A function is neither increasing or decreasing if the gradient is 0.



E.g.4 Find the coordinates of S, if S is the point of tangency between the tangent $y = 3x - 7$ and the curve $f(x) = x^2 + x - 6$.

Tangent: $y = 3x - 7 \rightarrow m = 3$

But $m = f'(x) = 2x + 1$

$$\therefore 3 = 2x + 1$$

$$\therefore 3 = 2x + 1$$

$$\therefore 2 = 2x$$

$$\therefore x = 1$$

Substitute $x = 1$ into the tangent or into $f(x)$:

$$y = 3x - 7$$

$$y = 3(1) - 7$$

$$y = -4$$

or

$$f(x) = x^2 + x - 6$$

$$y = (1)^2 + (1) - 6$$

$$y = 1 + 1 - 6 = -4$$

$$\therefore S(1; -4)$$

A4.2 Graphs:

A4.2.1 Solving cubic equations:

∴ Different examples of finding the x -intercept: ($y = 0$)

(1) If $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + x$

x -intercepts: ($y = 0$) - [Common factor x .]

$$\therefore 0 = x^3 + 2x^2 + x$$

$$\therefore 0 = x(x^2 + 2x + 1)$$

$$\therefore 0 = x(x + 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1$$

(2) If $f(x) = (1 - 2x)(x + 3)(x + 2)$

x - intercepts: ($y = 0$) - [Factors given.]

$$\therefore 0 = (1 - 2x)(x + 3)(x + 2)$$

$$\therefore 1 - 2x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x + 3 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -2$$

(3) If $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$

x - intercepts: ($y = 0$) - [Factorise by grouping.]

$$\therefore 0 = x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2$$

$$\therefore 0 = x^2(x + 2) - 1(x + 2)$$

$$\therefore 0 = (x + 2)(x^2 - 1)$$

$$\therefore 0 = (x + 2)(x - 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\therefore x = -2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1$$

(4) If $f(x) = -4x^3 + 28x^2 - 49x + 18$

x- intercepts: ($y = 0$) - [Factor theorem and synthetic division.]

$$\therefore f(1) = -4(1)^3 + 28(1)^2 - 49(1) + 18 = 91$$

$\therefore x - 1$ is not a factor of $f(x)$.

$$\therefore f(2) = -4(2)^3 + 28(2)^2 - 49(2) + 18 = 0$$

$\therefore (x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x) \longrightarrow x = 2$ is the one x- intercept

$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & -4 & 28 & -49 & 18 \\ & 0 & -8 & +40 & -18 \\ \hline & -4 & +20 & -9 & 0 \end{array}$

$\longrightarrow$ coefficients of $f(x)$
 $\longrightarrow$ coefficients of $(\quad)$
 Always 0

$$\therefore 0 = -4x^3 + 28x^2 - 49x + 18$$

$$\therefore 0 = (x - 2)(-4x^2 + 20x - 9)$$

$$\therefore x - 2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad -4x^2 + 20x - 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad 4x^2 - 20x + 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2x - 1)(2x - 9) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{9}{2}$$

(5) If $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3$

x- intercepts: ($y = 0$) - [Factor theorem and inspection.]

$$\therefore 0 = x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3$$

$$\therefore f(1) = (1)^3 - 5(1)^2 + 7(1) - 3 = 0$$

$\therefore (x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$$\therefore x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3 = (x - 1)(x^2 \dots \dots \dots ?)$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3 = (x - 1)(x^2 \pm ?x + 3) \quad \text{because } (-1)(+3) = -3$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3 = x^3 \dots \dots + 3x - 1x^2 \dots \dots - 3$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3 = x^3 + 4x + 3x - 1x^2 - 4x^2 - 3$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 3 = (x - 1)(x^2 - 4x + 3)$$

$$\therefore f(x) = (x - 1)(x^2 - 4x + 3) = (x - 1)(x - 3)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1$$

(6) If $f(x) = 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 13x - 9$

x- intercepts: ($y = 0$) - [Factor theorem and synthetic division – formula.]

$$\therefore f(1) = 2(1)^3 - 2(1)^2 - 13(1) - 9 = -22$$

$\therefore (x - 1)$ is not a factor of $f(x)$.

$$\therefore f(-1) = 2(-1)^3 - 2(-1)^2 - 13(-1) - 9 = 0$$

$\therefore (x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} -1 & 2 & -2 & -13 & -9 \\ & 0 & -2 & +4 & +9 \\ \hline & 2 & -4 & -9 & +0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore (x + 1)(2x^2 - 4x - 9) = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + 1) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (2x^2 - 4x - 9) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -1 \quad \therefore a = 2 \quad ; \quad b = -4 \quad \text{and} \quad c = -9$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(2)(-9)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 72}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{88}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{4} \pm \frac{2\sqrt{22}}{4}$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{22}}{2}$$

A4.2.2 Sketching of cubic graphs:

Standard form: $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

To sketch the graph, determine:

* **Form:** if $a > 0 \rightarrow$  or if $a < 0 \rightarrow$ 

* **y- intercept** $\rightarrow x = 0 \quad \therefore (0 ; d)$

* **x- intercept(s)** $\rightarrow y = 0$ [See A4.2.1]

* **Stationary points (turning points)** $\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$
Also the local minimum and local maximum.

* **Point of infection** $\rightarrow f''(x) = 0$

E.g.5 Sketch: $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x - 1$

* **Form:** if $a > 0 \rightarrow$ 

* **y- intercept** $\rightarrow x = 0$

$$f(0) = (0)^3 + (0)^2 - (0) - 1 = -1$$

$$\therefore (0 ; -1)$$

* **x- intercept(s)** $\rightarrow y = 0$

$$\therefore 0 = x^3 + 1x^2 - x - 1$$

$$\therefore 0 = x^2(x + 1) - 1(x + 1)$$

$$\therefore 0 = (x + 1)(x^2 - 1)$$

$$\therefore 0 = (x + 1)(x - 1)(x + 1)$$

$$\therefore x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1$$

$\therefore (-1 ; 0) ; (1 ; 0)$ and $(-1 ; 0) \rightarrow$ If 2 x- intercepts are the same, it means that the graph will turn on the x-axis. $\therefore (-1 ; 0)$ is then also a turning point.

* **Stationary points(Turning point)** $\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x - 1$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$0 = (x + 1)(3x - 1)$$

x- intercept $(-1 ; 0) \rightarrow$ turning point.

$$\therefore x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore f(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - (-1) - 1$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 1$$

$$\therefore f(-1) = 0$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{-32}{27}$$

$$\therefore (-1 ; 0)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} ; \frac{-32}{27}\right)$$

* **Point of inflection** $\rightarrow f''(x) = 0$

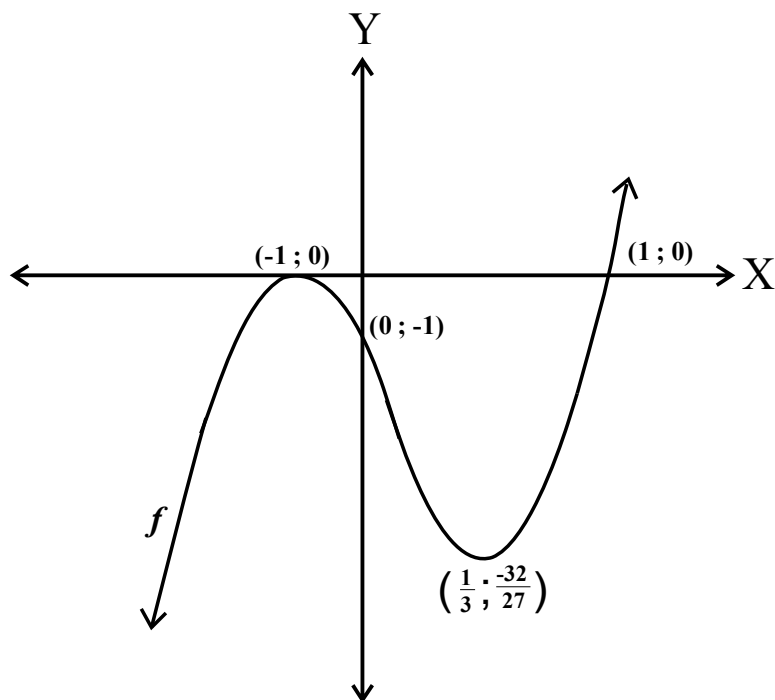
$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x - 1$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$f''(x) = 6x + 2 = 0$$

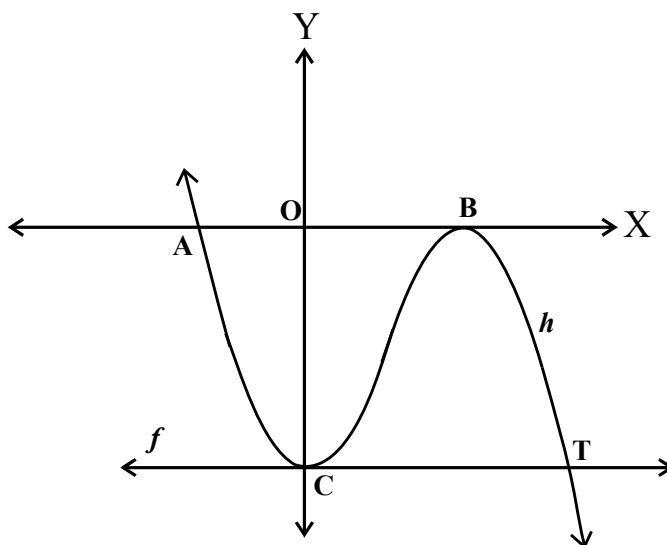
$$\therefore x = \frac{-2}{6} = \frac{-1}{3}$$

SKETCH:



A4.2.2 How to find the equation of a cubic graph:

E.g.6 $h(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ with $A(-1; 0)$; $B(2; 0)$ and $C(0; -8)$
 CT is parallel to the x -axis.



- Calculate:
- the values of a ; b ; c and d .
 - the equation of f .
 - the equation of the tangent (g) to curve h , through A .
 - the x -coordinate of the point of inflection of h .
 - the coordinates of T .
 - the average gradient between B and C .
 - the x -values for which h will be decreasing.
 - x if $h(x) < 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad & x = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2 \quad \text{coordinates of } A \text{ and } B \\
 \therefore & h(x) = a(x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 2) \quad \text{curve turning at } B \rightarrow x = 2 \\
 \therefore & h(x) = a(x + 1)(x^2 - 4x + 4) \\
 \therefore & h(x) = a(x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x + 1x^2 - 4x + 4) \\
 \therefore & h(x) = a(x^3 - 3x^2 + 4) \\
 \therefore & h(0) = a[(0)^3 - 3(0)^2 + 4] \quad \text{through } C(0; -8) \quad \begin{matrix} x & y & \rightarrow & y = h(x) \end{matrix} \\
 \therefore & -8 = a(4) \\
 \therefore & a = -2 \\
 \therefore & h(x) = -2(x^3 - 3x^2 + 4) \\
 \therefore & h(x) = -2x^3 + 6x^2 - 8 \\
 \therefore & a = -2 \quad ; \quad b = +6 \quad ; \quad c = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad d = -8
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad f(x) = -8$$

$$\text{tangent to TP} \rightarrow m = 0$$

$$(c) \quad \text{Equation of tangent : } y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \text{ with } m = h'(x)$$

$$\therefore h'(x) = -6x^2 + 12x$$

$$\therefore h'(-1) = -6(-1)^2 + 12(-1) \quad \text{at } A \rightarrow x = -1$$

$$\therefore m = -18$$

$$\therefore y - 0 = -18(x - (-1)) \quad \text{through } A(-1; 0)$$

$$\therefore y = -18x - 18$$

$$(d) \quad \text{Point of inflection} \rightarrow h''(x) = 0$$

$$h(x) = -2x^3 + 6x^2 - 8$$

$$\therefore h'(x) = -6x^2 + 12x$$

$$\therefore h''(x) = -12x + 12 = 0$$

$$-12x = -12$$

$$\therefore x = 1$$

$$(e) \quad T \text{ is the point of intersection of } h \text{ and } f:$$

$$h(x) = -2x^3 + 6x^2 - 8 \quad \text{and } f(x) = -8 = y \rightarrow \text{substitute into } h$$

$$\therefore -8 = -2x^3 + 6x^2 - 8$$

$$\therefore 0 = -2x^3 + 6x^2$$

$$\therefore 0 = x^3 - 3x^2$$

$$\therefore 0 = x^2(x - 3)$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3$$

$$\therefore T(3; -8)$$

$$(f) \quad AG = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad \text{through} \quad \overset{x_1 \quad y_1}{B(2; 0)} \quad \text{and} \quad \overset{x_2 \quad y_2}{C(0; -8)}$$

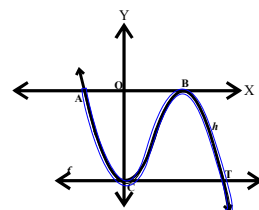
$$\therefore AG = \frac{-8 - 0}{0 - 2} = \frac{-8}{-2} = 4$$

$$(g) \quad h \text{ is decreasing if } x \in (-\infty; 0) \cup (2; \infty)$$

$$(h) \quad h(x) < 0$$

$$x > -1 \text{ but } x \neq 2$$

$$h(x) < 0 \text{ and not } h(x) \leq 0$$



A4.3 Further applications:

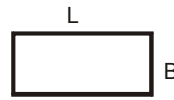
- Minima / maxima $\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$
- Distance = speed $\times$ time $\rightarrow$ Speed / velocity is the rate of change of the distance travelled over a period of time.
 $\therefore$ If $s(t)$ the distance travelled, after a period of time t , then the velocity will be $\rightarrow s'(t)$
- Acceleration is the tempo of change of velocity $\rightarrow \therefore s''(t)$
- Any rate of change: $f'(x)$
- Maximum / minimum perimeter, area or volume $\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$

Revise the formula for perimeter, area or volume:

* Rectangle:

$$\text{Perimeter} = 2L + 2B$$

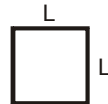
$$\text{Area} = L \times B$$



* Square:

$$\text{Perimeter} = 4L$$

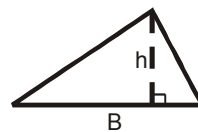
$$\text{Area} = L^2$$



* Triangle:

$$\text{Perimeter} = sy + sy + sy$$

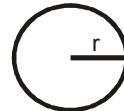
$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} B \times h$$



* Circle:

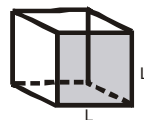
$$\text{Circumference} = 2\pi r$$

$$\text{Area} = \pi r^2$$



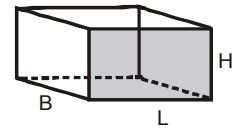
* Cube: $\therefore$ Surface area = $6L^2$

$$\text{and Volume} = L^3$$



* Rectangular prism: $\therefore$ **Surface area** = $2LH + 2BH + 2LB$

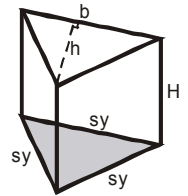
and **Volume** = $L \times B \times H$



* Triangular prism: **Surface area** = (side + side + side) $H + 2 \times \frac{1}{2}bh$

$\therefore$ **Surface area** = (side + side + side) $H + bh$

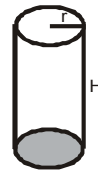
and **Volume** = $\frac{1}{2}bh \times H$



* Cylinder: **Surface area** = $(2\pi r)H + 2(\pi r^2)$

$\therefore$ **Surface area** = $2\pi r (H + r)$

and **Volume** = $V = \pi r^2 H$



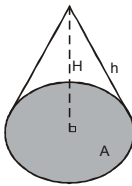
* Real cone:

Surface area = $\pi r(h + r)$ With: **A** the area of the base – needed for the volume!

r the radius of the base (circle)

h the slant height of the cone

H the perpendicular height – needed for the volume!



and **Volume** = $\frac{1}{3}AH$

* Pyramid:

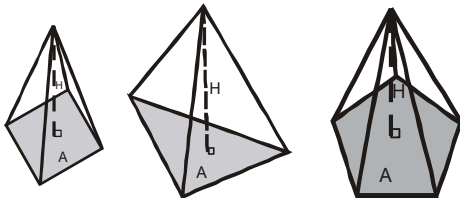
Surface area = $A + \frac{1}{2}ph$

With: **A** the area of the base – needed for the volume!

r the radius of the base

h the slant height of the pyramid

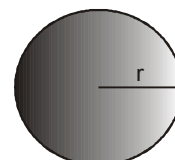
H the perpendicular height – needed for the volume!



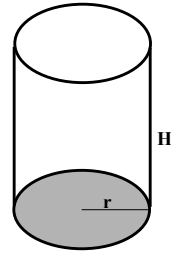
and **Volume** = $\frac{1}{3}AH$

* Sphere: **Surface area** = $4\pi r^2$ with **r** the radius.

and **Volume** = $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$



E.g.7 An open cylindrical cardboard container is manufactured.
The volume of the container is $2\,155\text{ cm}^3$.



- (a) Write H in terms of the volume and r .
- (b) Show that the total surface area of the cylinder is: $P(r) = \pi r^2 + \frac{4\,310}{r}$
- (c) Calculate r , correct to 2 decimals, which gives minimum surface area.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad V &= \pi r^2 H \\ \therefore 2\,155 &= \pi r^2 H \\ \therefore H &= \frac{2\,155}{\pi r^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad SA &= 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rH - \pi r^2 && \text{Cylinder is open on one side – only one circle!} \\ \therefore P(r) &= \pi r^2 + 2\pi r\left(\frac{2\,155}{\pi r^2}\right) && \text{Substitute } H \text{ as determined in (a).} \\ &= \pi r^2 + 2\left(\frac{2\,155}{r}\right) \\ \therefore P(r) &= \pi r^2 + \frac{4\,310}{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \text{Minimum} &\rightarrow P'(r) = 0 \\ \text{But } P(r) &= \pi r^2 + \frac{4\,310}{r} = \pi r^2 + 4\,310r^{-1} \\ \therefore P'(r) &= 2\pi r - 4\,310r^{-2} = 0 \\ \therefore 2\pi r &= \frac{4\,310}{r^2} \\ \therefore 2\pi r^3 &= 4\,310 \\ \therefore r^3 &= \frac{4\,310}{2\pi} \\ \therefore r &= \sqrt[3]{657,309915} \\ \therefore r &= \mathbf{8,69\text{ cm}} \end{aligned}$$

E.g.8 The rate at which organism “X” grows is given by:

$g(t) = -t^2 + 10t + 62$ with t the period of time in minutes and the mass of the organism g in gram.

Determine: (a) the initial mass of organism “X”.

(b) the mass of organism “X” after 3 minutes.

(c) after how many minutes organism “X” will reach maximum mass.

(d) the maximum mass of organism “X”.

(a) Initial $\rightarrow t = 0$

$$\therefore g(0) = -(0)^2 + 10(0) + 62 = 62$$

$\therefore$ Initial mass of organism “X” is 62 grams.

(b) After 3 minutes $\rightarrow t = 3$

$$\therefore g(3) = -(3)^2 + 10(3) + 62 = 83$$

$\therefore$ After 3 minutes the mass of organism “X” is 83 grams.

(c) Maximum mass $\rightarrow g'(t) = 0$

$$g(t) = -t^2 + 10t + 62$$

$$\therefore g'(t) = -2t + 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore -2t = -10$$

$$\therefore t = 5$$

$\therefore$ Organism “X” reaches maximum mass after 5 minutes.

(d) Maximum mass after 5 minutes.

$$\therefore g(5) = -(5)^2 + 10(5) + 62 = 87$$

$\therefore$ Organism “X” has a maximum mass of 87 grams.