



AS Mathematics Exam Questions by Topic
Chapter 10c: Differentiation from first principles

These questions are taken from the Specimen Exam materials and the real 2018 papers for the new syllabus AS and A-level mathematics courses and arranged by chapter of the textbooks by Goldie et al (available here: <https://amzn.to/39umfr5> and <https://amzn.to/3hE8kBL>). There are a mixture of questions from OCR A, OCR B (MEI), Edexcel and AQA. Although the style of questions varies a little across the exam boards the content of the syllabus is almost identical so these are suitable for students preparing for any exam board.

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Edexcel AS Sample Paper 1 Question 6:

6. Prove, from first principles, that the derivative of $3x^2$ is $6x$. (4)
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Edexcel AS 2018 Paper 1 Question 10:

10. Prove, from first principles, that the derivative of x^3 is $3x^2$ (4)
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OCR A AS Sample Paper 2 Question 7:

- 7 Differentiate $f(x) = x^4$ from first principles. [5]
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