

- 5 Fig. 5.1 shows part of the curve $y = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$. P is the point (1, 1) and Q is the point on the curve with x -coordinate $1+h$.

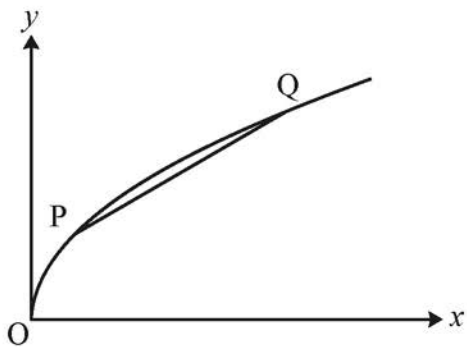


Fig. 5.1

Table 5.2 shows, for different values of h , the coordinates of P, the coordinates of Q, the change in y from P to Q and the gradient of the chord PQ.

x for P	y for P	h	x for Q	y for Q	change in y	gradient PQ
1	1	1				
1	1	0.1	1.1	1.048 809	0.048 809	0.488 088
1	1	0.01	1.01	1.004 988	0.004 988	0.498 756
1	1	0.001	1.001	1.000 500	0.000 500	0.499 875

Table 5.2

- (a) Fill in the missing values for the case $h=1$ in the copy of Table 5.2 in the Printed Answer Booklet. Give your answers correct to 6 decimal places where necessary. [1]
- (b) Explain how the sequence of values in the last column of Table 5.2 relates to the gradient of the curve $y = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ at the point P. [1]
- (c) Use calculus to find the gradient of the curve at the point P. [2]