Topic: Area Under Graph and Gradient of Curve

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Area Under a Curve	To find the area under a curve, split it up into simpler shapes – such as rectangles, triangles and trapeziums – that approximate the area.	50 40 40 40 10 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Time (hours)
2. Tangent to a Curve	A straight line that touches a curve at exactly one point .	Y Tangent line
3. Gradient of a Curve	The gradient of a curve at a point is the same as the gradient of the tangent at that point. 1. Draw a tangent carefully at the point. 2. Make a right-angled triangle. 3. Use the measurements on the axes to calculate the rise and run (change in y and change in x) 4. Calculate the gradient.	Gradient = $\frac{Change \text{ in } y}{Change \text{ in } x}$ $= \frac{16}{2} = 8$

4. Rate of Change	The rate of change at a particular instant in time is represented by the gradient of the tangent to the curve at that point.	70 60 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
5. Distance- Time Graphs	You can find the speed from the gradient of the line (Distance ÷ Time) The steeper the line, the quicker the speed. A horizontal line means the object is not moving (stationary).	Distance (Km) 3 Time (s) Distance (Hours)
6. Velocity- Time Graphs	You can find the acceleration from the gradient of the line (Change in Velocity ÷ Time) The steeper the line, the quicker the acceleration. A horizontal line represents no acceleration, meaning a constant velocity . The area under the graph is the	Velocity (m/s) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Time (Seconds)
	distance.	