

IB Math HL1: Equation(s) of the tangent/normal line notes:

Warm up: Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ for the following implicit relations:

a) $x^3 + 2xy = 4 \Rightarrow$

b) $\sin x + 1 = \cos y$

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y'' = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$y^4 = y''''$$

Solutions are attached.

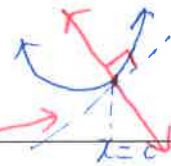
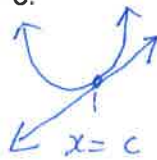
Finding the equation of a TANGENT line to the graph of $f(x)$ at given point $x=c$.

$$y - f(c) = f'(c)(x - c)$$

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

Finding the equation of A NORMAL line to the graph of $f(x)$ at given point $x=c$.

$$y - f(c) = -\frac{1}{f'(c)}(x - c)$$



Example 1) Find the equation(s) of the tangent line and normal line to the graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{5x}$ at $x=5$.

1) Find $\frac{df}{dx} \Rightarrow \sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dx} \Big|_{x=5} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$= \sqrt{5} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

2) Find $y \Rightarrow f(5) = \sqrt{5 \cdot 5} = 5$
When $x=5$

\therefore 1) Tangent line: $(5, 5)$ $m = \frac{1}{2}$

$$y - 5 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 5)$$

2) Normal line: $(5, 5)$ $m = -2$

$$y - 5 = -2(x - 5)$$

$$a) \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 2xy) = \frac{d}{dx}(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 2y + 2x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x^2 - 2y}{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(-6x - 2 \cdot \frac{dy}{dx})(2x) - (2)(-3x^2 - 2y)}{4x^2}$$

$$= \frac{(-6x^2 - 2x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}) + 3x^2 + 2y}{2x^2}$$

$$= \frac{-3x^2 - 2x \left(\frac{-3x^2 - 2y}{2x} \right) + 2y}{2x^2}$$

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

$$b) \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x + 1) = \frac{d}{dx}(\cos y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = -\sin y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\sin x \cdot \sin y + \cos x \cdot \cos y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}{\sin^2 y}$$

$$= \frac{\sin x \cdot \sin y + \cos x \cdot \cos y \cdot \left(\frac{-\cos x}{\sin y} \right)}{\sin^2 y}$$

$$\sin y \cdot (\sin^2 y)$$

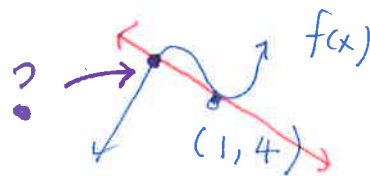
$$= \frac{\sin x \cdot \sin^2 y - \cos^2 x \cdot \cos y}{\sin^3 y}$$

Example 2) Find the coordinates of the point(s) where the tangent to $f(x) = x^3 + x + 2$ at $(1, 4)$ meets the curve again.

1) Find the Equation of the tangent.

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1 \Rightarrow f'(1) = 3 + 1 = 4$$

$$y = 4(x-1) + 4 = 4x$$



2) Find the Intersection $f(x)$ and the tangent line.

$$\Rightarrow 4x = x^3 + x + 2 \Rightarrow x^3 + x + 2 - 4x = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 - 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & \end{array} \Rightarrow (x-1)(x^2+x-2) = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \therefore x = -2$$

$$y = (4)(-2) = -8$$

$$\boxed{(-2, -8)}$$

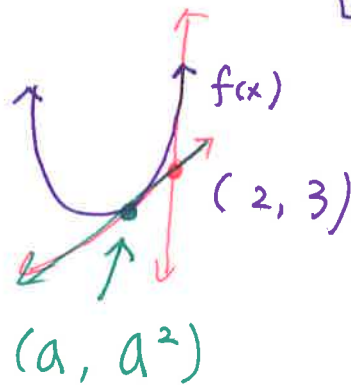
Example 3) Find the equations of the tangent to $f(x) = x^2$ from the external point $(2, 3)$.

1) (a, a^2) on $f(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x$

Find tangent line equation at (a, a^2)

$$f'(a) = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow y - a^2 = 2a(x - a)$$



2) $y - a^2 = 2a(x - a)$ must pass $(2, 3)$

$$3 - a^2 = 2a(2 - a) \Rightarrow 3 - a^2 = 4a - 2a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4a + 3 = 0$$

$$(a-3)(a-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a=3 \\ a=1 \end{cases}$$

plug into $y - a^2 = 2a(x - a)$

3) when $a=1 \Rightarrow \boxed{y - 1 = 2(x - 1)}$

$a=3 \Rightarrow \boxed{y - 9 = 6(x - 3)}$